



Halloween

Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31st. Students in Gr. 1-3 are welcome to bring a costume for their afternoon party. Please keep costumes simple, Christian appropriate, acceptable, and with no weapons. The costume parade will take place in the hallway at 2:30.

Report Cards

Today marks the end of our first quarter. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 7th, and you can continue to get updates on your child's grades via Infinite Campus.

Standale Chick-Fil-A Titan Give Back Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 2nd, from 5:00-7:00. The Standale Chick-Fil-A will give us a percentage of all sales during that time. You do not need to have a flyer. Support your PTA and enjoy dinner!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

In today's email blast, you will receive the link to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences, which will take place on Thursday, November 9th and Tuesday, November 14th. Sign-ups will open today and close at 4pm on November 6th.

Veterans' Day

Please join us on **Friday, November 10th** as we celebrate our Veterans during Mass at 8:30am. Should you know a Veteran who would like to come, please provide the office with their name so we may recognize them during our service. **See the form provided in this newsletter.** Following Mass, any Veterans who would like to share their experience are welcome to speak (for 15-20 minutes) with our students. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all those who served and continue to serve for peace and justice in our world!

Financial Aid 2024-2025

The Diocese will be using **Blackbaud Financial Aid Management** to provide the assessment for those applying for financial assistance. This is separate from School Admin and can be accessed via <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>. The Aid process for 2024-2025 is now open.

- If you're a first time Blackbaud applicant, please create an account and follow the on-screen directions by going to [Blackbaud-FA-Parent-Instructions](#).
- If you already have an account, enter your user name and password to continue.
- The deadline for the **1st round** of aid awards is December 3, 2023.
- If you have questions, call Customer Assistance at: 1 (800) 360-8027, or email support at: support@studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school.

Important Dates:

Sun., Oct. 29th

~Trunk or Treat 4-5pm

Tues., Oct. 31st

~Halloween Parade 2:30

Thurs., Nov. 2nd

~Chick-Fil-A Night 5-7pm

Fri., Nov. 3rd

~Prof. Development Day
~No School – **CDC Open**

Mon., Nov. 6th

~Absentee Pictures

Tues., Nov. 7th

~Report Cards Online

Wed., Nov. 8th

~ Titan Toddler Time 10:15

**Thurs., Nov. 9th & Tues.,
Nov. 14th**

~ Parent/Teacher Conf.
4:00-7:30

Fri., Nov. 10th

~Veterans' Day Mass
8:30am

Thurs., Nov. 16th

~Paper Gator Color Day

Fri., Nov. 17th

~Mass 8:30am
~Newsletter/Calendar

Tues., Nov. 21st

~Mass 8:30am

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 22nd -24th

~No School - Thanksgiving
Break

Absentee School Pictures

Absentee school pictures will be taken on Monday, November 6th. Please make sure your teacher has your order form prior to Monday, the 6th.

Arrival Procedures

Students in grades 1-8 who are car riders may be dropped off between 8:00-8:15am. **Pull all the way forward along the sidewalk by the rectory**, so students may walk safely to the playground and not between cars. Please do not stop by the island located between the two parking lots as this causes traffic backup for the cars behind you.

Dismissal Procedures

Remember to drive slowly and carefully as you pull out of the car line. Thank you, everyone, for your patience, kindness, and peacefulness in the parking lot as we strive for a swift and safe dismissal.

Hair Policy Reminder

- * Hair must be out of the eyes (for girls *and* boys) and above the collar for boys.
- * No extreme hair colorings or styles. If hair is colored or dyed it must be of a natural color and cover the entire head. Hair must be a consistent length.
- * Hair extensions, striping, designs, and mohawks are not permitted.
- * **Please have your child in compliance by Monday.**

First Spot Auction Parking Winners

Congratulations to the Bouma Family who are the Auction winners of the Front Parking Spot for this school year!

Paper Gator

Families who bring in a large grocery size bag filled with items for the Paper Gator on Thursday, November 16th, will have a Paper Gator Color Day. Acceptable items are school/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). Students will assist you as you arrive in the morning. Let's care for the environment, raise funds for the PTA, and fill the Paper Gator!

Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Program which will take place on **Tuesday, December 19th**, at 6:30pm.

Girls On The Run Coach

We are looking for a Gr. 3-4 Girls on the Run coach to assist Coaches Becca Couturier, Kaleigh Coulson, and Donna Berends. Practices are held twice a week for ten weeks in the spring from 3:30-5:00. Claire Brennan is our site liaison. Please contact the school office or Claire at claire.amat96@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions about this program. What an excellent opportunity to stay in shape and help girls develop social, emotional, and physical skills!

Hot Lunch Updates

Please be sure to check your lunch account balances for your children in Infinite Campus, under >fees>food service. Payments can be made through Infinite Campus using your parent portal. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Occasional supply issues can cause last minute changes to the lunch menu. Therefore, we ask that you check for the most up to date changes on the Holy Spirit School website real time calendar: <https://holyspiritschoolgr.org/>. You may also click the Calendar Tab at the top to see the full month.

IN SYMPATHY



Please keep in your prayers the Toland Family on the passing of their Great-Grandmother, the Szymczak Family on the death of their Great-Uncle, the Baker Family on the passing of their Grandmother, and the Russell Johnson Family on the loss of their Great-Grandmother. May the memories of their loved ones live on in their hearts and bring them peace.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

As we strive to serve others throughout the year, one thing we can do as a community is to come together to provide Thanksgiving food for those less fortunate. Students are encouraged to donate something from the list below. This year, students will try to fill Mr. Kalahar's office with the food!

Canned **Vegetables** – Low Sodium or No Salt Added
Canned **Fruit** – In its own Juice or in 100% Juice
Canned **Tomato Products** – Low Sodium or No Salt Added
Boxes **Potatoes**
Boxed/Bagged **Stuffing**
Whole Wheat **Pasta**
Rice (White/Brown/Wild)
Canned Tuna / Chicken – Low Sodium

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” *Colossians 3:17*

Religious Education News

Confirmation Date: The date for Confirmation this year is May 7, 2024 at 7pm. All candidates and sponsors need to be seated by 6:30 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The liturgy usually takes an hour and a half to two hours.

Due by Thanksgiving: Parent First Reconciliation home work and Confirmation registrations are due by Thanksgiving.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Because of the large number of children attending the Children's Liturgy of the Word program during the 10:30 Mass, we are in need of 3 more adults to help with crowd control. Each team does it once every 6 weeks. Contact the Religious Education Office to volunteer. All Virtus requirements need to be completed for the safety of our children.



November Birthdays!



Anniston N.
Isabelle Z.
Anna G.
Grayson N.
Hunter B.

Miles B.
Jackson F.
Brock B.
Bobby B.
Emmett T.

Annalise A.
Luke F
Hudson E.
Liam A.
Callan G.

Catherine S.
Izzabella B.
Sophia J.
Stella B.
Wyatt S.

SEVERE WEATHER, CANCELLATIONS & BUSSING INFORMATION

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 thru 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 Y5's 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. (Education Commission 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 at home. While we do urge you to call school when your child will be absent, please don't call the school to ask if classes will be cancelled because of the weather. Instead, we urge you to monitor Grand Rapids area radio and television stations, or their web sites, which will be informed immediately of any cancellations or delays.

PUBLISHING CENTER NEWS

The Publishing Center is off to a great start. Fifty-two books have already been published! Please continue to encourage your children to write stories, poems, and graphic novels! If they are having trouble coming up with ideas, here are a few: write about a family vacation/stay-cation, a favorite animal, a favorite activity they like to participate in, or write a new ending to their favorite book. Tell them to imagine and write about their dream vacation, what it would be like to travel to outer space, or time travel to the past or future.

AWESOME AUTHORS CLUB!

Congratulations to the following HS Published Authors:

1H: Hailey Y., Alivia M., Todd R.

2J: Amelia B., Abigail B., Russell J., Sophia P., Malina D., Anna A., Theo B., Ian H., Pearl P., Eden G., Jade N., Titus S., Ryan L., Tucker J., Sophia P.

2M: Kane B., Peyton B., Declan M., JJ J., Danica G., Ellie F., Max K., Oliver M., Natalie G., Mila S.

3D: Landon P., Liam S., Matt M., Amalia D., Ella W., Ava D., Hanna B., Mary S.

3K: Max M., Cora P., Clara B., Charlotte K., Maddie H., Annie N., Evelyn R., Edward B., Brooklyn K., Anastasia S.

4O: Maddie B., Kinsley V., Lincoln S., Grayson N., Sam B., Jack R.

SCRIP NEWS

The next local order will be placed on November 6th. Have your orders in by Monday, November 6th at 9am. Orders will be distributed to students/ready for pick up on Friday, November 10th. Not a member yet? Sign up at raiseright.com/. If you have any questions, please contact April Alt at scrip@hsparish.org.

Local establishments include:

Arsulowicz Eye Care

Beckwith Family Dental

Beaches and Braces (Formerly Dr. Ed Young)

Dr. Laura Fogle

Dr. Joel Carroll

Dr. Bryton Mansfield

Standale Dental

Amway Grand Plaza

B.C Pizza

Big Apple Bagel

Countryside Greenhouse

Field's Fabric

Fruit Basket

Lewandoski's Market

Mr. Burger

Peppermill Grill

Peppino's Pizza

Sobie Meats

The Local

Trendz Hair Salon

Uccello's

Walker Car Wash

Walker Roadhouse

Titan Sports Update

Titan sports are advancing at all levels

Sports Fee

If your child is playing a sport in grades 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, the sports fee is \$85.00 for the year.

Reminders will be sent out for unpaid sports fees for a fall sport. If your child did not play a fall sport but will play a winter sport, please turn your check into the school office.

Congratulations to all our student athletes in grades 3rd thru 8th who participated in a fall sport. Titan strong athletes.

Fall Sports–Volleyball and Soccer

Please turn in your washed uniform, in a bag with your name on it, to the school office.

Winter Sports Update- Grades 3rd thru 8th

Winter 1

Boys Basketball

Practices will begin the week of October 23rd. Your coach will reach out to you with a practice schedule. First game will be the week of November 4th. Boys basketball will end December 16th.

We will have no practices on November 1st, All Saints Day.

Winter 2

Girls Basketball

Practices will begin the week of January 3rd. Your coach will reach out to you with a practice schedule. First game will be the week of January 13th. Girls basketball will end March 9th.

WEST CATHOLIC/CATHOLIC CENTRAL/COMMUNITY NEWS

WC Future Falcon News - [Click Here](#)

2024-25 CC Incoming Freshman Applications are OPEN - grcatholiccentral.org/admissions

CC Open House - Nov. 12th, 1-4 PM - [click here](#)

8th Grade CC Shadow Days, Now - Dec. 1 - [click here](#)

LM Dance Academy Presents *THE NUTCRACKER* - [Click](#) for more information

Spanish Class News at Holy Spirit – October 2023

Kindergarten-The children continue to learn Fall vocabulary through songs and games. They have also been learning the colors amarillo (yellow), naranja (orange) and marrón (brown). We are learning a song about El Otoño (the Fall). See if your child can tell you some fall vocabulary/colors in Spanish!

First- Children are also learning Fall vocabulary and song and reviewing their colors in Spanish. We are also starting to learn about the holiday El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Ask your child about what we've been doing and learning during Spanish class!

Second- In Second grade, we are learning Fall vocabulary, reviewing colors, learning basic weather phrases, and also learning about Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). We are learning a song that helps us learn about this holiday celebrated on Nov. 1-2.

Third/Fourth- Students have been learning the Spanish Alphabet and have a good grasp on listening to and spelling words/reading words in Spanish. We've learned a few songs (ask them about the vowels song in Spanish!) and are reviewing the holiday Dia de los Muertos as well with the song they learned last year on the site rockalingua.com

Fifth- Students have finished the first unit in the curriculum SOMOS. They recently took a pre-assessment from unit 2 in which I will document growth from them and have them take it again around January when we finish the 2nd unit to see how they have progressed in their Spanish skills! A short unit is next in which students will use/understand vocabulary about expressing likes and dislikes in Spanish (me gusta, te gusta, le gusta).

Sixth- We are currently working through Unit 3 in SOMOS. Students are progressing with the targeted vocabulary of son las (it is ___ o'clock), abre la puerta (he/she opens the door), nunca cierra (he/she never closes). Students recently wrote a short story using learned vocabulary and will next be learning about the Panama Canal in the target language.

Seventh and Eighth (First hour class)- Students are close to finishing Unit 4 in SOMOS. We are continuing to learn the following core vocabulary: toma (he/she takes), quiere ser (he/she wants to be), habla (he/she speaks) plus recognizing vocabulary related to school classes and professions.

Eighth (Fourth hour class)- Students recently learned the rules for conjugating -ar verbs and practiced conjugating in context of a story. They took a reading assessment for Unit 4 and are now starting Unit 5 with the cultural theme of bullfighting in Mexico and Spain.

Hasta noviembre,

Señora Loreal Long, K-8 Spanish at Holy Spirit

FROM

The goals of this organization shall be:

- A) To bring into closer relation the home and the school, so parents and teachers may work together in educating children in a Catholic Christian environment.
- B) To develop between teachers and parents such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA September 26, 2023

- CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER: Emily Bouma

- BOARD IDENTIFICATION:
 - Emily Bouma - PRESIDENT | ebouma1205@gmail.com
 - Melissa Radlinski- VICE- PRESIDENT | melissaradlinski@gmail.com
 - Philip Alt - TREASURER | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Tanya Kooistra - SECRETARY | tlkooistra@gmail.com

- STAFF RECOGNITION: Melissa Radlinski
 - Pat Kalahar
 - Paula Ryan
 - Elizabeth Liebler
 - Erin Gottleber

- READING OF GOALS: (see goals in Header) Melissa Radlinski
 - PTA Constitution has not been updated since 2014.
 - Looking to update the constitution/goals this 2023-2024 school year
 - Will be asking teachers, parents, students- Who PTA is? What they would like to see from PTA?
What are PTA goals? What is PTA's mission?

- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Pat Kalahar
 - Meet and greet- August 21, 2023
 - Have tried it countless different ways
 - 2023-2024 School Year- no meal, no formal gathering in the Cafeteria
 - Parent Ambassadors were responsible for guiding new parents through a tour of the school and helping them get to where they needed to be
 - Preschool has the largest # of new parents, the preschool building was very cramped and crowded

- Meet and greet was improved from previous years, but not perfect
 - Open to new ideas for next year
 - Stagger times for preschoolers (less overwhelming/ more teacher interaction)
 - Ice Cream Social- separate night for preschool- with option to play on playground (less intimidating)
 - Outdoor stations for different groups (PTA, assignment notebooks, etc) - gets too crowded and hot all being in the school
- Registration
 - Tied for 1st place in the Diocese of Grand Rapids (335 students)
 - Within the last 10 years, HS was as low as 5th place- VERY exciting
 - Thanks to everyone for promoting and marketing Holy Spirit School
 - We want to be the largest and the best (academically, socially, emotionally)
 - 3rd grade Chinese student- great cultural experience for everyone involved
- Summer remodeling
 - Holy Spirit School Main Office- about 95% complete
 - Thanks to many who made this possible
- New Playground
 - Learning experience- first time
 - Price tag was shocking and contractor delays
 - Estimated date of completion August 17th, actual completion: pending (still missing a few final details, but it is functioning and the students are loving it)
- Accreditation
 - Conducted every 5 years
 - Dates: December 7th and 8th
 - Staff is completing the self study for the self visit, most staff meetings will have allocated time for this
 - This is our time to shine! Holy Spirit will “grade” themselves on a set of rubrics and set goals for themselves; the accreditation team will review and “grade” Holy Spirit and set future goals, as well
- TREASURER’S REPORT: Philip Alt
 - Final: 2022-2023 comparison to 2021-2022
 - Over budget on Revenue
 - Over on Expenses, but was planning on this, due to playground, office remodel, and small updated pieces in classroom
 - Teacher PTA Christmas Funds- Amazon Gift Cards- Under budget
 - Teacher Beginning of Year Funds- Only 2 unused
 - 2023-2024 School Year Budget
 - Budgeting at a deficit
 - Kelly Clancy and WWTS crushed their goal, raising more funds than budgeted for their committee, to help the school and the PTA
 - Teacher birthday gifts- have been purchased
 - Field Trips- some expenses for Fall trips incurred already
 - Teacher Christmas Gifts
 - Parents want to ensure our staff is being taken care of
 - Transparency with what Christmas gifts (ie.backpack, sweatshirt, etc) teachers receive each school year
 - Transparency with Christmas gift cards given to staff
 - Transparency with how much money was raised through teacher Christmas “elves” collection

- Recess Supplies
 - need new Hula Hoops
 - need new jump ropes
 - Paula Ryan will utilize Recess Supplies budget to replace

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - Committee Chairs Committee Description Form- due Tanya Kooistra by **10/5/23**
 - Description of Committee
 - Scheduled events/ tasks
 - Budget

- Holy Spirit Apparel - Chair: Emily Bouma and Melissa Radlinski
 - First order done- distributed week of 9/18/23
 - 3-4 orders/ year (Beginning of year, Christmas, and Spring)
 - Phys. Ed T-shirt Defect: peeling logo
 - Radco reviewed all placed orders and has reordered (reach out if you do not hear from Mark Radlinksi about this)
 - Radco will redo and redistribute- free of charge
 - orders and redistribute
 - Fresh Ideas: always looking for new design ideas. If you have one, email pta@hsparish.org, designs will be shared with the Holy Spirit Apparel Committee

- Birthday Board - Chair: Stephanie Kozlowicz
 - Monthly celebration of staff and student birthday
 - Creative and fun!
 - New die cuts in the art room one monthly- staff and students
 - Expenses: \$11.00 (utilizing the current supply)
 - Birthday Board Volunteer list (signed up on the back to school volunteer form) has been shared with Chair

- School Family Outreach / Sunshine Committee - Chair: Annie Williams
 - Sent out cards to families that experienced a loss- how did you know
 - Meal train sent out to the 5th grade class
 - Need something? Suffering a loss? email pta@hsparish.org, information will be shared with the School Outreach/Sunshine Committee Chair

- Hospitality / Staff Conference Meals - Chair: Michael Dewicki & Mercedes Barnum
 - Provide meals for the teachers before parent/teacher conferences (to go boxes)
 - Email goes out to staff for dietary restriction each school year
 - Menu is created and ingredients are listed in a sign up genius
 - Sign up genius is shared with Staff Conference Meals Volunteer list (signed up on the back to school volunteer form)
 - If you want to be added to the Staff Conference Meals Volunteer list, email pta@hsparish.org
 - 2023-2024 school year- last for the Dewicki family chairs. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
 - 2024-2024 school year- Chair: Mercedes Barnum

- Paper Gator - Chair: Kelly Toland
 - Averaging around \$700/year from the paper gator
 - Reminder: **Thursday, October 12, 2023**- color day paper gator day!
 - Paper Gator Volunteer list shared with Chair
 - IN NEED of parent volunteers to help by the paper gator on drop off days (arrival time: 7:45am)

- Parent Ambassador - Chair: Kelly Clancy
 - Chair contacts Parent Ambassadors quarterly, reminding them to check in with new families
 - 2023-2024 School Year Ambassadors: Ashley and Ed Braman, Kate and Mitchell Muir, Megan and Adrian Ponik, Cynthia and Justin Dill, Julie and Spencer Brown, Stephanie and Vito Dolci, Jennifer and Richard VanZyll, Melissa and Brian Jaszczyn, and Kelly and Bill Clancy

- Publishing Center - Chair: Amanda Sekelsky and April Alt
 - Week of 9/18/23: April Alt went into each classroom to provide publishing center information and updates to all the students
 - Publishing Center 2023-2024 officially opened: 9/26/23
 - Publishing Center Volunteer list has been shared with Chair

- Room Parent Coordinator - Chair: Amanda Sekelsky
 - No updates

 - 8th grade- Koch and Frey
 - 7th- Kuffera
 - 6th- Barnum
 - 5th- Andersen
 - 4D- Lanser
 - 4O- Hecksel
 - 3D- Sekelsky
 - 3K- Snyder
 - 2J- Gleason
 - 2M- Freybler
 - 1H- Hoffman
 - 1S- Zimmerman
 - K-am- VanZyll
 - K-pm- Rood
 - Y5- Garza

- Social Committee / Titan Givebacks / Community Connections - Chair: Ashley Braman, Katie Bouwhuis, Katie Johnson, Rachel Jonitis, and Sarah Grey
 - 4 Big Events/ each year: Fall, Spring, Winter, Summer
 - Fall:
 - Blessing of the Playground (**10/15/23 after 10:30 am Mass**)
 - Flier will be in Holy Spirit Parish bulletin and Holy Spirit School newsletter
 - Food Trucks (food and desserts)
 - Activities (bubbles, basketball, hula hoops, chalk, etc)
 - Trunk or Treat (**10/29/23; 4:00-5:00pm**)
 - Music by Matt Murphy again this year!
 - Titan Givebacks
 - Blessing of the Playground food trucks
 - LeBon Macaron- 100% give back
 - Chick Fila- no flier/coupon needed
 - 10% of orders comes back to Holy Spirit School PTA
 - Date coming soon (Mon-Thurs)
 - Make a Mondays
 - % of drinks purchased- gives back to Holy Spirit School
 - Social Committee Chairs will look into this as a give back
- Other Ideas:
- Alumni Committee
 - Create a database with school and parish connections
 - Want to help support our own community (families') businesses
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- Teacher Appreciation Week - Chair: Emily Bouma, Erin Gottleber and Melissa Radlinski
 - **May 6-10, 2024**
 - Spoil the teachers and staff
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- Variety Show - Chair: Erin Gottleber
 - **May 31, 2024**
 - Variety Show Volunteer list (signed up on the back to school volunteer form) has been shared
 - Reaching out as the event gets closer
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- Walking with the Spirit - Chair: Kelly Clancy
 - September 15, 2023- 16th year!!!
 - 1st- 8th grade- 100% participation
 - Record dollars earned!!!
 - 21000 student pledges
 - 13000 donor pledges
 - 3100 Sam Russo
 - 566 Father Marks last minute ask
 - 5,000 donor
 - 5,000 day match

- Looking for a new WWTS Chair for the 2024-2025 school year
 - Kelly Clancy is looking to transition into a mentor role

Other Important Dates:

- September 28th at 6:30 West Catholic Financial Planning at West Catholic
 - Short and sweet and informative
 - Helpful even as young as Kindergarten
- September 29th is a FULL DAY of school
- Winter Sports Sign Ups - Students must register by September 29th to participate.
 - Athletic Director, Rosemary Sweedyk at athletics@hsparish.org
 - do not sign up through your phone, use the computer instead
 - glitch in GRACEAC sign up
- Sports Fee - Grade 5-8 sport fees are due October 1st.
 - Checks can be made payable to Holy Spirit Athletics.
 - The cost is \$85 per student/ year
- Adjournment / Color Day Pass: Emily Bouma

This year's meetings in Library: (due to large number of attendance- notice room change)

~~September 26, 2023- 7pm~~

October 24, 2023- 7pm

January 23, 2024- 7pm

March 26, 2024- 7pm



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

Featured Author of the Month

Congratulations to Anastasia S., and Brooklyn K., in Grade 3K, for being the Featured Author of the Month. They have won a lunch of their choice, and their story is featured below.

It's Halloween!

Anastasia dedicates this book to her brother

Brooklyn dedicates this book to her mom

Once there was a little girl. Her name was Katy. Katy was 7 years old. It was Halloween.

Katy was very excited to go trick-or-treating with her family, but she had a scary feeling about going. Her parents said, "Don't be afraid". So she was not afraid anymore.

When she got to the first house, she was feeling a little nervous again. Once again, her mom told her not to be scared. So she rang the doorbell and said, "trick-or-treat".

It was a nice old lady. She was dressed like a witch. She thought that it was a little bit weird because she was not trick-or-treating, but it was not weird because it was Halloween. So she got her candy and went on.

She rang the next doorbell. It was very old and spooky. She heard a loud, muffled scream. The door opened on its own. She got scared and ran away. She hugged her mom really tight.

She told her mom what happened. Her mom said, "Show me that house", in a scared voice. She showed her mom the house and once again the door opened by itself. They went in.

It was big and had a big staircase. They went upstairs and saw an old lady in a nightgown sleeping. The stairs were creaking, which made the old lady wake up.

She looked at them and her eyes were glowing red. They ran and screamed and were never seen again.

To be continued...

About the Authors

Anastasia enjoys dance class. She does ballet, hip hop, jazz, jazz tech, and tap. Her favorite class is jazz. Anastasia's favorite subject in school is Science. She loves to eat tacos and ice cream.

Brooklyn has a dog named Chloe. Her favorite color is pink. She enjoys gymnastics class at Kids Unlimited. Her favorite dessert is vanilla ice cream. Her favorite subject is Science.



Holy Spirit School Calendar, November, 2023

*Lunch Supervision, Grade 6 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

			1 All Saints' Day Mass 8:30	2 Standale Chick-Fil-A Titan Give Back 5:00-7:00	3 <u>No School</u> Professional Development <u>Day</u> Child Care Open	4
5 Gospel Mt 23:1-12	6 <u>Absentee Picture Day</u> Meet the Teacher Conference Sign-ups close at <u>4:00pm</u> Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	7 Report Cards <u>Online</u> Choir 3:15-4:15	8 Titan Toddler Time 10:15-10:45	9 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30	10 Veterans' Day Mass 8:30	11 Student Choir 5:00 Mass
12 Gospel Mt 25:1-13	13 Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	14 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30	15 6:30 Board Meeting	16 Paper Gator <u>Color Day</u> Turn in Food Drive Items by tomorrow	17 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	18
19 Gospel Mt 25:14-30	20 Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	21 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Choir 3:15-4:15	22 <u>No School</u> Child Care Open	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	25
26 Gospel Mt 25:31-46	27 Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	28 Giving <u>Tuesday</u> Choir 3:15-4:15	29	30		

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Can you bring enough food to fill Mr. Kalahar's office?

As we strive to serve others throughout the year, one thing we can do as a community is to come together to provide Thanksgiving food for those less fortunate. Catholic Charities is requesting the following items. Students are encouraged to donate something from the list below. This year we will try to fill Mr. Kalahar's office with the food!

- Canned **Vegetables** – Low Sodium or No Salt Added
- Canned **Fruit** – In its own Juice or in 100% Juice
- Canned **Tomato Products** – Low Sodium or No Salt Added
- Boxed **Potatoes**
- Boxed/Bagged **Stuffing**
- Whole Wheat **Pasta**
- **Rice** (White / Brown / Wild)
- Canned **Tuna / Chicken** – Low Sodium

Thank you for helping!

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17*



Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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To: All Holy Spirit School Families
From: Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan, and Mr. Wisniewski
Date: October 27, 2023
Re: **Veterans' Day Mass, November 10, 2023, 8:30am**

Dear School Families,

To celebrate Veterans' Day, we would like to invite Veterans to join us for a special Mass in their honor on Friday, November 10th.

During Mass, we will honor and thank all who have served in the United States Armed Forces. To do so, we need your help! If you know a Veteran (Grandpa, Grandma, relative, parishioner, friend, neighbor) who has served in the Armed Forces, please ask him or her to consider joining us on Friday, November 10th, 8:30 am, for our Veterans' Day Mass.





Following the Mass, any Veteran who is willing to speak with a class/grade will join them in their classroom to briefly (15-20 minutes) share their experience and/or bring memorabilia with them to share with the students.

So we may recognize our Veterans during the Mass and have the right amount of coffee and donuts, please ask him or her to complete and return the attached slip.

Thank you for your help and assistance with our Veteran's Day Celebration, 2023!

So we may plan for our Veterans' Day Celebration, please return this slip to school by Wednesday, November 8th.

Yes, _____, will be joining us on Friday, November 10th, for our Veterans' Day Prayer Celebration Mass.

-  Years of Service: _____
-  Branch of Service: _____
-  Rank Achieved: _____
-  Place Served: _____

Is related to/friends with the following child/ren at Holy Spirit School:

_____ Grade/Class _____

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_____ Grade/Class _____

_____ would be willing to briefly share his/her experience(s) as a Veteran with a small group of students.

FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Picture Request



Pictures are needed of all fall sports teams
Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, Football, Cheer

Please make sure to take pictures of your teams and players.

Guidelines and Deadlines

1. Please turn in all photos for **Fall** sports to Rosemary Sweedyk at athletics@hsparish.org no later than **Friday, November 17th**. This is an ongoing project; worked on throughout the year, enabling the editor to add pictures with each sports season.
2. Photos must be in a digital format on a CD or flash drive.
3. **Please** only send photos that are in focus and bright.
4. Get pictures of **all** the players on the team. Our goal is to have at least one picture of each player along with some team shots.
5. **Please** personally do this for your player. Most people are taking pictures of their child and not yours. It's important to the kids to be included, so please take a few pictures or ask someone to take some pictures for you.
6. **Please** do not send several hundred pictures for one team. Pick the best you have to send.

Holy Spirit School PTA Presents



FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT
SCHOOL AND PARISH
COMMUNITY

Holy Spirit School Back
Parking Lot

Offering a safe and fun environment for
families to trick or treat from lined up
vehicle trunks and tailgates!

BRING YOUR COSTUMED CHILDREN AND LOTS OF
CANDY TO SHARE!

You may choose to decorate your trunk/tailgate,
though it is not a requirement.

Line up begins at 4:00pm
Candy will be received from 4:30-5:00pm



NOVEMBER 2023 EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Spirit has Eucharistic Adoration every Monday, from 9 am to 12 pm in the Chapel, and 6:30 to 8 pm in the main Church!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

November 26 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast from 8 am to 12 pm!



2ND SATURDAY & SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Coffee and donuts will be available after all Masses on November 11th and 12th.

OLIVE WOOD SALE

Our Olive Wood Sale will be after all Masses the weekend of November 25 & 26 in the Narthex!



GIVING TUESDAY!

Don't forget that Tuesday, November 28th is Giving Tuesday! Be on the lookout for more details!



BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive is Sunday, November 19 from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.



MEN'S GROUP

The Next Step Men's Group is every Tuesday Morning from 6-7:30 am in the Multipurpose Room.



WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION

Women's Faith Formation will meet November 16 from 7-8 pm in the Multipurpose Room. This month's discussion will be on the saints!



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET

Our students will be packing Thanksgiving Food baskets the week of November 12th. Please consider donating any non perishable food items to help!



#GiveCatholicWM on GIVING TUESDAY

Nov 28, 2023

Our goal this #GivingTuesday is to raise \$67,630 for the purchase of a new sound system in the sanctuary!

Will you be a part of this radical day of generosity?

HOW TO GIVE:

1. On November 28, 2023, visit bitly.com/givecatholicwm or find the link on the school and parish websites and social media

2. All donations to the parish and school are being directed to the new sound system, so you can either select "Holy Spirit Parish" or "Holy Spirit School" from the dropdown menu.

3. Make your donation.

**Thank you
for your
generosity!**





JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

HOLY SPIRIT

Santa Breakfast

Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Educational Foundation

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND, 2023

8:30 - 11 AM

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITY CENTER (GYM)

Tickets available at the breakfast (cash/ venmo)

Adults \$10 | Kids \$5 | Under 2 free

ENJOY DELICIOUS BREAKFAST, KIDS CRAFTS,
LIVE NATIVITY, AND SANTA