



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

In thanksgiving, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will end the school year the same way we opened it: with Mass and a nine-day novena to our Blessed Mother. Monday, May 24th, is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Each school will send one teacher and their family to represent their school at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Walkowiak at 10:00am. The Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew so that all schools, classrooms, and families can participate. You may watch on the diocesan website or Facebook page.

Variety Show and Field Day

On Friday, May 28th, the students will be watching the recording of the Variety Show. You will be receiving a private YouTube link and are welcome to watch our talented students and staff. Students will also be participating in Field Day activities. This will be a Walking With The Spirit t-shirt color day.

Thank You, Students

Thank you to all the students who donated new books to our library's **Birthday Book Club** this year. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated and will benefit many Holy Spirit readers for years to come.

Thank You, Lunch Ladies

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing Hot Lunch Program workers: Lisa Feist, Chris Nawrocki, and Renee Thomas, who always work hard preparing tasty and nutritious meals. You are greatly appreciated!

Thank You, Parents

We are extremely grateful to the PTA Members, WWTS Workers, Room Parents, Board Members, Lunch and Recess Supervisors, and all of our parents who help make Holy Spirit School excellent in so many ways!

Yearbooks and Class Pictures

Class composite pictures are being sent home today will all students. Yearbooks are being sent home with those who ordered them. We do have a few extra available for \$10.00 on a first- come, first- serve basis.

School Supply Lists

School supply lists are being sent home today and can be found online in case you wish to get a head start on getting supplies for the fall.

Farewell...

To the following families whose youngest is graduating from Holy Spirit School: *Bursley, Henne, Holtsclaw, Kozak, Norder, Novakoski, London, Schwallier, Tanis, VanRooyen, and Whitson.* Best Wishes for continued success!

Important Dates:

Monday, May 24th

- \sim Last Day to Return Library Books
- ~Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 am Dismissal

Tuesday, May 25th

~Gr. 8 Exams - 11:45am Dismissal

Wednesday, May 26th

- ~Gr. 8 Exams 11:45am Dismissal
- ~Last day for 4yr old Preschool
- ~Used Uniform Sale 11am-3:30pm

Thursday, May 27th

- ~Last Day for 3 year old Preschool
- ~Gr. 8 Class Trip
- ~Used Uniform Sale 11am-3:30pm

Friday, May 28th

- ~WWT S T-Shirt Color Day
- ~Community Day
- ~Used Uniform Sale 11am-3:30pm

Monday, May 31st

- ~Memorial Day No School
- ~CDC Closed

Tuesday, June 1st

- ~Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45am Dismissal
- ~Gr. 8 11:25am Dismissal
- ~Gr. 8 Graduation 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 2nd

~Gr. 6-7 Exams -11:45am Dismissal

Thursday, June 3rd

- ~Gr.6-7 Exams 11:45am Dismissal
- ~Last day for Y5/Kdg
- ~GOTR 5K Run
- ~Middle School Band Concert 7:00 pm at West Catholic
- ~Child Care Closed

Friday, June 4th

- ~Gr. 6-7 Exams
- ~Last day for Gr. 1-7 11:25am Dismissal
- ~Child Care Closed

Used Uniform Sale

We will be offering a Used Uniform Sale on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 26th-28th. Tables will be set up outside, under the canopy by the school office, where you may drop off your items. 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. Please check online for the school uniform policy before you purchase next year's uniforms, and keep in mind that students grow during the year. For girls, note carefully the following from the uniform policy: Length **no more than 4 inches** above the middle of the knee.

WC Uniform Sale – Parent, Rose Worm has been heading the used uniform sale at West Catholic for the past few years. Most of the people who have traditionally helped have graduated their youngest, and we could use more helpers. This would entail setting up for the sale, helping during the sale, and sorting remaining uniforms at the end. One benefit is the ability to go through the uniforms at your leisure to pick what you may need for your child(ren). You can help as much or as little as you are able. At this time, the sale is planned for June 8 and 9, with more details coming. Please contact Rose at 616-458-4108 (landline), 616-206-7550 (cell), or wormmr@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

2021-22 Holy Spirit Uniform Information

We have enclosed the revised School Uniform Flyer/Order Form from **RBG Uniforms** (formerly Grand Rapids Educational Outfitters), should you wish to use them for next year. Discounts offered if you buy early!

We also partner with **Land's End Uniforms** and for a limited time they are offering up to 30 percent off on school uniforms. This promotion runs from May 26th through June 1st. Use the Code **HOLIDAY**, and **Pin #1865** to receive your discount.

School Supply List

School supply lists are going home today with your children in case you wish to get a head start on supplies for the fall!

MEDICATIONS

If you had brought in medications for your children during the 2020-21 school year, please contact the school office to arrange to pick up any leftover medication. Any meds not picked up by June 4^{th} will be disposed of properly.

LOST AND FOUND

We will be moving all the "found" items to tables under the canopy outside the school office during the used uniform sale on May 26, 27, and 28. Please take a moment to look for anything that may belong to your child/ren. At the end of the year, items not claimed by June 4th will be donated. Thank you!

SAVE THOSE CARTRIDGES

Please continue to save your used, small, personal printer size ink cartridges during the summer months. Profits realized from this program go to purchase enhancements for the classrooms.

SUMMER CAMPS

All information about summer activities in and around our community can be found in the Link Box in this newsletter. Some of the activities available are: the West Catholic sports cheerleading clinics, girls'/boys' basketball camps, Grand Rapids Library Summer Reading Challenge, GVSU, & Aquinas Camps, etc. See the Link Box for direct access to forms and registration information online.

PTA NEWS

Walking With The Spirit - Save the Date - Friday, September 17, 2021

We are actively planning for our 14th annual Walking With The Spirit PTA fundraiser event! Thank you to all for your continued support! Currently, we are inviting businesses and people to partner with us as sponsors. These sponsorship funds are used to pay for the expenses of the event so that 100°/_o of student pledges collected in the fall go directly to the PTA! Please see the attached fliers at the end of this newsletter for more information. Contact Kelly Clancy with questions at: holyspiritwalk@gmail.com.

Amazon Smile

As summer break approaches, please continue to utilize the AmazonSmile Website for your Amazon purchases. If you still need to link your account in order to support Holy Spirit PTA, you can use this link: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6019642.

Birthday Book Club

Congratulations to Anastasia S., the newest member of our Birthday Book Club. She has donated a book to our school library in honor of her birthday, and has received a color day pass for her generosity!

Link Box...

Aguinas Summer Camps

West Catholic Summer Camps

GVSU Summer Camps

GR Courthouse Athletic Center Camps

WMCAT TEEN Arts & Tech Camp

RBG Uniforms (formerly Educational Outfitters)

GRPL Summer Reading Challenge

Preschool - Gr. 8 School Supply Lists

In Sympathy

Please keep in mind and prayers the families who have lost loved ones over the past school year, including most recently, the Mullen Family, the Holt Family, and the Family of Mrs. Jan Vanderhyde, one of our librarians, who passed away this week.



Holy Spirit Mission Statement

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

NEWS FROM THE BOOSTERS/ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GRACEAC FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for GRACEAC Fall 2021 sports is now open! The cost for 5th-8th grade sports is \$85.00 for the year. Checks can be made out to Holy Spirit Boosters or contact the school office if you would like the fee added to your Smart Tuition account. Click <u>HERE</u> to register for fall sports.

The following sports are offered for 5th-8th graders in the fall: Girls Volleyball, Girls Sideline Cheer, Boys Football, Boys Soccer, Boys & Girls Cross Country

We are also happy to announce that we will be continuing to offer $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ grade boys flag football and girls sideline cheer this fall after a successful launch to the two programs last fall. The cost to register is \$95.00 per athlete. Registration for $3^{rd}/4^{th}$ grade sports can be completed <u>here</u>.

If you have questions regarding the Catholic united sports (football, sideline cheer, and flag football), please reach out to Damon Bouwkamp, Athletic Director, at athletics@hsparish.org for more information.

Each student is required to have an updated physical exam clearance form from their doctor on file at school. Please know that IHM will be offering walk-in athletic physicals next Monday, May 24. If you need more information on that opportunity, please email Damon at athletics@hsparish.org.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

- 1) West Catholic Summer Camps (including Rising 7th and 8th graders Summer Strength and Conditioning https://www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/
- 2) Catholic Central Summer Camps https://www.catholiccentralcamps.org/
- 3) Catholic Central Strength and Conditioning email Damon at athletics@hsparish.org for more information
- 4) Aquinas College Men's Basketball Camp email Damon at <u>athletics@hsparish.org</u> for more information
- 5) Aguinas College Sports Camps https://agsaints.com/sports/2019/6/26/aguinas-sport-camps.aspx

NEWS FROM THE LUNCHROOM

Dear Parents.

As this school year comes to a close, the Lunchroom Staff would like to thank you for supporting Holy Spirit Hot Lunch. This year things were different but the students adapted to the changes with ease. They have enjoyed receiving their weekly snacks and we hope to be able to continue to provide them. Please make sure your lunch accounts are current. Although lunches have been free, many students get extras at \$1.50 each and milk is .45.

For information on MDE Summer Food Distribution Locations go to: https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Attention All Current and Potential Volunteers

All adults that will be volunteering for the school lunch/recess program, chaperones, scouts, Girls on the Run, coaching, musical, and other programs with children need to be in compliance. There have been some changes over the past year with the Virtus Safe Environment program for the diocese.

Protecting God's Children Class: For new volunteers, the class is now available online for volunteers only. It takes about an hour to finish so there is no more waiting for a class at Holy Spirit. Employees must take the in person version even if they have taken the online course before as a volunteer. The diocese will have to approve your account by verifying that you completed the online class or attended the in person class. It is important to sign the attendance sheet for in person classes.

Each location (parish or school) for which you work or volunteer needs to have you on their list. For example, you took the class because you work at the diocese or West Catholic and your children now attend Holy Spirit School. You must add Holy Spirt School to your account or we cannot tell that you attended the class. If you cannot get onto your account, contact me and I can have the diocese add us to your account. If you do add us, please let me know so I can follow-up.

Background Checks: Background Check Authorizations are now signed electronically.

- 1. Each location for which you work or volunteer must have a background check on file for you.
- 2. This process will automatically be started for first-time users when you sign up for the class. It will ask you to fill out information for the background check, whether you have lived outside of Michigan since you turned age 18. Please fill in all previous names such as maiden, former marriages, etc. along with the race and gender. This helps us eliminate records that may appear for those with a more common name.
- 3. For those who have lived outside of Michigan since turning age 18, a national check will be required. Once I have your background check authorization, I will double check with you that you have lived outside of Michigan. The diocese will then send you an email to complete the information needed for the national background check.
- 4. For those that need an updated background check because it has been 5 years, or you have added Holy Spirit as a new location, you will receive an email prompt to fill out the required information online.

Required Documents:

- When you register for the first time or respond to the email prompt, you will be asked to fill out the
 background check data, to read the required documents, and to electronically sign the required documents.
 This is usually about four screens until you get to the page with submit on it. If you stop after the first page,
 we cannot get the background check authorization and will have to prompt you again. Volunteers only have
 to read and sign the Standards of Ministerial Behaviors.
- 2. Employees must read and sign electronically the Standards of Ministerial Behaviors and the Charter/Essential Norms.

If you have any questions, please contact me at dschoof@hsparish.org or 616 453-1591











SUMMER BIRTHDAYS!

June Michael N Elizabeth F Peter A Paul A Matthew M Issac E Ryan L Wiley Z Declan M Theo B William S Katherine S Tucker J Sophia P Grant W Max S Lucille S Oscar P Alexandria G Kennedy N William R Elaina S

Amelia B

Jaxon R

Luke B Amelia K

Blake G

Thad R

Danica G

Natalie *G*Maggie *A*Kelsey B
Ethan *G*Brooklyn K

July Yann D Christian H Rachel H David W Olive M Jacob D Andrew B Grace M Ellenor F Henry B Felix P Cole N Nicole B Cameron I Henry J Henry A Wrenley P Monica L Kaitlyn C Mia S Mya R Sloane S Max K Leo H Meleah D Hannah V Jonah T Sutton D

Kane B

Louise S Avery D Sophia H Wesley F Alivia M Kazimir R Philip W Eva G Isabelle B Abigail P Emma L Lucas A Savannah R Mackenzie C Tessa B Maxwell M Nathan W Clara A Allison L Nora L Torey M

<u>August</u>



Holy Spirit School Calendar, June, 2021

May 23 Pentecost! Jn 20:19-23 Used uniform sale this week May 26-28 11:00-3:30 under canopy	May 24 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 Dismissal Last day to return library books	May 25 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 Dismissal GOTR 3:20-5:00 7:00 Gr. 8 Confirmation	May 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	May 27 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-7 Last day for 3Preschool Gr. 8 Field Trip GOTR 3:20-5:00	May 28 WWTS Shirt Color Day Mass 8:30 Gr. Y5, 1-2 Field Day and Variety Show	May 29
May 30 Feast of the Trinity Mt 28:16-20	May 31 Memorial Day No School Child Care Closed	June 1 Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45 Dismissal Gr. 8 11:25 Dismissal Graduation 6:00 GOTR 3:20-5:00	June 2 Mass 8:30 Gr. 3-5 Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45 Dismissal	June 3 Mass 8:30 Gr. 6-7 Last day for Y5 & K Gr. 6-7 Exams 11:45Dismissal GOTR 5K Run Middle School Band Concert 7pm@WC Child Care Closed	June 4 Mass 8:30 Gr. 1-2 Gr. 6-7 Exams Last day for Gr. 1-7 11:25 Dismissal Child Care Closed	June 5
June 6 Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ Mk 14:12-26	June 7 Child Care Open for the Summer	June 8 4 th Quarter Report Cards Online	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
June 13 Gospel Mk 4:35-41	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
June 20 Happy <u>Father's Day</u> Mk 4:35-41	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26
June 27 Gospel Mk 5:21-43	June 28	June 29	June 30			

Enjoy Summer and Mark Your Calendars:

Meet and Greet Open House ~ Monday, August 23rd
Y5's - Gr. 8 First Day of School ~ Wednesday, August 25th
4-Year Old Preschool Begins ~ Monday, August 30th
3-Year Old Preschool Begins ~ Tuesday, August 31st

2021-22 Holy Spirit School Master Calendar – TENTATIVE

August

17-19 Staff Professional Development

19-20 CDC Closed

23 Meet & Greet Open House / CDC Closed

24 No School / CDC Open

25 Elementary School Begins / CDC Open

26 Preschool Parent Information Night 6:30pm

30 MWF 4-year old Preschool Begins

31 T-Th 3-year old Preschool Begins

September

3-6 Labor Day Holiday, CDC Closed

7-Oct. 1 NWEA MAP Testing Window

17 Walking With the Spirit Walk-A-Thon

25 Diocesan Catechetical Conference

October

1 1st Quarter Midterms Online

22 Professional Development

No School / CDC Open

29 1st Quarter Ends

November

Parent-Teacher Conferences

By scheduled appointment

1 2nd Quarter Begins

9 1st Quarter Report Cards Online

24-26 Thanksgiving Vacation

11/24 CDC Open, 11/25-26 CDC Closed

December

3 2nd Quarter Midterms Online

20-Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation

CDC Open 12/20-22, 27-29

CDC Closed 12/23-24 & 12/30-31

January

3 School Resumes

16 Roller Skating at Tarry Hall 5:30-7:30

17 No School, Martin Luther King Holiday, CDC Open

18-21 Gr. 6-8 Exams, 11:45 Dismissal

21 2nd Quarter Ends

24 3rd Quarter Begins

30-Feb. 5 Catholic Schools Week

February

Parent-Teacher Conferences

By scheduled appointment

1 2nd Quarter Report Cards Online

5 Winter Carnival

7 Early Childhood New Parent Info Night

9 & 11 Early Childhood Screening

11 No School for Y5 & Kindergarten

21-22 No School Mid-Winter Break / CDC Open

25 3rd Quarter Midterms Online

March

2 Ash Wednesday

4 or 11 Professional Development, No School,

CDC Open

25 Living Stations 2:00 and 7:00

25 3rd Quarter Ends

28 4th Quarter Begins

April

13rd Quarter Report Cards Online

4-8 No School, Spring Break / CDC Open

15 No School, Good Friday / CDC Closed

18 No School, Easter Monday / CDC Closed

19-May 13 NWEA MAP Testing Window

May

6 4th Quarter Midterms Online

26-27, 31-June 1 Gr. 8 Exams, 11:45 Dismissal

30 No School, Memorial Day, CDC Closed

June

1 Last Day for MWF Preschool

2 Last day for T-Th Preschool

2 Gr. 8 Class Trip

3 Community Day / Variety Show

6 Gr. 8 Graduation, Gr. 8 11:25 Dismissal

7-9 Gr. 6-7 Exams, 11:45 Dismissal

9 Last Day for Y5's/Kdg. / CDC Closed

10 Last Day of School, 11:25 Dismissal / CDC Closed

13 Staff Development

13 Summer Care Begins

14 4th Quarter Report Cards Online

Updated 5/21/21 ~ See website for updates.



2021 School Uniform Catalog

Order on-line at rbguniforms.com



Jumper K-4	Plaid 57
Girls 3-16	\$42.99
Half 7-18	\$45.99



Skirt	Plaid	Navy or
Girls 3-16	\$38.99	\$32.99
Half 7-18	\$42.99	\$34.99

Available in White or Light Blue



Grades 1-8	Short Sleeve	Long Sleeve
Oxford 4-20	\$18.99	\$21.99
Oxford S-XL	\$22.99	\$27.99



Skort	Plaid 57	Navy or
Girls 3-16	\$37.99	\$34.99
Half 7-18	\$39.99	\$36.99



1	Polo	Long Sleeve
1	YXS-YXL	\$18.99
	S-XL	\$23.99



Peter Pan	Short	Long
Youth 4-16	\$13.99	\$15.99



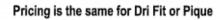
Boys & Girls Polo

	Girl Fit Short Sleeve	Unisex Short Sleeve
Youth	\$16.99	\$16.99
Adult	\$20.99	\$20.99

Light Blue and Maroon

Available in White, Navy,

Add a logo on any item for \$5.00





Sweaters	Youth	Adult
Crew-Neck Cardigan	\$32.99	\$37.99
V-Neck Cardigan	\$33.99	\$38.99
V-Neck Pullover	\$30.99	\$35.99
Vest	\$26.99	\$31.99

Available in White, Navy, and Maroon





Navy and Khaki Girls Pants

Girls 3-7 Reg/Slim Pant	\$24.99
Girls 8-16 Reg/Slim Pant	\$26.99
Half/Jr Pants	\$30.99

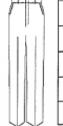


Girls Shorts-Navy and Khaki

Girls 3-7 Reg/Slim Short	\$22.99
Girls 8-16 Reg/Slim Short	\$24.99
Half/Jr Pants	\$25.99

Mens Shorts-Navy and Khaki





	New Style
Boys 3-7 Reg/Slim Pant	\$24.99
Boys 8-16 Reg/Slim Pant	\$26.99
Husky Pants	\$29.99
Prep/Men Pants	\$32.99



	New Style
Boys 3-7 Reg/Slim Short	\$22.99
Boys 8-16 Reg/Slim Short	\$23.99
Husky Shorts	\$25.99
Prep/Men Shorts	\$25.99

Available in White, Navy, Light Blue and Maroon



Sweatshirt	
YXS-YXL	\$22.99
S-XL	\$22.99

Price includes logo



K-8th Navy 1/4 Zip Jacket

Youth	\$34.99	
Adult	\$39.99	

Price includes required logo

Buy Early and Save!

 June 1st – June 14th
 20% off

 June 15th—June 30th
 15% off

 July 1st — July 15th
 10% off

Please note discount applies to web-orders of school uniform items only.

Any clothes bought June through August 2021 can be exchanged if your child grows to another size by September 2021 (original tags <u>must</u> be on clothes).





WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT 2021 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL AND DONATION AMOUNT	ENTRY \$100	WARM-UP \$250	PERFORMANCE \$500	ENDURANCE \$1000
MC announces sponsors during event	1	1	4	1
Recognition in school newsletter (200+ families) and parish bulletin (1300+ families) for month of September	1	4	4	4
Quarterly recognition in school newsletter (200+ families) and parish bulletin (1300+ families) for months of September, December, March, and June		*	4	4
Logo placement on scrolling announcements displayed on TV at main entrance of school, on the school website, and on Facebook page		1	4	+
Logo placement on pledge envelopes used by all students (350 envelopes)			4	4
Logo on WWTS t-shirt worn for 2 years during the event and at various school activites				4

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Items promoting healthy	lifestyles are used as incentive prizes for students to actively collect pledges. Such	items include gift cards.
All In-Kind Sponsors are	given special acknowledgment during the event.	

Please return this Sponsorship Commitment Form*

Business or Individual(s) Name:	ness or Individual(s) Name:		
Sponsorship Level (see above):			
Name of Contact Person:	Phone:		
Alternate Phone/Fax:	Email:		
Please check here if you would I	like your sponsorship of the event to remain "Ano	onymous"	
	Please bill me (note: all payments due by a nail to Holy Spirit School, 2222 Lake Michigan Drive NW,		
Signature:	Title:	Date:	

Form can be mailed in the envelope provided or delivered to the Holy Spirit School Office (address above) marked WWTS. Please call or email the event Sponsorship Committee to discuss this valuable opportunity: Kelly Clancy, (616) 402-6752, or holyspiritwalk@gmail.com

^{*} Sponsorship donations are tracked separately from student pledges. Sponsorship levels provide marketing opportunities for your business.



WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT FUNDS ARE WORKING HARD FOR HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS!

PTA INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

Purchased numerous supplies to protect our students from Covid-19, including plexiglass dividers, sanitizing spray for desks, paper towels, and paper masks. Additionally, portable air filters were purchased for some classrooms.

Educational field trips for all students including cost of admission and safe transportation. Field trips included 8th grade class retreat to Camp Henry, apple orchard for younger students, Hoffmaster State Park, and virtual tour of the state capital in Lansing.

- Classroom start-up money provided annually that allows teachers to purchase new and innovative materials for use in the classroom.
- Classroom technology such as educational apps, document cameras and digital content.
- Ongoing support of the science lab, including funding for materials and lab explorations, as well as various dissection opportunities.

Support of the Agile Classroom Project, a multi-functional pilot classroom with adaptable furniture that provides a unique learning environment and meeting space.









