



~**Living Stations of the Cross** - Congratulations to our Holy Spirit 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who presented a very moving **Living Stations of the Cross**. 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, Diane Schoof, Joe Houdek, Kathleen Houdek, and the Holy Spirit Choir!

~**Enrollment and Registration for 2024-25** – Re-enrollment and tuition contracts are being done online this year. You will receive an email from FinalSite with the link and instructions to review and sign your enrollment forms and tuition contracts. If you are enrolling a NEW student this year, you may do so online on your parent portal landing page by selecting the first option seen below “Add a new student.” Upon receipt we will update your contracts for you to review.

Continue Enrollment Process

8 items left | [View Checklist](#)

Add a new student - Prospective students who have not yet applied

Apply for a new year - Prospective students who applied previously but would like to apply for a new year

Enter authentication code - Current students who are enrolling

If you prefer to enroll a new student using the paper registration packet, please contact the office and we will provide that for you. Upon receipt, we will update your contract for you to review. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the office @616-453-2772 or email [tkelly@hsparish.org](mailto:tkelly@hsparish.org) with questions. Thank you!

~**March Reading Month** – A number of activities are happening, including a “Guess Who?” bulletin board of teachers reading a favorite book, Mystery Guest Readers in classrooms, Bookmark Contest, Whitecaps Reading Logs, Read In, and a classroom READO competition with books read daily over the announcements. Happy Reading!

~**Child Development Center** – Please Help! The CDC is in need of clean sand to refill our sandbox for the Spring. If anyone has a connection, please contact Melanie Francis at: [mfrancis@hsparish.org](mailto:mfrancis@hsparish.org).

~**2023-2024 Yearbook** - The yearbook order form is attached to this newsletter. Order your yearbook filled with this year’s treasured memories for only \$11.00. Please return your order form with payment by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

~**Variety Show** - The 2024 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are encouraged to show off their special talents by performing an original act. The Entry Form is attached and due by Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

~**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, skirts, and skirts: **Length no more than 4 inches above the middle of the kneecap**. Also, leggings may be worn only with skirts or shorts. Please click [Here](#) to visit our website for information on ordering local at A+ Uniforms or online through Land’s End or Tommy Hilfiger.

## Important Dates:

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

~3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Ends

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

~Madagascar, Jr. the Musical  
2:30 and 7:00pm

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

~PTA Meeting 7pm

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

~3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Report Cards Online  
~Paper Gator Color Day

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

~Good Friday - No School  
**Child Care - CLOSED**

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

~Easter Monday – No School  
**Child Care - CLOSED**

**Tuesday - Friday, April 2-5**

~No School, Spring Break!  
**Child Care – OPEN**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

~Frank Diehl Memorial  
Blood Drive 7:30-1:15

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

~Principal for the Day  
Comfy Cozy Color Day

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

~Praise and Worship after  
10:30 Mass

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

~Paper Gator Color Day

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

~Newsletter/Calendar  
~Variety Show Entries Due  
~Yearbook Orders Due

## HS Happenings



### ~ Parish Wide Easter Food Drive

Thank you for sharing food items with those in need and helping make Easter a little nicer for the families who are served by God's Kitchen.

### ~Steepletown Preschool Collection

Now through Friday, April 19th, we are collecting new or gently used clothing, toys, and classroom materials for the Steepletown preschool students. Please see the attached list for requested items. Thank you!

**Paper Gator Color Days** – Families who bring in a large grocery-size paper bag filled with items for the Paper Gator on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, will have a Paper Gator Color Day. Acceptable items are school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, hard and soft cover books, paperboard (cereal type boxes), cardboard (12"x12" or smaller), and shredded paper (bagged in clear plastic). We will also celebrate Earth Day, by having a Paper Gator Color Day on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Let's care for the environment, raise funds for the PTA, and fill the Paper Gator!

**PTA** – The final PTA meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, in Room 203 at 7pm. Thank you to all who came out to the Titan Give Back night at Chick-Fil-A. We are hoping to have one more Give Back night before the end of the school year.

**Summer Camp** – Looking for a great Catholic summer camp for your children? Camp Sancta Maria (CSM) is a Catholic camp located in Gaylord, MI. At CSM, our campers escape the electronics and digital media that are part of their daily lives. Infused into all of our adventures and activities is an atmosphere of faith, as we testify to our young people that the greatest joy in life comes from having a personal relationship with the Lord. Sessions run mid-June through mid-August. Go to: [www.campsanctamaria.org](http://www.campsanctamaria.org) for more information.

### **Awesome Authors Club!**

Congratulations to the following HS published authors for the month of March!

- KDG:** Ruby C., Jack W., Meredith P., Sophia W., Iris S., Ayla D., Anton J., Jase W., Ella W., Jude G.  
**1S:** Isabelle Z., Finley D., Shai D., Declan M., Peyton B.  
**2J:** Eden G., Ocea H., Ellenor S., Russell J., Theo B., Malina D., Anna A., Graham G., Tucker J., Titus S.  
**2M:** Danica G., Ellie F., Oliver M., Mila S.  
**3K:** Brooklyn K.  
**4D:** Elin M., Morgan B., Emma L., Russell A., Blake G., Felix P., Nick J.  
**4O:** Mya R., Kennedy C.

### **Library Birthday Book Club**

Thank you to Charlotte K., and JJ J., for donating a book to the library in honor of their birthdays.

Their donations are greatly appreciated and in return for their generosity, they have received a color day pass!

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Jakub K., Lucy H., Kinsley V., Zavyer H., Ocea H., Sam B., Patrick S., Mila M., Jagger S., Sutton B., Connell O., Landon B., Arthur B., Mary G., Aiden D., Lucy K., Calla G., Annabelle P., Charlie S., Mya G., Pearl P., Miss Olsen, Mrs. Long, Mr. Houdek, Mrs. Houdek, Mrs. Garvey, Mr. Kalahar, Mrs. Ryan

### Link Box...

[GVSU Stem Summer Camps](#)  
[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)  
[CC STEAM Summer Camp](#)  
[Camp Sancta Maria Summer Camp](#)  
[2024 Celebrate West Auction](#)

### 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.*



### In Sympathy

Please remember in prayer, the **Aldworth Family** on the passing of their Grandfather. May the memories of their loved one live on in their hearts and bring them peace.

### Great News

Congratulations to our parents and one grandparent who are coming into the Catholic Church this Easter season: Don Campbell, Jeremy Berndt, Jesse Liebler, Eddie Braman, and Lucas Kooistra! We look forward to welcoming you at the Easter Vigil Mass! Please check out this week's bulletin to hear some of their testimonies. Following is an excerpt from Diane Schoof's article:

Next Saturday night at the Easter Vigil, we will be celebrating the sacraments of initiation with our elect and candidates. For those of you who have been thinking about the possibility of becoming Catholic, I would like to share a few thoughts from those coming into the Catholic Church this Easter season and their family members.

"I want to receive the Eucharist before I die." Donald Campbell, 83 years old.

"This Baptism means everything to me! A 45 year journey to become one with my faith! A celebration of Jesus' faith and love for me as for mine of him! If you listen to your heart and feel it in your soul, so does he, and it's time to be one! When you accept it, he will be waiting!" Jeremy Berndt

"This is a huge celebration for our family--such a blessing! My heart is full of joy and gratitude as we look forward to Jesse joining the Church." Elizabeth Liebler, wife of Jesse Liebler

"Jeremy's journey to Catholicism began at marriage. Jeremy embraced our family and our traditions, and occasionally would attend Mass. Jeremy's journey was a steady pace of observation, and questions pertaining to the Catholic beliefs. Jeremy's commitment to raising his children in the Catholic faith at Holy Spirit Parish and School made his journey a straight path to his conversion. Jeremy soon was attending Mass consistently with his family. Jeremy's conversion has increased our family blessings. I'm humbled by seeing his daily trust in God, his love of family and friends. As his father in-law, Godparent/ sponsor, I pray he continues to remain steadfast in doing God's will." Paul Dennis

"I now ask myself why I waited so long! If you are even questioning about RCIA, reach out and you won't be disappointed!" Eddie Braman

Now is the time to contact the Religious Education Office for more information about the process of becoming Catholic.

## Scrip News

No Scrip April 1<sup>st</sup> due to spring break. **Next local order will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.** Please have your orders in by 9am.

Cards will be distributed/ready for pick up on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. As always, e-gift cards and reloads are always available. If you or a family member/friend want to join scrip to help with your child's tuition please sign up at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) using the enrollment code 3L35FA7B131. Email April Alt at [scrip@hsparish.org](mailto:scrip@hsparish.org) with any questions.

### Local Establishments Include:

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

## Religious Education News

**New Volunteers:** If you plan to go on field trips this spring, and have not completed the diocesan requirements for volunteers, please do so now. Waiting until right before the trip may not allow enough time for the background checks to be completed in time. Go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) and click on **First Time Registrant** on the left side. Be sure that your name matches your driver's license, including middle name. Volunteers **only** may do this online.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion** is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Practice will be held on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Church.

**Confirmation** is Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Be sure to be there with your sponsor by 6:30.



**Holy Spirit**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Titan Sports Update**  
**3-22-24**

**Titan Sports Are Advancing At All Levels**

**Sports Fee—If you have not paid your 2023/2024 sports fee of \$85.00, please do so As Soon As Possible. Checks are to be made out to HS Athletics.**

Congratulations to our 5th grade girls basketball team for finishing 2nd and to our 8th grade girls basketball team for taking 1st place.

Please have your daughter return washed basketball jersey to the school office.

**Spring Sports Are Underway**

Graceac is in need of more parent volunteer coaches for track and field, along with parent supervisors for Track practices and meets. Graceac is also in need of parent coaches/organizers or supervisors for Tennis. Please contact Rosemary Sweedyk if interested.

**Sports Physicals are scheduled.** These are physicals for any student wanting to participate in sports for the 2024-2025 school year. Please [Click Here](#) for the **Sports Physical form**. **One form MUST be filled out for each student that will be participating.** Sports physicals will take place here at school during the school day with Dr. Michael App.

**The Cost per physical will be \$20.00 per student.** Please make checks payable to HS Athletics, and attach it to the Physical forms.

**All forms with checks need to be turned in by April 10th.**

**Sports Physicals will take place on the following dates:**

- April 17th will be for students in grades 5th thru 8th
- May 1st will be for students in grades 2nd thru 4th.

Rosemary Sweedyk, Holy Spirit Athletic Director—[rsweedyk@hsparish.org](mailto:rsweedyk@hsparish.org)

***Holy Spirit Mission Statement***

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

## **Spanish Class News at Holy Spirit: March 2024**

**Kindergarten-** For Dr. Seuss birthday this month, we've been listening to One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish in Spanish! We've started to learn the song on Rockalingua that says all the colors and counts to 10 in Spanish called Colorin Colorado. We've been practicing another book that has Spanish rhyming words; see if your child recalls a pair of rhyming words from that book in Spanish.

**First-** Students have also been reading the 2 books mentioned in the kindergarten section above. We've been learning parts of the body this month in Spanish such as la cabeza-the head, el cuello-the neck, la mano-the hand, el cuerpo-the body, la pierna-the leg and el pie-the foot. See if your child can recall any of these parts, or you say them and see if your child can point to it! You can use the phrase, "Tocate" for touch.

**Second-** We've started the episodes on Chispa, the friendly monster. We watched the first episode about him going to Earth to look for smells. Have your child tell you about what happens! We are learning vocabulary such as la tierra-the earth, huele-smells, los pies-the feet, and also learning how to ask and answer basic getting to know you questions (Como te llamas?, Cuantos anos tienes?, De donde eres?)

**Third-** Lately, we've continued to practice listening to letters and spelling 3-4 letter words in Spanish. We are just about to learn the numbers from 50-1000 next. You should have seen their Winter Packet come home recently.

**Fourth-** Fourth graders have finished the episodes of Srta. Amarilla and will next be learning/reviewing body parts and talking about which ones hurt, for example, "Me duele la cabeza" My head hurts. We learned about Frida Kahlo and Don Quixote in the Srta. Amarilla videos. See if your child can tell you about this famous person/book character!

**Fifth-** Students have finished with their Spanish speaking country report and are now presenting them in front of class. See if your child can sing the "Countries" song in Spanish to you! We are currently going back into the SOMOS curriculum and are on Unit 2.5. Core vocabulary includes: hay -there is/are, no puede-cannot, va-goes, puede-can

**Sixth-** We recently did a reading in Spanish about the Best Universities in the World. We learned about some Spanish speaking universities and gave our opinions about attending English/Spanish speaking universities. We are near the end of the unit and will start Unit 5 after Spring Break.

**Seventh/Eighth-** We are or we will be starting to learn about the cultural topic of Unit 5 which is about bull fighting. We will give our opinions on this sport and learn more about the stages of what happens during a bull fight. After Spring Break, we will start our next unit.

**4<sup>th</sup> hour Spanish 8 students** – We are starting Unit 8 which is on La Comida Latina (ask your child!) Students got to build their own torres using small plastic cups. It was fun to see who could get the highest one and they all worked together to build one huge one!!! The picture might make the yearbook, we will see!

Sra. Loreal Long, K-8 Spanish at HS

## **FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Anton J., in Kindergarten, our Featured Author of the Month!! He has won a lunch of his choice and his story is featured below.

### **Baby Brachio's Day Out**

*By  
Anton J.*

Once upon a time, there lived a baby brachio. He always likes to play outside. One day Daddy brachio said to Mommy brachio, "We have to get something to eat for our baby brachio."

Then Mommy brachio said, "Baby brachio, you should remain in the house, don't go outside." Little baby brachio promised his mom.

But after they left, baby brachio put his front feet outside the house and then his back feet. He started walking around. A yellow bird said, "Hello, baby brachiosaurus."

Baby brachio got excited and started following the yellow bird. "Ouch", baby brachio cried. He hurt his leg.

Suddenly, a Gigantosaurus came. He took the baby brachio to the vet, Dr Stegosaurus. Dr. Stegosaurus said, "Baby brachio will be fine on the third day."

Then came Daddy brachio and Mommy brachio. They said, "Thank you Gigantosaurus and thank you Dr. Stegosaurus."

Gigantosaurus asked, "Can I be your friend, baby brachio?" Baby brachio happily said, "Yes, you can be my friend."

**The End**

### **About the Author**

*Anton likes to play Lego and soccer. He has one younger brother. He likes pancakes, bacon, and eggs. His favorite colors are black, purple, gray, and brown. When he grows up, he wants to be an engineer.*



## Holy Spirit School Calendar, April, 2024

NWEA MAP Testing 4/15-5/10

Lunch Supervision, Grade 2 / For updated information go to [www.holyspiritschoolgr.org](http://www.holyspiritschoolgr.org)

	1 Easter <u>Monday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	2 Spring Break <u>Week</u> Child Care Open	3 Child Care Open	4 Child Care Open	5 Child Care Open	6
7 Divine Mercy <u>Sunday</u> Gospel Jn 20:19-31	8 Spanish Club <u>3:15-4:45</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	9	10 Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	11	12 Mass 8:30	13
14 Gospel Lk 24:35-48	15 Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	16 Choir 3:15-4:15	17 Gr. 5-8 Sports <u>Physicals</u> Girls on the Run <u>3:15-4:45</u> Board Meeting 6:30	18 Principal for the <u>Day</u> Comfy Cozy Color Day	19 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Final Day For Steepletown Preschool Collection - Thank you!	20
21 Gospel <u>Jn 10:11-18</u> Praise & Worship following 10:30 Mass	22 Spanish Club <u>3:15-4:45</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	23 Choir 3:15-4:15	24 Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	25 Paper Gator <u>Color Day</u> Bring in a filled bag of paper to recycle	26 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Yearbook <u>Orders Due</u> Variety Show Entry <u>Forms Due</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	27
28 Gospel Jn 15:1-8	29 Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	30 Choir 3:15-4:15				



# Steepletown Preschool Collection

## Clothes

- BOYS/GIRLS UNDERWEAR- SIZES 3T TO 6
- BOYS/GIRLS PANTS- SIZES 3T TO 7/8
- BOYS/GIRLS WINTER COATS- SIZES 3T TO 7/8
- BOYS/GIRLS SNOW PANTS- SIZES 3T TO 7/8
- BOYS/GIRLS WINTER BOOTS- SIZES 9-12  
(TODDLER SIZES)

## Classroom Materials

- FLOOR PUZZLES
- MAGNETILES
- LEGOS- DUPLOS AND SMALL ONES
- CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- PLAYDOUGH
- OLD CELL PHONES, KEYS, AND CAMERAS



## Outdoor Toys

- SHOVELS AND PAILS
- BALLS- SOCCER, BASKETBALL, ETC.
- BUBBLES- BIG CONTAINERS
- BUBBLE WANDS- DIFFERENT SIZES/STYLES
- SIDEWALK CHALK
- SPRAY BOTTLES
- BUCKETS OF DIFFERENT SIZES



**COLLECTION ENDS FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

## 2024 Holy Spirit School ~ Variety Show

The 2024 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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. These are not open practice sessions. 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.

### Variety Show Committee

Becca Couturier

Lizzie Duffy

Erin Gottleber

Paula Ryan

### Music/Sound Equipment Coordinators

Joe and Kathleen Houdek

**HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL**  
**Variety Show Entry Form – 2024**

**TYPE OF ACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SONG TITLE/ARTIST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** *All participants must be enrolled at Holy Spirit School.  
Depending upon the number of interested participants –  
students may be limited to one performance.*

<u>List of Persons Participating:</u>	<u>Grade/Class</u>	<u>Phone #:</u>	<u>Parent's Signature</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

Length of act (**Not to exceed 2 min.**): \_\_\_\_\_.

Equipment Needed (provided by participant): \_\_\_\_\_.

Equipment Needed (provided by Holy Spirit): \_\_\_\_\_.

Parents are requested to help at the rehearsals or with show set-up – please include a phone number where we might contact you to schedule a time to help (i.e. assisting with 11:45-12:15 rehearsal sessions, making phone calls from home, decorating for show). Thank you!

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Date rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Act approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to the school office by **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

*enjoy every moment.*

**2023-2024**



*Holy Spirit*

# **Yearbook Order Form**

**Don't miss out on this year's school memories!**

**Return the form below to school by Friday, April 26th.**



Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of yearbook(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name and grade the yearbook(s) will go home with



I have enclosed \$11 for each yearbook ordered

Checks may be made payable to School Spirit Photography

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SAVE**

**PENTECOST  
CELEBRATION**

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*AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CHURCH*

LAWN BETWEEN  
SCHOOL &  
RECTORY

**THE**

**DATE**

**PULLED PORK  
DINNER**

\$7/PERSON  
-OR-  
\$20/FAMILY

**BEER TENT, DJ,  
50/50 RAFFLE,  
DESSERT FOOD  
TRUCKS, AND  
MORE!**

**MAY 18**

2024

**6:00-9:00 PM**