



January 21, 2022
School Newsletter

Important Dates:

~PTA Meeting – The quarterly PTA meeting will be Tues., January 25th, at 7PM. If you would like to join us by zoom, here is the link: meet.google.com/cih-ekvq-xpk

~Catholic Schools Week is Jan 29th - Feb 5th - Please see the attached CSW schedule for details. Fr. Mark would like all family members to wear Holy Spirit apparel or uniforms to Mass on this weekend, January 29th-30th. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout this Catholic Schools Week!

~First Friday Offertory - To highlight the generosity of the students and teach them the value of tithing, we are having an offertory collection every First Friday at our school Mass. Students will have the opportunity to put their own donations in the collection basket as they enter the church for Mass on Friday, February 4th. Thank you for teaching your child the value of generosity and tithing.

~Happy Valentine's Day – To celebrate the feast of St. Valentine, students may have a color day and wear red, pink, purple, or white on Monday, Feb. 14th.

~Parent-Teacher Conferences – Conferences will be held in person on February 17th and 24th. You will be receiving an email on February 4th with information on how to schedule your conference. Students in Grades 3-5 will need to be present at their conferences because they are student led. If you have a health condition or are uncomfortable wearing a mask, you are welcome to do your conference by phone.

~Family Fare, Tyson, & Box Top Color Day, Wednesday, Feb. 23rd - Please clip, save, and bring in your labels and receipts for a color day! Box Tops are now being collected via this application to alleviate having to cut, snip, count, and mail for credit. Go to: <https://boxtops4education.com> to set up your account.

~Strategic Plan – After compiling last year's parent, teacher, and community survey results, our Board of Directors Strategic Planning Committee formulated the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan which you can access [HERE](#) and on our website. Thank you for your support in helping us to accomplish these objectives!

~Covid Absences – As part of our COVID protocols, students may at times be required to be out of school. We are committed to giving them the academic resources that they will need during this period in order to keep them on pace with their classes. To stay on pace and limit learning loss, it is imperative that they watch any designated videos/class sessions, complete all of the assignments, and submit them on time. Together we can make this unfortunate situation into a time to expand their learning skills and allow the students to continue to thrive.

~Universal Masking Policy - The Diocese of Grand Rapids, Holy Spirit School, Center for Disease Control (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) strongly recommend universal masking regardless of vaccination status.

~Thank You Parents – A huge **Thank You** goes out from the teachers to the Holy Spirit parents for the very generous Christmas gift cards your donations purchased for all of us. We really appreciate you thinking of us!

Mon., Jan. 24th
~3rd Quarter Begins

Tues., Jan. 25th
~PTA Mtg. 7pm

Mon., Feb. 7th
~Early Childhood Info Night
6:00-8:00pm

Wed., Feb. 9th
~Early Childhood Screening

Fri., Feb. 11th
~Early Childhood Screening
No School for Y5 & Kdg
~Registration Materials Sent Home

Mon., Feb. 14th
~St. Valentine Color Day

Thurs., Feb. 17th
~Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon., Feb. 21st - Tues., Feb. 22nd
~NO School /Mid-Winter Break
~CDC Open

Wed., Feb. 23rd
~BoxTop, Family Fare, Tyson Color Day

Thurs., Feb. 24th
~Parent Teacher Conferences

Fri., Feb. 25th
~ 3rd Qtr. Midterms Online
~Newsletter/Calendar

HS Happenings



Advent Haiti Water Filter Project ~

*In total, students, families, and parishioners very generously donated **\$5,386** providing **215 water filters**. The Penny War was an amazing success! These filters will improve the lives of hundreds of our brothers and sisters in Seguin, Haiti. Thank you so much!!!*

Girls On The Run – Mrs. Claire Brennan and Mrs. Ruth Leikert will be coaching a Girls on the Run team for 3rd and 4th grade girls. Please sign up online at: <https://www.gotrwm.org> by February 1st if your daughter is interested. Thank you.

\$1000 Tuition or Cash Raffle – Please consider helping our 8th graders raise funds for their class trip. The ticket price is \$20 and the drawing will be held Friday, February 18th. Tickets will be sent home with families and will also be sold after the masses on the weekend of January 29th. Also, each family who sells ONE ticket will be entered in a separate drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card!



Early Childhood

New Parent Information Night

Monday, February 7th ~ 6:00 – 8:00pm

Spread the good news to your neighbors, friends, and relatives interested in enrolling their child in our **Preschool, Young 5's, or Kindergarten** for the 2022-2023 school year. All **new** parents and their children are invited to learn more about the many opportunities Holy Spirit School has to offer children in growing in knowledge and love of God. Call 616-453-2772 or email Paula Ryan at pryan@hsparish.org to RSVP your attendance. Due to being in a group setting, we ask that masks be worn. For those who are not comfortable with the group setting, please contact us to set up a tour. We look forward to welcoming new families!

In Sympathy



*Please Remember in Prayer, the **Baker Family** on the passing of their Great-Uncle, and the **Grey Family** on the death of their Uncle. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to **Russell A., Felix P., and Jack L.**, our newest January Birthday Book Club members. Their donation to the school library is greatly appreciated.

In return for their generosity, they will each receive a color day pass!

*Also, a big **Thank You** to all of the families who donated books from our Library Wish List!*

Link Box

[GR Diocesan SMART Financial Aid Application](#)
[NW Youth Soccer](#)
[Walker Rec Spring Soccer Registration](#)
[Champion Force Cheerleading/Martial Arts](#)

Awesome Authors Club!

Congratulations to the following HS published authors for the month of January.

Kdg: Theo B.

1H: Charlotte T.

1S: Preston V., Ella W.

2J: Felix P., Morgan B., Kennedy C.

2M: Blake G., Leo H., Wiley Z., Jack R., Mya R., Charlotte S., Sami K.

3K: Grace M., Elyse B., Emma V., Arianna B.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ian H.
Blair D.
Arthur M.
Isabella P.
Maxine J.
Evelyn B.
Mrs. Null

Christian D.
Russell J.
Kate S.
Carson A.
Emma W.
Finley M.
Mrs. Clancy

Quinn H.
Adeline H.
Owen A.
Lincoln S.
Layla S.
Sylvia B.
Ms. Wright



Peyton B.
Jaxson R.
Collin A.
Declan B.
Lily S.
Evelyn R.

Mila S.
Elyse B.
Ella M.
Ellory R.
Coraline P.
Jane B.

Religious Education News

Altar Servers and their families: We are having some issues with altar servers not showing up for their scheduled times. Please update your profile on the Ministry Scheduler Pro for the correct email, preferred Mass times, and roles. Please check in when you come to Mass to see if help is needed. With the illness season upon us, we often have last minute cancellations. If you see there is only one server, feel free to go get dressed and come up the stairs **behind** the altar to your spot. No one will think you are late, they will think you are a hero if they even notice you coming up. If you need to be removed from the roster, please let us know. Thank you for your help.

First Communion Parent Class is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26th at 6:45pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at church. If you had a child receive in previous years, you do not need to come. Check your packet to see if you have homework. Some did not turn it in during previous years. It may still be in your computer files or emails waiting to be sent. Please wear a mask when you come.

First Communion Platemaking is March 19th at 9:00am. Please be sure to return your envelope by March 4th either with your payment or mark it as not participating. Please wear a mask when you come.

Confirmation Retreat: There will be a Confirmation Retreat here at Holy Spirit on Sunday, February 27th from 2-5pm. A permission slip is required and was previously emailed home on December 10th. Please wear a mask when you come.

Boosters News

Spring sports registration is upon us! GRACEAC will be offering girls soccer, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, baseball, girls and boys track, and girls and boys tennis (6th-8th grade only). Please register as soon as possible. [GRACEAC SPRING SPORTS 5TH - 8TH GRADE](#)

We will also be offering 3rd and 4th grade lacrosse this spring. Register as soon as you can. [CATHOLIC UNITED 3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE](#)

Also, just a reminder to please pay your athletics participation fees and return any uniforms from past seasons if you have not done so already.

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

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

SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

In the event that it is necessary to delay the start of school or cancel classes, Holy Spirit School will communicate with you through Grand Rapids area radio and television stations. You may also access school closing announcements through the following Web Sites:

www.woodtv.com or www.wzzm13.com.

Every effort will be made to make one of the following announcements by 6:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter...

<i>Situation/Condition</i>	<i>Response/Policy</i>
If the announcement is Holy Spirit School is closed:	Students do not report for school that day. This always includes Preschool and Child Care Programs as well.
If the Public School District you reside in is closed in your area:	No Catholic Schools Transportation in the A.M. or P.M. into the closed Public School District areas.
Catholic Schools have a two-hour delay:	Catholic Schools Transportation will begin transporting two hours after regular time. There will be no AM Preschool or AM Kindergarten. Child Care will open at regular time for those enrolled in the program.
If the Public School District you reside in has a two-hour delay and Catholic Schools are on a regular schedule:	No Catholic Schools Transportation into the delayed district for the A.M. ONLY.

If school is closed because of inclement weather, all extra-curricular activities, including athletic events and practices, scheduled for Holy Spirit or for Holy Spirit teams on that day, will be cancelled. (Board of Directors policy #2060.1)

On those winter days when school is open but you feel weather conditions are unsafe for your child to go to school, you may keep him or her home. However, we ask that you call school and let us know that you are keeping your child home. While we do require you to call school when your child will be absent, please do not call school to ask if classes will be cancelled due to inclement weather. Instead, please monitor the Grand Rapids area radio and television stations, or their websites, which will be informed immediately of any cancellations or delays.

Featured Author of the Month

Congratulations to Charlotte T., in Grade 1, for being the Featured Author of the Month. She has won a lunch of her choice, and her story is featured below.

Being Together

By Charlotte T.

This book is dedicated to my mom.

Chapter 1

I love being together with you.

We play together.

We paint together.

We learn together.

We eat together.

We go out to recess together.

We cook together.

We smile together.

Chapter 2

We plant together.

We pray together.

We drink together.

Chapter 3

We adopt pets together.

We love together.

I love you!

THE END

About the Author

Charlotte is 7 years old. On Christmas break, she went to her grandma and grandpa's house to celebrate Christmas. There were 11 people there. Her favorite gift that she gave was a finger kitten she gave to her cousin Eliza. Her favorite gift she received was a gym mat for gymnastics. She gets to watch (and maybe help) her sister Samantha do gymnastics in 6 days. Samantha is 1 year old. She will be doing gymnastics with her cousin who is also 1.



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2022 Catholic Schools Week

Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30

Celebrating our Parish

Families wear Holy Spirit apparel or uniforms. Students participate in Weekend Masses as lectors and commentators.

Monday, January 31

Celebrating our Community

Paper Snowman Building Competition on Classroom Doors
Crazy Hair and Mix-Match Color Day

Tuesday, February 1

Celebrating our Students

Livestream 10:00 Mass from St. Andrew's Cathedral
Gr. K-3, Rock Paper Scissors Tournaments (classroom level)
Gr. 4-8, Kahoot Tournaments (classroom level)
No homework or tests

Wednesday, February 2

Celebrating Our Nation

Student Government vs. Teachers Volleyball Games
Red, White, and Blue Color Day

Thursday, February 3

Celebrating Vocations

Class Cards and Prayers for a Seminarian
Holy Spirit Shirt Color Day

Friday, February 4

Celebrating Staff & Faculty

School Mass at 8:30 with the Bishop
Love One Another shirt with uniform bottoms
Tournaments: Gr. K-3, Rock Paper Scissors & Gr. 4-8, Kahoot

Saturday, February 5

Celebrating Families

Families are encouraged to celebrate their family by having a family game night or movie night.

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Holy Spirit School Calendar, February, 2022

*Lunch Supervision, Grade 4 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

January 30 Catholic Schools Week Wear Holy Spirit apparel or uniform to Mass this weekend. Lk 4:21-30	January 31	February 1 10:00 Mass Livestreamed from <u>St. Andrew's</u> Report Cards Online	2	3 Meet the Teacher Conference Sign-ups Open tomorrow afternoon	4 Mass 8:30 with the <u>Bishop</u> First Friday Offertory <u>Collection</u> <u>Love One Another</u> Shirt with uniform bottoms	5
6 Gospel Lk 5:1-11	7 New Family Early Childhood Info Night 6:00pm	8	9	10 Registration Materials will be sent home tomorrow	11 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Early Childhood <u>Screening</u> No school for Y5 & K	12
13 Gospel Lk 6:20-26	14 St. Valentine <u>Color Day</u> Meet the Teacher Conference Sign-ups close at 8:00am	15	16	17 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30	18 Mass 8:30	19
20 Gospel Lk 6:27-38	21 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	22 Mid-winter Break <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	23 Box Tops, Family Fare, & Tyson Color Day	24 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30	25 <u>Mass 8:30</u> 3 rd Quarter Midterms <u>Online</u> Little Flowers <u>3:15-4:30</u> Newsletter/Calendar	26
27 Gospel Lk 6:39-45	28					

Women's Lenten Retreat!

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

2 Thess 3:5

When: March 5th
Time: 8:30am-12pm
Where: Holy Spirit
Cost: \$25 per seat

First 20 tickets sold are entered to win a Rosary bracelet! Winner announced at the breakfast!
Seating is LIMITED!



JOIN US FOR:

Mass with Father Mark

Catered Breakfast by
Billy K

Keynote Speaker:
Sue Wuorinen

Testimonies

Dessert by: Bethany
Bakes

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Online at:
<https://bit.ly/2022WR>

In person tickets will be
sold following Mass on:

Saturday January 29th
at 5pm

Sunday January 30th
at 8am

