



**Holy  
Spirit**  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL

April 23, 2021  
School Newsletter

**2021-22 Registration** - Thanks to everyone who has registered with SMART and returned registration materials for the 2021-22 school year. If you have not done both, please do so ASAP as both are required for complete enrollment, and Smart Tuition must be done in order for credits and aide to be applied. Call the office with any questions. It's going to be a great year!

**Dismissal** - Because student safety is our number one priority, we ask that you use the wagon train or back in and be parked before dismissal on the west side of the rectory. Those who are parking in the no parking zone and backing into the wagon train are causing unsafe conditions and slowing down the dismissal process. Thank you for helping us dismiss your children efficiently and safely!

**May Crowning** - Please join us as we honor Mary, our Mother, with May Crowning during our school Masses during the first week of May. Students are encouraged to wear blue or white uniforms on their Mass day in honor of Mary.

**First Communion and Confirmation** - Congratulations to our second graders who will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and to our eighth graders who will be Confirmed on May 25<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup>. We pray for, support, and encourage them as they grow in their faith and become stewards of Christ in our community.

**Titan Toddler Time** – Call in your RSVP and mark your calendars for Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00pm. You and your children (ages 5 and under) are invited to explore learning in a faith-filled, fun environment with Holy Spirit School teachers on the front playground and in the habitat area. Let's celebrate God's New Life in Spring with plenty of outdoor activities. Spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you, your friends, and neighbors!

**Variety Show Update** - Our Variety Show will be in a new format due to COVID restrictions. This year's Variety Show acts will be videotaped in the gym during lunch recess. We will put the acts together for students to watch in their classrooms on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The entry form can be found in this newsletter and online and must be returned with parent signatures no later than Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Day** – Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, is our Community Day complete with Prayer Activities, Games, and Variety Show. This is a *Walking With The Spirit* T-Shirt Color Day.

**Holy Spirit Decals** - Show your Holy Spirit pride with a Holy Spirit decal on your car. Contact the school office to get yours today!

## Important Dates

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
~Variety Show Forms Due

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
~First Communion Masses  
10:00 am and 1:00 pm

**Mon., May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri., May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
~Teacher Appreciation Week

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
~4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Midterms Online

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
~Box Tops, Tyson, and Family  
Fare Receipts Color Day

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
~Titan Toddler Time 6-7pm

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
~Gr. 6 & 7 Field Trip  
~Newsletter/Calendar

**Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
~ All Library Books Due

**Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
~Field Day/Variety Show  
~WWTS Shirt Color Day

**Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
~Memorial Day  
~No School - CDC Closed

## *Holy Spirit Mission Statement*

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

### LINK BOX

[GR Diocesan SMART TUITION Enrollment Website](#)

[GR Diocesan SMART AID application link](#)

[Aquinas Summer Camps](#)

[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)

[Calvin College Outdoors Inspired Summer Camps](#)

[Calvin College Sports Summer Camps](#)

[West Catholic Summer Camps](#)



### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gabe N.	Brooklyn B.	Emma V.
Katelyn A.	Ethan L.	Nathan S.
Evelyn A.	Justin H.	Anastasia S.
Owen A.	Luca M.	Finley D.
Shai D.	Madeleine H.	Evelyn B.
Mary S.	Kayden K.	Oliver M.
Crosby W.	Aislynn S.	Sophia M.
Ava D.	Riley B.	Mrs. Schoof
Mrs. Radlinski		

### Third Quarter BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Holy Spirit students who received the "BUG Award" at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter for Bringing Up a Grade, while maintaining all other grades.



5<sup>th</sup> - Dom B., Max B., Rachel H., Gabe N., Elaina S.

6<sup>th</sup> – AJ A., Collin A., Drew B., Max B., Kaitlyn C., Jade D.  
Emily H., Harper K., Luca M., Arthur M., Layla S.

7<sup>th</sup> – Greta A., Riley B., Tessa B., Jackson D., Jacob D.,  
Cam I., Cooper M., Sophia P., Kate S., Gracie W.

8<sup>th</sup> – Jack H., Amelia K., Michael N.

### In Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers, the **R. Johnson Family** on the passing of their Grandmother.  
May her soul rest in peace. Amen.





### 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 were 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).

### HS HAPPENINGS and SAVE THE DATES

#### 2021 Variety Show



*Students:* It's that time again! It's never too early to start thinking about how you would like to show off your talents. This year's Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please pick one talent to showcase. **The entry form can be found in this newsletter and online and must be returned, with parent signatures, no later than Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

#### 2021 Community Day

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#### National Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3-7

We would like to wish a heartfelt **Thank You** to our staff. We are blessed and grateful for our highly qualified, dedicated teachers here at Holy Spirit and all those who help to provide a faith-filled, academically challenging, and enriching education for your children.

#### Sports Physicals

Dr. App will be here for sports physicals on May 5<sup>th</sup>. These physicals 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 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please return your forms and payment by May 1<sup>st</sup>. You will then be emailed a time slot for your child's physical. Feel free to call the school office if you have any questions.

#### Walking With The Spirit 2021

Your student is invited to participate in a logo contest to design the front of our next WWTS t-shirt! The winning design will be used for two consecutive school years! Refer to the attached flyer in this newsletter for more details. Entries are due by May 14. The winner will help choose the t-shirt color! Please encourage your student to use their artistic talent to help us create our new WWTS shirt!

#### Library News

**The week of Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> will be the LAST week** to check out books from the library. All books checked out will need to be returned by **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive**

The next blood drive is Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 7:30am-1:30pm in the Activity Center. You may register at <https://www.versiti.org/michigan>.

### **Box Tops, Family Fare Receipts, Tyson Labels**

Continue to scan your receipts for box tops, and bring in your Family Fare receipts and Tyson labels to enjoy a color day on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Council News**

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Lenten Project by donating baby items and \$795.86 to the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Center. Thank you, too, for participating in our Entertainment Color Day which raised \$152.00 for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

### **2021 Yearbook Sale**

Last chance to order your 2021 yearbook! Cost remains at \$10 per book. Please complete the Order Form sent home with your child and return by **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Lost and Found**

Just a reminder to have your students check the Lost and Found bins. Before we know it, the school year will be over and all items not claimed **by June 4<sup>th</sup>** will be donated.

### **Used Uniform Sale**

We will be offering the Used Uniform Sale starting **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-3:30pm**. It will be held under the canopy in front of the school office. Items may be dropped off to the office beginning Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pin an envelope to each item with your asking price, size, last name, and classroom. If you would like to donate your proceeds or leftover items, please indicate "donate" on the envelope. Tables will be set up outside the office door starting on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any extra small sizes (4-7) of clothing, or middle school girls' skirts that you would like to donate to the school office, they would be greatly appreciated.

### **Summer Activities**

Be sure to check out the link box included in this newsletter for area **summer camps/classes** being held, including those from West Catholic and local colleges.

### **Scrip News**

The last two days for locals orders are May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. The last week to order any scrip before summer break will be May 30<sup>th</sup>. Be sure your order is placed by 9pm on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure it will be processed. Over the summer, you are still able to order any e-gift cards, reload any existing cards, or order physical gift cards and use the ship to home option.

### **Religious Education News**

First Communion Clothing Donations - We are collecting First Communion dresses, dress pants, and shirts for those making their First Communion at Holy Name Parish/San Juan Diego Academy. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them here to the church or school in care of Diane Schoof. We will then deliver them to Holy Name. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



# Holy Spirit School Calendar, May, 2021

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

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 1](#) / For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

						1 First Communion 10:00 & 1:00
2 Gospel Jn 15:1-8	3 Teacher Appreciation Week	4 Student Council <u>Field Trip</u> Girls on the Run (GOTR) 3:20-5:00	5 May Crowning Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	6 May Crowning Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> GOTR 3:20	7 May Crowning Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. Y5,K,1-2</u> 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterms Online	8
9 <u>Mother's Day</u> Gospel Jn 5:9-17	10	11 GOTR 3:20-5:00	12 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	13 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	14 Mass 8:30 Gr. Y5, 1-2	15
16 Feast of the Ascension Mk 16:15-20	17	18 Family Fare, Box Tops, & Tyson <u>Color Day</u> Gr. 4 <u>State Fair</u> GOTR 3:20	19 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5	20 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-8</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	21 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. K, 1-2</u> Gr. 6-7 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 Dismissal Newsletter/ Calendar	22
23 Pentecost! Jn 20:19-23	24 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> Last day to return library books Used uniform sale May 26-28 11:00-3:30 under canopy	25 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00 7:00 Gr. 8 Confirmation	26 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 3-5</u> Last day for <u>4Preschool</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> 7:00 Gr. 8 Confirmation	27 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-7</u> Last day for <u>3Preschool</u> Gr. 8 Tentative <u>Field Trip</u> GOTR 3:20-5:00	28 WWTS Shirt <u>Color Day</u> Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. Y5, 1-2</u> Field Day and Variety Show	29
30 Feast of the Trinity Mt 28:16-20	31 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	June 1 Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> Gr. 8 11:25 <u>Dismissal</u> Graduation 6:00 GOTR 3:20-5:00	June 2 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 3-5</u> Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45 Dismissal	June 3 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 6-7</u> Last day for Y5 & K Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> GOTR 5K Run Child Care Closed	June 4 Mass 8:30 <u>Gr. 1-2</u> <u>Gr. 6-7 Exams</u> Last day for Gr. 1-7 11:25 <u>Dismissal</u> Child Care Closed	June 5

## **2021 Holy Spirit School ~ Variety Show**

The 2021 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. All acts this year will be videotaped in the gym during the first two weeks in May and will be put together as one presentation to be viewed in classrooms on the afternoon of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 videotaping dates will be announced the week of **May 3<sup>rd</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): \_\_\_\_\_.

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>**.

# WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

You are invited to participate  
in a t-shirt logo contest!

The winning design will be used on  
*Walking With The Spirit* 2021 & 2022 t-shirts  
and promotional materials.

## RULES

### ❖ THE DESIGN MUST:

- Be the original work of the student
- Include the words
  - Walking With The Spirit
  - Holy Spirit School
  - 2021 & 2022
- Be submitted in BLACK ink or marker, no pencil
- On a piece of white 8.5 x 11 inch paper
- Include the student's name on the **back** of the design in the bottom right-hand corner

### ❖ SUBMIT DESIGN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MAY 14

### ❖ NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

### ❖ WINNER ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, MAY 28

### ❖ Winner will get to HELP choose t-shirt color!







**Important information for parents or guardians of student's eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch at Holy Spirit School.**

### **What is the Pandemic-EBT Program?**

The Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program gives food benefits to families with children who were not able to get free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID. You may hear about this benefit from other schools or in the media.

### **Who is eligible?**

Being eligible for this program will depend on what school your student attends. Eligibility for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program can be different between schools within the same district.

### **What makes a school eligible for P-EBT?**

A school building is eligible only if the building has had 5 school days in a row of reduced in-person hours due to COVID.

### **What could make my student eligible for P-EBT?**

- 1) If the school they attend is eligible for P-EBT and
- 2) If your student normally gets free and reduced meals at school and
- 3) If your student is not getting instruction in-person for some or all the month.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issues P-EBT benefits based on:

- How each school building reports their eligibility
- How most of the students attend school during the month

There may be months when your student's attendance was different from what the school reported. In that case, you may be able to have your student's benefit level reconsidered. Your request to be reconsidered must be submitted by June 30, 2021. In the month(s) below your school reported primarily in-person. Your student(s) may be P-EBT eligible if they attended class on-line, for some time or all the time in the following month(s):

**September 2020, October 2020, November 2020, December 2020, January 2021, and  
February 2021**

**For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/PEBT](https://Michigan.gov/PEBT) or call 1-833-905-0028.**





# REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS

If you or someone you know are in danger of abuse, call 911.

Any person with reasonable cause to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, or by any person acting in the name of the Catholic Church, is urged to file a complaint with the appropriate civil authority or the Michigan State Police at 616-866-6666.

If you are a survivor of sexual abuse, either as a child or an adult, by someone representing the Catholic Church, we urge you to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, regardless of when the alleged abuse occurred. The victim assistance coordinator is available to help survivors make a formal complaint and obtain support:

**To contact the victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Grand Rapids:**

**Call: 616-840-2079 or email: [vac@grdiocese.org](mailto:vac@grdiocese.org)**

**or write to:**

**Diocese of Grand Rapids - Cathedral Square Center  
Attn: Victim Assistance Coordinator  
360 Division Ave. S.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Our diocese accepts and responds to all reports.

Visit [grdiocese.org](http://grdiocese.org) and click 'Protecting God's Children' in the menu to find valuable information on the diocese's safe environment programs.