

<u>~Living Stations of the Cross</u>

Congratulations to our Holy Spirit 7th and 8th grade students who will present a very moving *Living Stations of the Cross* tonight at 7:00pm. 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, Joe Houdek, Kathleen Houdek, and the Holy Spirit Choir!

~Registration is Going Strong!

If you or someone you know is still thinking about registering someone for Preschool, Young Five's, or Kindergarten, please get in touch with us soon. Also, if you haven't re-enrolled for the fall yet, please review, edit, and return your Census forms. As a reminder, the registration fee and tuition setup will be done **later**, after the transition to the NEW School Admin Tuition program is complete. We are NOT using "Smart Tuition" next year, so please do not try to re-enroll as in past years. Additional information and instructions regarding School Admin Tuition registration will be communicated by May. Thank you for your patience as we update our system.

<u>~March Reading Month</u>

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

~Car Dismissal

For the safety of students, we ask that students be picked up in the wagon train. For those who are parking in the front lot, you must pick up your children by the office and walk them to the car. There have been too many close calls in the front parking lot as students are crossing lines of traffic unaccompanied by adults. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe!

~2021-2022 Yearbook

The yearbook order form is attached to this newsletter. Order your yearbook filled with this year's treasured memories for only \$10.00.

~Variety Show

The 2022 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd. Students are encouraged to show off their special talents by performing an original act. The Entry Form is attached and due by Friday, April 29th.

~Uniform Reminders

As Spring arrives, parents, please be vigilant in checking that your children are following the dress code. A reminder to all girls about the length of shorts, skorts, and skirts: **Length no more than 4 inches above the middle of the kneecap.** Also, leggings may be worn only with skirts or skorts. Please click <u>Here</u> to visit our website for information on ordering local at RBG Uniforms or online through Land's End or Tommy Hilfiger.

~Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring water bottles to school especially as the weather gets warmer. Thank you!

Important Dates:

Friday, March 25th

~3rd Qtr. Ends ~Living Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Sunday, March 27th

Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive in the Activity Center 7:30am-1:15pm

Friday, April 1st ~3rd Qtr. Report Cards Online

Monday - Friday, April 4th-8th ~No School, Spring Break! Child Care – OPEN

Monday, April 11th ~School Resumes

Friday, April 15th ~Good Friday – No School CDC Closed

Monday, April 18th ~ Easter Monday – No School CDC Closed

Wednesday, April 20th ~Titan Toddler Time 10:15-10:45

Friday, April 22nd ~Newsletter/Calendar

Friday, April 29th ~Variety Show Entries Due ~Yearbook Orders Due

HS Happenings



<u>~ Parish Wide Easter Food Drive</u> – During the weeks of Lent, we are collecting donations to go into the Easter Food distribution baskets. Please send in food items by Friday, April 1st, to help make Easter a little nicer for the families served through the local Steepletown ministries. For variety, the children are asked to contribute according to the following categories:

- Preschool: Macaroni & Cheese & Soup
- Y5 & Kdg: Canned Fruit & Juice
- Gr. 1: Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
- Gr. 2: Peanut Butter & Jelly
- **Gr. 3:** Rice & Canned Meats
- Gr. 4: Cereal
- Gr. 5: Canned Vegetables
- Gr. 6: Soup & Tuna Fish
- Gr. 7: Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
- Gr. 8: Peanut Butter & Jelly

<u>~ Student Council Service Projects</u> – Thank you to the many families who have donated items for babies at the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Center, and games for the Wedgewood Christian Autism Center. Donations will be accepted until April 14th. Thank you for caring for those in need.

Awesome Authors Club!

Congratulations to the following HS published authors for the month of March! Our last day for interviewing will be April 26th. It has been an amazing year so far! As of 3/15, we had 93 different authors, 170 titles, and 204 books returned to the students.

KDG: Amelia B., Nola A.

- 1H: Hanna B., Amalia D., Quinn H., Annie N.,
- 1S: Nate S., Max M., Evelyn B., Madison W., Landon P., Edward B., Mary S., Brooklyn K., Ella W.
- 2J: Jack L., Morgan B., Kinsley V.,
- 2M: Anna G., Izzy A., Russell A., Leo H., Grayson N., Sam B., Jack R., Blake G., Michael G., Ethan L.
- 3K: Grace MC., Christian H., David W., Braxton K., Charlotte P., Lucia S., Elyse B., Grace M.
- 4D: Sofia M., Nora L., Keira G., Maisie M., Grace M., Evelyn A., Roman S., Grant W.
- 5R: Riley A.

Library Book Donations

Thank you to Ellenor and Cecelia F., and Kinsley V., who donated new books to the library.

Thank you to Charlotte K. for donating a book to the library in honor of her birthday.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Boosters' News

2022-23 Sports Physicals Coming Soon!

If you plan on competing in GRAEAC sports in the 2022-23 school year, we will be holding physicals at Holy Spirit on Wednesday, May 11th starting at 11:30. More details will be sent out in the coming weeks. By participating in these physicals, you will make a seamless transition into fall sports starting in August. Stay tuned!

Religious Education News

Vacation Bible School: We would like to hold Vacation Bible School again this year, but we need adults to lead the children around to the different stations. We are also looking for 7th and 8th grade students to help run the stations. Contact Religious Ed for more information.

Field Trip Chaperones, Coaches, and Other Volunteers need to be registered volunteers. If you have not yet completed the diocesan requirements, please do so **now** so you don't miss out. **If you wait until the week before, you may not be able to go if the background check cannot be completed in time.** There are many events happening in April such as Confirmation, Spring Break, and Holy Week that will have priority. Volunteers only may go to <u>www.virtus.org</u> to register for the online class and to read/electronically sign required documents. Each location must have their own background check on file for each volunteer. Contact Religious Ed with any questions. dschoof@hsparish.org.

Holy Spirit Child Development Center: Summer Care Program 2022: Enrollment Information

It is that time of year to be thinking about summer activities and vacations. The CDC staff has been busy planning activities for the 2022 Summer Care Program. Summer Care will begin on Monday, June 13, 2022 and will end on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The Summer Care Program is available for Holy Spirit children in Preschool (3 years of age and toilet-trained) through 8th grade. All children enrolled in Summer Care must be fully enrolled for the fall 2022-2023 school year. The center hours are 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Monday, July 5). Each day will be filled with special activities for all the children. There are weekly destination field trip opportunities for children entering 1st through 8th grade in the fall 2022-2023 school year. Registration paperwork will be mailed out at the end of March 2022. Please remember to fill out the child care interest form in your registration packet or email <u>mfrancis@hsparish.org</u> to add your name to the registration email list.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jakub K., Marcus C., Kinsley V., Jasmine D., Zavyer H., Ocea H., Sam B., Patrick S., Jagger S., Sutton B., Sophia P., Landon B., Arthur B., Marie C., Aiden D., Lucy K., Annabelle P., Charlie S., Mya G., 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.



Please remember in prayer, the **A.Holt Family** on the passing of their Grandmother, **Mr.Wood** on the death of his Father-In-Law, the **Kasparek Family** on the loss of their Great-Aunt, and the **Nicholson Family** on the passing of their Great-Grandmother. 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.

Holy Spirit's Auction for Education

SAVE THE DATE! We're coming home! Exciting changes are coming for the Educational Foundation Auction, and we want you to be there! Mark your calendars for October 1, 2022, and stay tuned for more details!

The auction is the only coordinated fundraising effort for the foundation and all funds raised go directly to support tuition assistance and faith formation tuition, in addition to other Holy Spirit ministries. Your participation helps to ensure the continued support of families at Holy Spirit. We hope you will plan to join us as we continue to build a legacy at Holy Spirit.

We are currently looking for sponsors for the auction. We offer a variety of levels of involvement. For information on how you can become a sponsor or support the event, please visit: https://www.hsparish.org/events/hsauction/.

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West Catholic's

Celebrate West! Auction

Registration for the 2022 Celebrate West! Auction is now open! We invite you to join us on Friday, April 22, 2022, as our community comes together to support West Catholic High School. Enjoy the auction, raffles, catering by Billy K, and much more! Visit **grssc.ejoinme.org/celebratewest2022** to get your tickets today.

For sponsorship information, please visit the **registration page** or contact our development team at 616-233-5918.

DONATE AN ITEM: We need your help in order to make our Celebrate West! Auction a success! We are looking for smaller raffle items (gift baskets, jewelry, kitchenware, sports memorabilia, camping gear, etc.) and gift cards. You can contact our development staff at 616-233-5918 with any ideas or questions.

Jason Evert Presentation

On Thursday, April 28th, at 6:30pm in the WC Cafetorium, West Catholic will be hosting Guard & Guide with Jason Evert as part of the school's annual faith-based speaker series. In his talk, Jason will discuss strategies to guard the innocence of your teen and guide them to find God's plan for their life. For more information or to register, please visit **grwestcatholic.org/speakerseries**.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA March 22, 2022

- CALL TO ORDER
 - O Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and said the opening prayer.
- BOARD IDENTIFICATION:
 - Andrea Dewicki PRESIDENT | andreadewicki@gmail.com
 - Emily Bouma VICE PRES. | ebouma125@gmail.com
 - Philip Alt TREASURER | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Kelly Toland SECRETARY | toland.kelly@gmail.com
- STAFF RECOGNITION -Pat Kalahar, Paula Ryan, Erin Gottleber, Melissa Radlinski, Kristen Mersino
- READING OF GOALS -Read by Emily
- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT -Pat Kalahar
 - Registration for 2022/23 is going very well. So far 280 students have been registered. For reference, there are currently 310 students enrolled at Holy Spirit School.
 - Early Childhood Information Night went well and the school feels confident we will be back to pre-pandemic enrollment numbers.
 - Professional Development Day was held on March 4th at Holy Spirit School. Topics covered during the day included cognitive behavioral therapy (focusing on mental health), a presentation from the Coalition to Support Grieving Students (in an effort to be prepared to support students in the case of a tragic situation) and grade group meetings.
 - March 12th was the school musical and it went very well! About 400 people total attended the two performances. Many thanks to David Inbody who was instrumental in putting on the musical, as well as Mrs. Ryan.
 - March is reading month is underway with several activities such as the reading challenge and classroom Reado , which is like Bingo.

- On February 4th Bishop Walkowiak said Mass and stayed to play rock paper scissors with the students! The school had a great visit with him.
- During Lent the school has several service activities. Grades 5-8 are collecting card and board games for the Wedgewood Christian Autistic Center. Grades Preschool - 4 are collecting baby items for the HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. Various items will be collected for the food drive.
- Living Stations of the Cross is Friday, March 25th presented by the 7th & 8th graders. All are encouraged to attend this moving presentation.
- The school has applied for several grants including the Michigan State Police School Safety Grant, a second round of funding for the EANS Grant and the Child Care Stabilization Grant.
- O Chris McKenna of Protect Young Eyes will visit Holy Spirit School to talk about internet safety. All students will receive an age appropriate presentation. There will be a parent session in the evening. All are highly encouraged to attend. He is highly knowledgable in this important topic.
- TREASURER'S REPORT -Phil Alt
 - o \$2,500 contributed by the PTA for the school's Giving Tuesday fundraiser.
 - 0 \$15,000 was given by the PTA to renovate classrooms in Spring.
 - O PTA funds have been used for forthcoming field trips in grades 4, 5 and 8.
 - o \$1,000 check was received from Spartan Nash.
 - The PTA bank account has about \$600 accumulated in interest this year.
- Committee Reports:
 - Holy Spirit Apparel (Emily Bouma)
 - Planning one more apparel order this year.
 - Birthday Board (Stephanie Kozlowicz & Stephanie Martin)
 - No report at this time.
 - Book Fair (Amanda Koch)
 - No report at this time.
 - Spartan Nash (Mercedes Barnum)

- \$1,000 has been received from Spartan Nash, another \$1,000 is forthcoming.
- Family Outreach (Annie Williams)
 - A meal train was organized for the Holt family.
- o Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals (Michael Dewicki)
 - It was a year of fun! It was great to be able to provide food again this year.
- Paper Gator (Joylynn Kelly)
 - \$423 was received recently, over \$700 received this year.
- Parent Ambassador (Kelly Clancy)
 - No report at this time.
- Publishing Center (Rose Worm & Amanda Sekelsky)
 - It has been one of the best years with 90 authors and 170 books!
- Room Parent Coordinator (Erin Gottleber)
 - No report at this time.
- Social Committee (Stephanie Martin)
 - Planning on a meet and greet cook-out before school starts in August. Details forthcoming.
- Sunshine Committee (Emily Andersen)
 - No report at this time.
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Erin Gottleber)
 - No report at this time.
- Variety Show (Erin Gottleber)
 - Scheduled for June 3rd.
- Walking with the Spirit (Kelly Clancy)
 - 178 days until the 15th annual Walking with the Spirit on Friday, September 16th!
 - Sponsorship materials will be sent out in May.
 - Kona Ice Truck will come to school in May to celebrate the student's success this year.

- Topics of Discussion:
 - Wellness Initiative- Mindfulness Meditation

This is a HUGE topic! Here at Holy Spirit, teachers do this in a variety of ways. Michelle Null starts each day with a 3-minute video of a guided meditation from our Loyola Press Religion Series. Many teachers lead children in guided meditation focusing on various Bible stories. A site on mindfulness:

https://www.trvst.world/mind-body/benefits-of-mindfulness-for-students/ And another on mindfulness meditation: https://www.verywellmind.com/mindfulness-meditation-88369 And another on Christian meditation for children: https://wccm.org/outreach-areas/children-education/christian-meditation-with-children/ Benefits of Mindfulness

- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Improves attention, focus, and memory
- Improves cognitive performance
- Provides better emotional and social intelligence

How to Practice Mindful Meditation

- Find a quiet place
- Sit straight
- Focus on breathing
- Focus on being present using one word
- Gently return to the word as distractions come up
- Follow a guided meditation
- Slowly read a Bible passage imagining yourself being there
- Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

This year's meetings: September 28, 2021 7:00pm October 26, 2021 7:00pm January 25, 2022 7:00pm March 22, 2022 7:00pm

FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Evelyn A., and Keira G., in Grade 4, our Featured Authors of the Month!! Evelyn and Keira have each won a lunch of their choice and their story is featured below.

<u>Friendship</u>

(Evelyn dedicates this book to her friend Brenna and Keira dedicates this story to her dog, Wallie)

Once upon a time there was a tree named Maple. She lived in a field, but there was a problem. She didn't have any friends because there were no trees near her.

One day, Maple saw a little girl. The little girl saw Maple and went to her. Maple said that her name was Maple, and the little girl said her name was May.

May came every day to play and make funny jokes.

One day Maple was waiting for May, but she didn't see her that day. Maple was worried because May didn't come to visit her.

The next day, May visited Maple and said, "I'm moving away." Maple was heartbroken because May was the only friend she had, but May had an idea.

The idea was to plant more trees. May and Maple planted more trees. The next day, May was surprised because all of the trees had grown overnight.

Maple was so delighted that Maple gave May the biggest, most beautiful sunflower she could find. May was so happy.

Then May left. Maple was a little sad, but also happy to have more friends.

Fifty Years Later...

One day Maple was just sitting there and in the distance she saw a sweet old lady walking by.

Then she realized it was May. Maple was so surprised, happy, and excited.

May pulled out the biggest, most beautiful sunflower out of her pocket.

Maple was so surprised that May kept the sunflower safe. That's why Maple and May were best friends FOREVER.

The End

About the Authors

Evelyn likes art, hiking, and vacationing in Florida. She is doing Girls on the Run for her 2nd year. Her favorite foods are hamburgers and salad. Her favorite subjects are reading and art. She would like to be an illustrator and a writer. Keira is doing Girls on the Run for her 2nd year. Outside of school, she takes piano lessons and plays with the neighbors. Her favorite food is burritos. Her favorite subject is art. Someday she would like to work at the Humane Society.



Holy Spirit School Calendar, April, 2022 Lenten Projects ~ Pre-Gr 4, HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid Collection Gr. 5-8, Games for Wedgewood Autism Center

NWEA MAP Testing 4/19-5/13

Lunch Supervision, Grade 2 / For updated information go to <u>www.holyspiritschoolgr.org</u>

				Turn in Food Drive Items by Tomorrow. Thank you!	1 <u>Mass 8:30</u> 3 rd Quarter Report Cards Online	2
3 5 th Sunday <u>of Lent</u> Gospel Jn 8:1-11	4 Spring <u>Break Week</u> Child Care Open	5 Child Care Open	6 Child Care Open	7 Child Care Open	8 Child Care Open	9
10 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Gospel Lk 22:14- 23:56	11	12 Girls on the Run 3:20-5:00	13 Turn in baby items and games by tomorrow. Thank you!	14 Holy <u>Thursday</u> Girls on the Run 3:20-5:00	15 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	16
17 <u>Easter!</u> Gospel Jn 20:1-9	18 Easter <u>Monday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	19 Student Government <u>Field Trip</u> Girls on the Run 3:20-5:00	20 Titan Toddler Time <u>10:15-10:45</u> Board Meeting 6:30	21 Girls on the Run 3:20-5:00	22 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Little Flowers <u>3:15-4:30</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	23
24 Divine Mercy <u>Sunday</u> Gospel Jn 20:19-31	25	26 Girls on the Run <u>3:20-5:00</u> Gr. 8 Confirmation 7:00 St. Andrew's	27	28 Girls on the Run 3:20-5:00	29 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Yearbook <u>Orders Due</u> Variety Show Entry Forms Due	30

JOIN US FOR MONTHLY PLAY + LEARN ACTIVITIES

You and your Children (ages 5 & under) are invited to attend Holy Spirit School to explore learning in a faith-filled fun environment.

Each play 4 learn activity is led by Holy Spirit staff members. In order to help us plan, please RSVP by emailing Paula Ryan at pryan@hsparish.org or by Calling the school office at 453-2772.

APRIL 20, Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 ~

*Exercising Our Faith and Having Fun in the Gym *Come play, run, skip, jump, and scoot in our school gym! *Enter the school along the sidewalk between the school and the church.

MAY 19th, Thursday, 6:00-7:00 ~

*Celebrating God's Gift of New Life *Come join us for fun on the front playground and in the habitat!

Questions? Contact the school office at 616-453-2772.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!

2022 Holy Spirit School ~ Variety Show

The 2022 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd.

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 29th**. 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 9th** 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. <u>These are not open practice sessions</u>. 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.

<u>Variety Show Committee</u> Lizzie Duffy Erin Gottleber Paula Rya <u>Music/Sound Equipment Coordinator</u> Joe and Kathleen Houdek

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL Variety Show Entry Form – 2022

TYPE OF ACT:					
Song Title/Art	ГIST:				
Please Note:	Depending upo	nust be enrolled at Holy Spirit School. the number of interested participants – limited to one performance.			
List of Pers	ons Participating:	<u>Grade/Class</u>	Phone #:	<u>Parent's</u> <u>Signature</u>	
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Parent Name:	F	Phone Number	Day	Evening	
	Rec'd by: _				

Please return this completed form to the school office by Friday, April 29th.

2021-22 YEARBOOK SALE Don't Miss Out!

Order now for a yearbook this spring!

Return the following form to your teacher by Friday, April 29th.

Please order _____ yearbook(s) for the ______ family.

I have enclosed \$10 for each book ordered.

Checks may be made payable to <u>School Spirit Photography</u>.

Please send the yearbooks home with _____ in Gr. ____.

Parent's Signature