



### ~Living Stations of the Cross

Congratulations to our Holy Spirit 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who presented a very moving ***Living Stations of the Cross***. This presentation helps each of us move deeper into our Lenten prayer and meditation of the steps that Jesus took along the road to Calvary. We want to give a special Thank You to Tom Wisniewski, Michelle Null, Kelly Clancy, Joe Houdek, and the Holy Spirit Choir!

### ~Spring Break Travel

School community members who are traveling during spring break add a heightened level of risk for our school. Please increase your safety strategies during your travel and for the week following spring break in order to maintain the progress we are making. Here is a [link](#) to guidance regarding upcoming travel.

### ~2021-22 Registration Update

Thank you to everyone who has registered for the 2021-22 school year thus far. As a reminder, when you complete your SMART registration and enter your credit card or banking information, the registration fee will be charged automatically within a few days. Also, please review, make changes, and sign and return your Census Verification Forms to the office. For those who have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible to secure your placement ([enrollwithsmart.com](http://enrollwithsmart.com)). Thank you.

### ~March Reading Month

March has been filled with activities such as a March Reading Calendar, Favorite Book Locker and Classroom Decorations, Read In, and Read-O with book excerpts read over morning announcements. Happy reading!

### ~Student Council News

Thank you to all of the families who have donated money and items for babies to be donated to the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Center. We are still accepting donations through the end of March. Thank you for caring for babies in need.

Our next Student Council Fun Day on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> is 'Entertainment Day' – encompassing whatever appropriate form of entertainment you enjoy. Students may dress like their favorite movie character, movie, or music genre for at least \$1/per family. The money raised will go to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

### ~Variety Show

The 2021 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to ever-changing COVID restrictions, we are preparing for the following possibilities: all-school outdoor event weather permitting, smaller groups of similar grade levels in the gym, or at-home videotaping to share with school families. The Entry Form is attached in this newsletter. We will keep you informed as we receive current directives.

## Important Dates:

**Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

~3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Ends

**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

~3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Report Cards Online

**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

~Good Friday – No School  
**CDC Closed**

**Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

~Easter Monday – No School  
**CDC Closed**

**Tuesday - Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

~No School, Spring Break!  
**Child Care – OPEN**

**Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

~School Resumes

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

~Entertainment Fun Day  
\$1/family

**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

~Yearbook Orders Due  
~Newsletter/Calendar

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

~Variety Show Entries Due

## HS Happenings



~ **Easter Basket Candy Drive** – Thank you for sending in Easter candy to help make Easter a little sweeter for the children served through the local Steepletown ministries.

### Birthday Book Club

Thank you to **Henrik S. and Jaxson R.**, our newest Birthday Book Club members. Their donation to the school library is greatly appreciated! In return for their generosity, they each have received a color day pass.

## Boosters' News

### Athletics Help Needed!

In order to provide our student-athletes the best experience on our baseball and softball fields, we need volunteers to help with spring cleaning. We're thankful for our families who have taken pride in our great facilities. We can't do this work without you. If you are able to help with weeding, raking, cleaning, etc., please contact Athletic Director, Damon Bouwkamp @ [athletics@hsparish.org](mailto:athletics@hsparish.org).

### SPORTS PHYSICALS

Please mark your calendars for May 5th as we will be having Dr. App here for sports physicals that will be good for the 2021 - 22 school year. This is an optional service as you are welcome to have this done with your own physician. Cost will be \$20 and is open to current 4th - 8th grade students. More details will be coming soon.

## Religious Education News

**First Communion:** You should have received an email about your scheduled time for the Mass on May 1. We are in need of a few more Eucharistic Ministers for the 10:00 am Mass. Ushers would be helpful at both Masses. Contact the Religious Ed Office if you can help us out with this. I will be practicing with the children during school hours using their assigned location on the seating chart so they should be able to find their seats quickly on that day. Your immediate family and guests will all be seated together. Your child should sit next to the sign with the family name printed on the colored paper. We ask that you please plan to be seated 15 minutes before your scheduled Mass. You will need to check in as you arrive. There should be no socializing in the narthex for social distancing purposes. Certificates and name tags will be in the pews. The commemorative plates should be picked up AFTER Mass to avoid breakage.

**Confirmation:** The Mass time for both Confirmation Masses will be 7:00 pm to allow you time to get home from work and get ready. You should plan to be seated 15 minutes before your Mass. You will need to check in as you arrive. There should be no socializing in the narthex for social distancing purposes. Dress should be modest and church appropriate. Dresses, skirts, or dress pants are acceptable for the girls. Boys usually wear dress pants, shirt, and tie. Suits are up to the parents. Your immediate family and guests will be seated together. Certificates and name tags will be in the pews when you arrive.

**Holy Spirit Child Development Center:**  
**Summer Care Program 2021: Enrollment Information**

It is that time of year again to be thinking about summer child care. The CDC staff members are very excited; we have been busy planning activities for our 2021 Summer Care Program. Summer care will tentatively begin on Monday, June 7, 2021 and will end on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The Summer Care Program is available for children from Holy Spirit School. Children must be fully enrolled at Holy Spirit for the 2021-22 school year for Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The center hours are 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. All those that indicated interest in the Holy Spirit Summer Care Program on the school registration forms will be sent enrollment information electronically at the end of March. For those that have not received summer care information and would like enrollment information, please contact Melanie Francis at: [mfrancis@hsparish.org](mailto:mfrancis@hsparish.org).



★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Jakub K., Kinsley V., Zavyer H., Ocea H., Sam B., Patrick S., Jagger S., Sutton B., Sophia P., Parker P., Landon B., Marie C., Aiden D., Samantha H., Charlie S., Mya G., Pearl P., Vivian N., Mr. Houdek, Mrs. Houdek, Mrs. McAlary, Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan.

**Link Box...**

[Calvin College Summer Science Camps](#)  
[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)

**SEVERE WEATHER**



With the arrival of Spring, we need to prepare for severe weather that may occur. *Holy Spirit School will remain in regular session during a severe weather watch/warning.*



**In Sympathy**

Please remember in prayer, the **Barajas Family** and the **Pringle Family** on the passing of their Great-Grandfathers, the **Strotheide Family**, on the death of their Great-Grandmother, the **Pulte(Frey) Family** on the loss of their Great-Uncle, and **Mrs. DiGiovanna** on the passing of her Father. May the memories of their loved ones live on in their hearts and bring them peace.

**Holy Spirit Mission Statement**

*Our mission at Holy Spirit School is to learn, live, and share the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.*



## **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION BUDGET MEETING AGENDA**

### **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Joylynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and said the opening prayer
- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:**
  - Joylynn Kelly - PRESIDENT – 616.301.4514 | [joylynn6476@yahoo.com](mailto:joylynn6476@yahoo.com)
  - Andrea Dewicki - VICE PRES. – 616.350.0029 | [andreadewicki@gmail.com](mailto:andreadewicki@gmail.com)
  - Philip Alt - TREASURER – 616.862.8674 | [Philip.alt@altcc.biz](mailto:Philip.alt@altcc.biz)
  - Jeffrey Novosad - SECRETARY – 616.808.6057 | [jnovosad@hotmail.com](mailto:jnovosad@hotmail.com)
- **STAFF RECOGNITION:** Kristen Mersino, Kelly Clancy, Elizabeth Liebler
- **READING OF GOALS:** Andrea read the goals of the PTA
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** via Pat Kalahar
  - Registration was due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Quantities returned are greater than last year at this time and anticipate having greater enrollment exiting current environment.
  - March continues to be National Reading Month
  - Strategic Planning continues to meet and evaluate 100+ survey responses
  - Student Council continues to collect donations and baby items for [HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Center](#).
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders performed stations of the cross (3x) and did a wonderful job
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Phil reviewed the updated income statement to date
  - Revenue is up via WWTS and a positive of the current environment is expenses are down hopefully returning to more normal next school year.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
    - Next order just finalized and hope to receive items before Spring Break
  - Birthday Board (Stephanie Kozlowicz & Stephanie Martin)
    - April boards in-process this weekend
  - Book Fair (TBD)
    - On hold as of now due to restrictions – reviewing online options
  - Spartan Nash/Aunt Millie's/General Mills Box Tops (Mercedes Barnum)
    - Box Tops are not doing as well as prior years – PLEASE begin scanning for the benefit of and to Holy Spirit PTA.
    - Family Fare receipts in-process and hopeful to generate another \$1,000 for PTA
  - Family Outreach (TBD) – No business / on hold

- Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki) – No business
  - Looking forward to serving teachers again soon
- [Paper Gator](#) (Joylynn Kelly)
  - Check received for \$469.77!
  - Please notify Joylynn if home pickup is needed
- Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy)
  - Reminder sent out to ambassador's to keep in touch with their classes
- Publishing Center (Rose Worm & Erin Gottleber) – No business / on hold
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber) – No business
- Social Committee (TBD) – No business
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen) – No business
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber)
  - Shhhh it's confidential :)
- Variety Show (TBD)
  - Exploring ideas for this year's show while entry forms being distributed this Friday
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)
  - New t-shirt year so logo design contest to begin after Spring Break as well as new sponsorship searches
- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:
  - **Emily Bouma** will be accepting the position of **Vice President** starting next year
  - **Kelly Toland** will be accepting the position of **Secretary** starting next year
  - Looking for parent volunteers for several of the committees
    - Book Fair, Family Outreach, Social Committee, and Variety Show
  - Future Meetings at 7p: TBD

# **West Catholic High School's**

## **Celebrate West! Auction 2021**

### *REGISTER*

You're invited to join us for this year's virtual Celebrate West! Auction! Bidding starts at 2 p.m. on April 16 and ends at 8 p.m. on April 23.

Registration is now open! Go to [celebratwest2021.ggo.bid](https://celebratwest2021.ggo.bid), click "Get Started" and create an account (or login if you participated in our 2020 virtual auction). Auction items and packages are continually being added, so keep checking back to see what you can bid on.

### *\*NEW\* CAR RAFFLE*

NEW THIS YEAR we are raffling off a new 2020 Jeep Cherokee Altitude 4x4 SUV! Tickets are \$100 each and only 1,000 will be sold. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to win a new vehicle for yourself or your child. Winning tickets will be drawn on April 23. Ticket order forms have been mailed to WC families and additional order forms can be picked up in the main office. (License #R59922)

### *GOLDEN TICKET*

Our Golden Ticket drawing is back! Purchase a ticket for \$100 for your chance to win any one Live Auction item before the Live Auction begins. Register and get your ticket(s) on the auction site today!

### *BIG CASH RAFFLE*


Buy a \$20 ticket and be entered for a chance to win \$5,000 in our Big Cash Raffle! The drawing for this raffle will take place on April 23 at 7 p.m. As a bonus, for every five tickets sold, the seller will receive one entry for a \$1,000 tuition credit. Tickets have been mailed to WC families and additional tickets can be picked up in the main office. (License #R59922)

### *SPONSORS*

Interested in sponsoring this event? Download our sponsorship form [HERE](#), fill it out and return the completed form to West Catholic's main office or send it to [taylor.tuttle@grwestcatholic.org](mailto:taylor.tuttle@grwestcatholic.org).

### *DONATE AN ITEM*

We need your help in order to make our Celebrate West! Auction a success! We are looking for experiences to add as auction items (travel, excursions, small group outings, etc.), smaller raffle items (gift baskets, jewelry, kitchenware, sports memorabilia, camping gear, etc.) and gift cards. You can contact our development staff at 616-233-5969 with any ideas or questions.





## Holy Spirit School Calendar, April, 2021

[NWEA MAP Testing 4/19-5/14](#)

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 2](#) / For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

				1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Online	2 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	3
4 <u>Easter!</u> Gospel Jn 20:1-9	5 Easter <u>Monday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	6 Spring Break <u>Week</u> Child Care Open	7 Child Care Open	8 Child Care Open	9 Child Care Open	10
11 Gospel Jn 20:19-31	12	13 Girls on the Run (GOTR) 3:20-5:00	14 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	15 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	16 Mass 8:30 Gr. Y5, 1-2	17
18 Gospel Lk 24:35- 48	19	20 Student Council Entertainment Color Day <u>\$1 per family</u> Student Council Meeting <u>3:20-4:00</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	21 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 3-5</u> Board Meeting 6:30	22 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	23 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. K, 1-2</u> Yearbook <u>Orders Due</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	24
25 Gospel Jn 10:1-18	26	27 GOTR 3:20-5:00	28 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	29 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	30 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. Y5, 1-2</u> Variety Show Entry Forms Due	

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The 2021 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to ever-changing COVID restrictions, we are preparing for the following possibilities and will keep you informed as we receive current information:

- All-school Variety Show outdoors, weather permitting
- Smaller Variety Show groups by similar grade levels in the gym
- Videotaping at home to share with school families

Again this year, we are encouraging students to show off their special talents and gifts to perform an original act. Students may consider presenting:

- A dance routine
- A dramatic reading
- A stand-up comedy routine
- An instrumental or vocal piece
- The “sky's the limit!”

We are asking students to please refrain from lip syncs. All vocal pieces should have karaoke-style or live music for accompaniment.

The variety show entry form is to be turned into the school office by **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to fill out the form and read this letter completely with your parents, so you understand all the rules. Each participant must have his/her parent's signature.

Acts should be no longer than 2 minutes. Parents, please listen to the music your child has chosen as well as approving dance moves, jokes, and costuming. If deemed inappropriate and/or suggestive, your child will be asked to choose different music, dance moves, and/or costuming.

Rehearsal and approval dates will be announced the week of **May 10<sup>th</sup>** and will be held during lunch hour from 11:45-12:15 in the gym. These dates are to give out information to all the acts and/or approve the content of the act. These are not open practice sessions. Students are responsible for organizing the members of their act and practicing at home or at times other than the final rehearsal and approval dates. Keep in mind during your practicing that the stage area is 16 feet long and 12 feet wide.

If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help you.

### **Variety Show Committee**

**Lizzie Duffy**  
**Paula Ryan**

### **Music/Sound Equipment Coordinator**

**Joe and Kathleen Houdek**

**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL**  
**Variety Show Entry Form – 2021**

**TYPE OF ACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SONG TITLE/ARTIST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:**     ***All participants must be enrolled at Holy Spirit School.  
Depending upon the number of interested participants –  
students may be limited to one performance.***

	<u>List of Persons Participating:</u>	<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>	<u>Parent's Signature</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Length of act (**Not to exceed 2 min.**): \_\_\_\_\_.

Equipment Needed (provided by participant): \_\_\_\_\_.

Equipment Needed (provided by Holy Spirit): \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents are requested to help at the rehearsals or with show set-up – please include a phone number where we might contact you to schedule a time to help (i.e. assisting with 11:45-12:15 rehearsal sessions, making phone calls from home, decorating for show). Thank you!

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Date rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Act approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to the school office by **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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Please return this completed form to the school office by Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**2020-21 YEARBOOK SALE    Don't Miss Out!**

Order now for a yearbook this spring!

Return the following form to your teacher by Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ yearbook(s) for the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

I have enclosed \$10 for each book ordered.

Checks may be made payable to **School Spirit Photography**.

Please send the yearbooks home with \_\_\_\_\_ in Gr. \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2020 WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT



Thank you for making our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Walking With The Spirit fundraiser the most successful walk we have ever had! We truly are stronger together!

**Please continue to support and thank our generous sponsors.**

## **Endurance Level Sponsors**

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