



September 23, 2022  
School Newsletter

### **WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT 2022**

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors, pledge donors, students, parents, staff, and volunteers for making our 15<sup>th</sup> Walking With The Spirit event another record breaking year! We raised close to \$40,000!!! We truly are STRONGER TOGETHER! Participants had a wonderful time during the event completing the obstacle-filled walking course, and enjoyed lots of water fun provided by the Grand Rapids Fire Department.

### **Blessing of the Pets**

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Father Mark will do a Blessing of Pets at 9:15am following the 8:30am Mass. Students may bring a picture of a pet, or parents may bring a pet to the light pole in the back parking lot. After the blessing, pets may proceed down the sidewalk with their owners and then back home.

### **Blooming Mums for the Auction**

The Auction Committee is providing Color Day Passes to families who bring in blooming mums for the upcoming Education Foundation Auction. If you are interested, please bring your blooming mum in during the week of September 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the Auction!

### **Titan Toddler Time**

Parents and children ages five and under are welcome to join us for Titan Toddler Time on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-10:45 in the kindergarten classroom. You are welcome to join in for some great Fall Fun. Please RSVP by calling the school office at 453-2772 or emailing Paula Ryan at [pryan@hsparish.org](mailto:pryan@hsparish.org).

### **Trunk or Treat**

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 in the back parking lot. Dress up the kids, decorate your car, bring lots of treats to share, and join in on the trick or treating.

### **Teacher Conference Dinner Donations**

The PTA provides dinners to the teachers during parent/teacher conferences. Please contact Andrea Dewicki at [andreadewicki@gmail.com](mailto:andreadewicki@gmail.com) if you would like to help out and supply ingredients for the meal.

### **Paper Gator**

To help the environment and to support our PTA, please use the Paper Gator to recycle office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard & soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper (bagged in clear plastic), paperboard (cereal type boxes), and cardboard (12"x12" or smaller). Thank you.

### **Important Dates:**

#### **Tues., September 27<sup>th</sup>**

~PTA Meeting 7pm

#### **Fri., September 30<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass 8:30am

~Dismissal 11:25 am

~1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Midterms Online

#### **Sat., October 1<sup>st</sup>**

~Education Fnd Auction 6 pm

#### **Mon., October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

~Kdg./Y5's Field Trip

#### **Fri., October 7<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass 8:30am

~Blessing of Pets 9:15am

#### **Mon., October 10<sup>th</sup>**

~4's PreSchool Field Trip

#### **Wed., October 12<sup>th</sup>**

~Family Fare, Box Tops

Color Day

#### **Fri., October 14<sup>th</sup>**

~Mass 8:30am

#### **Thurs., October 20<sup>th</sup>**

~Titan Toddler Time 10:15-10:45am

#### **Fri., October 21<sup>st</sup>**

~Mass 8:30 am

#### **Tues., October 25<sup>th</sup>**

~PTA Meeting 7:00pm

#### **Fri., October 28<sup>th</sup>**

~1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Ends

~Mass 8:30 am

#### **Sun., October 30<sup>th</sup>**

~Trunk or Treat 4-5pm

#### **Mon., October 31<sup>st</sup>**

~Fall Colors Color Day

~Halloween Hallway Parade  
2:30pm

### **WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!**

We would like to officially welcome the many new students and families who have joined our school community this year. We hope that you and your children feel welcome and have had an opportunity to meet new friends and families.

Aquino	Arsulowicz, G.	Bastic L.	Beadling	Bekins
Berends, H., S.	Bouwhuis, B.	Bouwhuis, E.	Brechting, J.	Debski, B.
Duffy, T., T.	Estrada, A.	Fortier	Genzink	Gietzen
Griffioen, H.	Hoffman	Holt, E.	Jacob	Miklusicak, M.
Muir	Mullins	Nayback	Norder	Nowicki, A.
Odren	Pawlukiewicz	Post, H.	Richards	Robitaille
Schneider	Sprengelmeyer	Stoutemire	Terpstra	Valliere, M.
VandenToorn	Withers	Wojczynski	York, L.	Zak
Zimmerman, E.				

### **Parents' Night Out!**

Please join us for our first Parents' Night Out

**When:** Oct 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm

**Where:** The Local, 4322 Remembrance Rd NW,  
Walker, MI 49534

**Who:** All Holy Spirit Parents

We will be having our own section with our own servers. Come enjoy food and beverages, and get to know other parents!

**RSVP** by 10/10/22 by calling the office at 616-453-2772 or email Laura at [lrusso@hsparish.org](mailto:lrusso@hsparish.org) or Terri at [tkelly@hsparish.org](mailto:tkelly@hsparish.org).

Hope to see you there!!



### **September Birthdays**

Morgan B.	Madison W.	Jack R.
Cole P.	Maisie M.	Jade N.
Bennett H.	Preston V.	Luke G.
Marcus A.	Brady F.	Jacob B.
Hunter N.	Meredith P.	Charlotte J.
Jack L.	Jack W.	Hanna B.
Chase J.	Ashton J	Jameson R.
Eden G.	Alex B.	Miss Raines
Mrs. Liebler	Ms. Nawrocki	Mr. Warner
Mrs. Feist		

### **October Birthdays**

Russell A.	Cailyn J.	Alys K.
Annabelle H.	Adalynn W.	Ayla D.
Sophia W.	Charlotte S.	Samuel P.
Max B.	Ryker B.	Landon P.
Matthew A.	Aiden G.	Riley A.
Dominic B.	Avery N.	Jack R.
Charlotte P.	Clara B.	Miles M.
Ruby C.	Lily P.	Alicia B.
Elin M.	Elyse F.	Ella W.
Zachary F.	Gabrielle G.	Fr. Mark
Mr. Wood		

**Attention Volunteers and Employees:**

1. Volunteers may now take the Virtus class online by registering at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). This takes about an hour to an hour and a half. If you later become an employee, you will have to take an in-person class.
2. The system is now set up to have you read and sign all the required paperwork online. The system will ask you questions that are needed for a background check authorization. Please answer the questions carefully. Questions about race are only used to help with identification. Your name may be more common than you think it is.
  - If you have lived outside of Michigan since your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, answer yes.
  - If you have not lived outside of Michigan since your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, answer no.
3. All employees of the school need to have a live fingerprint done. Those forms are available in the school office.
4. Each location with which you work or volunteer needs to have an actual background check on file for you. So if you volunteer at Holy Spirit and West Catholic, both schools need to run the background checks and have copies on file.
5. **Background checks are good for five years.** The system will send you a prompt through email to log in to your account and update your information so I can run a new check. This takes about 60 seconds to do, so please do it as soon as you receive the email. If you need to know your account information, I can have it sent to you. Please make sure your email address is up to date.
6. Contact me if you have any questions- [dschoof@hsparish.org](mailto:dschoof@hsparish.org) or 616 453-1591.
7. Volunteers include any program working with children such as Girls on the Run, class parties, field trips, coaching, robotics, Little Flowers, musical, recess duty, Santa breakfast, WWTS, etc.

**Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation:** There will be a meeting for parents with children in the First Reconciliation program. This includes those children that are in the second grade and any older children who will be catechized for their sacraments this year. The meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm in the Church Multipurpose Room. Parents that have attended a meeting since Fr. Mark came to Holy Spirit do not need to attend. All parents are expected to do the "parent homework" unless we have your completed homework on file in the Religious Education Office. Send any questions to [dschoof@hsparish.org](mailto:dschoof@hsparish.org) or (616) 453-1591.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** We are still in need of more adults to facilitate this program during the 10:00 am Mass. Please contact Diane at [dschoof@hsparish.org](mailto:dschoof@hsparish.org) for more information.

## HS Happenings

### **Before/After School Supervision**

Please note that your children are well supervised at Holy Spirit from 8:05am-3:20pm and that coaches supervise your children during practices. Please do not drop off your children before 8:05am as supervision is not available. If there is a lapse between school hours and other events happening here at school, please make supervision arrangements for the safety of your children.

### **Daily Health Screening**

Again, thank you for your diligence in screening your child for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to school. You are a key component in our ability to operate safely every day. Please continue to make this part of your daily routine. If your child has any symptoms, please do not send them to school!

### **Daytime Appointments**

If your child must leave school during the day, please call or email the secretaries and teachers in advance, call when you arrive, and meet your child at the school office door.

### **Family Fare/D&W Receipts and Box Tops**

SpartanNash is continuing their Direct Your Dollars fundraising program. Every time you shop at your local Family Fare or D&W, save your receipt (the entire receipt must be submitted) and encourage your friends and families to do the same. For every \$150,000 of eligible original receipts, we receive a \$1000.00 check for Holy Spirit School. We have received **NINE** \$1000 checks so far! Thank you for turning in your receipts!

Scan your grocery receipt to record the products you have purchased containing Box Tops for Education labels. Log on to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) on your phone. Sign up by creating an account, and select "Holy Spirit School" on Lake Michigan Drive. After shopping, use the Scan button on the app to take a picture of your receipt. It will locate the items eligible for box tops and indicate how much you earned. This must be done within 14 days of shopping. When shopping Family Fare, do this before submitting your receipt for Direct Your Dollars. You may also scan online receipts if you use Shipt, as well as Sam's Club and Costco.

### **Halloween Costume Guidelines**

Costume guidelines for PS – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Please keep the costumes simple. No weapons or colored hair are allowed. The attire must be Christian appropriate and the responsibility rests with each parent for acceptable costumes. If you have any questions, please ask.

### **Holy Spirit Publishing Center**

The publishing center will open on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>! Encourage your children to write stories, comics, and/or poems, and turn them in to their teachers. Their teacher will then sign them up for a time slot to be interviewed by our publishing center volunteers on Tuesdays. The book will then be typed up, bound, and returned to the student. All authors are entered into a monthly drawing for a chance to win a free lunch from a local restaurant and be the Featured Author of the Month!

### **Infinite Campus**

Infinite Campus is the resource for finding information about your children's academics, attendance, and hot lunch balance. If you have never logged in to Infinite Campus or have used your login in the past, but have forgotten your password, please call the school office, and we will have your password reset for you.

## **Medications – It's COLD & ALLERGY SEASON!!!**

By school policy, all medications (prescription and over-the-counter, including aspirin related products and cough drops) *must be* dispensed from the school office and parents/guardians are required to bring the medication into the school office. It also requires parents and/or a physician to complete a Medication Administration Release Form for prescription medication to be administered to your child by school personnel. **If your child uses an inhaler, Epipen or other medicine for allergic reactions, we need to have authorization to treat, and the medicine in the office or in their backpack.** (Without parental permission, school personnel may not dispense medication.) Medication Administration Release Forms may be found on our school web-site at [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org).



## **Pesticide Treatments**

As part of Holy Spirit's pest management program pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be notified of any pesticide application made to the school grounds or buildings. Most applications are completed while school and sports are not in session. If you need prior notification of an application, please contact the office. Thank you.

## **Recycling**

Please continue to turn in your empty printer cartridges such as HP, Brother, Canon, and Lexmark to the school office. These items are recycled and the "cash back incentive" supports our school. The company no longer accepts large toner containers of any kind.

## **Scrip**

~All orders placed by Monday at 8am will be processed that day and be sent home with your oldest/only on Friday. If you prefer to pick up your order, pick up time is Friday from 7:45-3:30 at the school office.

~Local orders will ONLY be processed ONCE per month (see times below). If you place an order for any of the local establishments (see below for list of places) outside of the week of processing, your order will sit unfilled until the next processing date.

~E-gift cards and reloads are always available. Not a member yet? Sign up at [raiseright.com/](http://raiseright.com/). If you have any questions, please contact April Alt at [scrip@hsparish.org](mailto:scrip@hsparish.org).

### **Locals Processing Dates:**

October 3	February 6	June 5 – last order before summer break
November 7	March 6	
December 5	April 17	
January 9	May 8	

### **Local Establishments Include:**

Arsulowicz Eye Care	Fruit Basket
Beckwith Family Dental	Lewandoski's Market
Beaches and Braces	Mr. Burger
Dr. Laura Fogle	Peppermill Grill
Dr. Joel Carroll	Peppino's Pizza
Dr. Bryton Mansfield	Sobie Meats
Standale Dental	The Local
Amway Grand Plaza	Trendz Hair Salon
B.C. Pizza	Uccello's
Big Apple Bagel	Walker Carwash
Countryside Greenhouse	Walker Roadhouse



### **2022-2023 PTA Board Members**

**Andrea Dewicki, President**

[andreadewicki@gmail.com](mailto:andreadewicki@gmail.com)

Students: Blair 8<sup>th</sup>, Aiden 7<sup>th</sup>

**Emily Bouma, Vice President**

[ebouma12052@gmail.com](mailto:ebouma12052@gmail.com)

Students: Kelsey 7<sup>th</sup>, Alexander 4<sup>th</sup>, Hanna 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Philip Alt, Treasurer**

[Philip.alt@altcc.biz](mailto:Philip.alt@altcc.biz)

Students: Marcus 5<sup>th</sup>, Owen 4<sup>th</sup>, Nola 1<sup>st</sup>

**Kelly Toland, Secretary**

[Toland.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:Toland.kelly@gmail.com)

Students: Charlotte 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **PTA Meetings**

September 27, 2022

October 25, 2022

January 24, 2023

March 28, 2023

Mark your calendars! All meetings are at 7:00 PM and will be in Room 203.

## **Walking with the Spirit**

What a beautiful day for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Walking with the Spirit! THANK YOU to the WWTS committee for putting on such a wonderful event, and THANK YOU to all of the generous donors!

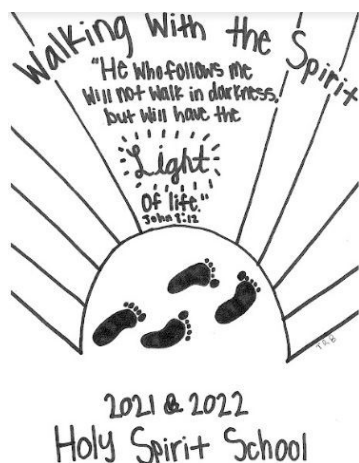
### **What does PTA fund at Holy Spirt School?**

- Field trips
- COVID expenses
- Security cameras
- Science lab supplies
- Moby Max, Brain Pop
- Classroom Renovations
- Teacher Start-up funds
- Recess supplies (balls, jump ropes, sleds)

## **Get Involved!**

There are many committees to choose from:

- **Holy Spirit Apparel**
  - **Birthday Board**
  - **Book Fair**
  - **Spartan Nash/General Mills Box Tops**
  - **Family Outreach**
  - **Hospitality/Staff Conference Meals**
  - **Paper Gator**
  - **Parent Ambassador**
  - **Publishing Center**
  - **Room Parent Coordinator**
  - **Social Committee**
  - **Sunshine Committee**
  - **Teacher Appreciation Week**
  - **Variety Show**
  - **Walking with the Spirit**
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- We are currently looking for a few volunteers to help with the conference dinner committee. This committee helps to provide our teachers with a delicious meal before parent teacher conferences, and volunteers are needed to donate ingredients for the meal. We are also looking for a few people who might be interested in helping with a deep clean of the upstairs kitchen during the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please email Andrea Dewicki at [andreadewicki@gmail.com](mailto:andreadewicki@gmail.com) if you would like to help. Thank you!



## 2022 WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT

Thank you for making our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Walking With The Spirit fundraiser a huge success! We truly are stronger together! The students, faculty, and many family members enjoyed this year's walk with beautiful weather and lots of water fun provided by the Grand Rapids Fire Department! Since this is the primary PTA fundraiser, this event is crucial in raising funds to enhance the educational experience for our students and staff. A sincere thank you to our sponsors, pledge donors, students, parents, and volunteers for all your support. We raised over \$39,000!!!

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

### Endurance Level Sponsors

Adobe In & Out  
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### Performance Level Sponsors

ABC Pediatrics  
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Meijer Inc.  
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Northpointe Bank  
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### Warm - Up Level Sponsors

Dolci Group Real Estate  
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Jeffrey Novosad  
Jeremy & Rory Beth Novosad  
Mark & Judy Olesnavage  
Phoenix Interiors  
Craig and Maureen Coulson

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Joseph Maggini  
Lake Michigan Dance Academy  
Pro Collision of West Michigan  
Rodenhouse Body Shop  
The Local

### In Kind Sponsors

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Sky Zone  
West Catholic Spirit Store





## Holy Spirit School Calendar, October, 2022

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 7](#) / For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

						1 Education Foundation Auction
2 Gospel Lk 17:5-10	3 All K & Y5 attend in am 8:15-11:15 Field Trip	4 Student Choir <u>3:15-4:15</u> Robotics 6:30-8:00	5 Gr. 2 Parents Reconciliation Meeting 6:45	6	7 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Blessing of Pets 9:15	8 Student Choir 5:00 Mass
9 Gospel Lk 17:11-19	10 All 4Pre attend in am 8:30-11:15 Field Trip	11 Robotics 6:30-8:00	12 Family Fare and Box Tops Color Day	13	14 <u>Mass 8:30</u>	15
16 Gospel Lk 18:1-8	17	18 Student Choir <u>3:15-4:15</u> Robotics 6:30-8:00	19 6:30 Board Meeting	20	21 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	22
23 Gospel Lk 18:9-14	24	25 Student Choir <u>3:15-4:15</u> Robotics <u>6:30-8:00</u> PTA Meeting 7:00	26	27	28 <u>Mass 8:30</u> End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	29
30 Gospel <u>Lk 19:1-10</u> Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:00	31 Fall Colors <u>Color Day</u> Halloween Hallway Parade 2:30					

# TITAN TODDLER TIME



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 and learn activity is led by Holy Spirit School staff members.

Please register for the following events by emailing Paula Ryan at [pryan@hsparish.org](mailto:pryan@hsparish.org) or by calling the school office at 453-2772.

**OCTOBER 20, Thursday, 10:15-10:45 ~**

“Fall”...ing for Jesus Activities in the Kindergarten Classroom

Enter through the school office door by following the sidewalk between the church and school.

**NOVEMBER 9, Wednesday, 10:15-10:45am ~**

Celebrating Science in God’s Creation in the Kindergarten Classroom

Enter through the school office door by following the sidewalk between the church and school.

**DECEMBER 1, Thursday, 6:00-6:45pm ~**

Come celebrate Advent with us in the Child Development Center.

Enjoy a visit on the front playground and photo opportunity with Santa and Mrs. Claus and their helpers too!

Encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!

## **WEST SIDE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2022-2023**

On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, West Side Girls Basketball will be hosting try-ins for girls in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade at West Catholic.

All registered girls will make a team.

Try-in times will be:

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1:00 – 3:00

6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade 3:00 - 5:00

We are asking the parents/girls to arrive 15-30 minutes prior to their try-in time for registration.

Every Sunday starting October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have practice at West Catholic.

Times will be assigned after try-ins.

The Season will continue through February.

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade team will be skills training only
- 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades will compete in a Courthouse league on Saturdays beginning October 29th and completing December 10.
- We will take the holidays off and continue again after Christmas with skills training for all until February.

### **Estimated Costs - Financial aid is available.**

Club Fees 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: \$80.00 (Insurance, gym time and administrative costs)

Uniform 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: \$95.00 (Approximate)

League Fees 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: \$75.00 - \$125 (Approximate based upon team size and if we play one or two games every Saturday)

**Attached is a registration/medical waiver needed in order to participate.**

**I will have extra copies at the gym.**

All participants must have a registration form signed by a parent or guardian and pay the \$80 club fee or a \$20 down payment before participating. Checks should be written to West Side Girls Basketball.

Please bring a basketball with a name on it for identification to the try-ins.

Every year we hear from parents that they were not aware of our program.

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ANYONE INTERESTED.**

If you could get the announcement added to your church bulletins, it would also help.

**Questions please contact Bill VanAllsburg at:**

**[westsidegirlsbb@gmail.com](mailto:westsidegirlsbb@gmail.com).**

Thanks.



### 2022-23 West Side Girls' Basketball Academy Registration Form

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: MO: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (2022-2023)  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Alternate Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Primary E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### MEDICAL WAIVER AND RELEASE

Due to the strenuous nature of basketball, the athlete identified above ("ATHLETE") and their parents are urged to consult their physician concerning ATHLETE's fitness to participate in any event organized or sponsored by West Side Girls' Basketball Academy, Inc. d/b/a West Side Boys' Basketball Academy ("WSGBA"). Basketball presents certain inherent risks and hazards, which ATHLETE is urged to consider and for which ATHLETE and their parent(s) assume all responsibility. WSGBA, its shareholders, representatives, coaches and any facilities where events, workouts, practices, or games will be played will assume no liability for injury or damages arising from ATHLETE's participation unless due to the willful misconduct or gross negligence of WSGBA, its shareholders or agents. In consideration of participating with any event sponsored or organized by WSGBA, I, for ATHLETE, my heirs and myself, waive any and all rights and/or claims for damages I may have against WSGBA, its shareholders, affiliates and agents, for any and all injuries from whatever cause suffered by ATHLETE while involved in any events, games or practices sponsored or organized by WSGBA. I approve of the participation of ATHLETE in WSGBA sponsored or organized events, workouts, programs, practices or games. I consent to the medical treatment and/or transportation of ATHLETE on my behalf and within the sole discretion of WSGBA and its agents. I agree to be financially responsible for the cost of such assistance and/or treatment. To the best of my knowledge, there are no physical or other conditions which will interfere with ATHLETE's participation in any events, games or practices sponsored or organized by WSGBA.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_