



2024-25 Registration – Thank you to everyone who has completed their 24-25 Enrollment and Registration contracts! Please check back to make sure you have completed all of your checklist items for each student. Registrations are due by May 3rd. Please do so ASAP, so we can move them to Enrolled status. Use this link to access your parent portal and checklist:
https://holyspiritschoolgr.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in

Financial Aid – For those of you waiting on financial aid results, those in Round 4 should hear back during the first week of May. Please be sure to check your Blackbaud accounts for messages regarding any outstanding forms. Your application will not move forward until those items have been submitted. Applications are still being accepted and Round 5 will close on May 26. If you or someone you know, is considering applying for aid, please do so! Visit Blackbaud to create a new account at <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school/#!login>. Please contact our Parish Administrator, Kate Muir, at kmuir@hsparish.org with any questions.

First Communion and Confirmation - Congratulations to our second graders who will receive their First Communion on Saturday, May 4th, and to our eighth graders who will be Confirmed on May 7th at St. Andrew's Cathedral. We pray for, support, and encourage them as they grow in their faith and become stewards of Christ in our community.

Titan Toddler Time – Call in your RSVP and mark your calendars for Thursday, May 9th, from 6:00-7:00pm. You and your children (ages 5 and under) are invited to explore learning in a faith-filled, fun environment with Holy Spirit School teachers on the front playground and in the preschool. Let's celebrate God's New Life in Spring with plenty of outdoor activities. Spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you, your friends, and neighbors!

May Crowning - Please join us as we honor Mary, our Mother, with May Crowning during our 8:30am school Mass on Friday, May 10th.

Beach Color Day \$1 – The Student Government is raising money for projects by sponsoring a Beach Color Day for \$1 per student on Tuesday, May 14th. Be sure to follow the uniform guidelines.

Community Day – Friday, May 31st, is our Community Day complete with Mass, Games, and Variety Show. This is a *Walking With The Spirit* T-Shirt Color Day.

Holy Spirit Decals - Show your Holy Spirit pride with a Holy Spirit decal on your car. Contact the school office to get yours today.

Important Dates

Monday, April 29th

~Variety Show Forms Due
~Yearbook Order Forms Due

Wednesday, May 1st

~Gr. 2-8 Sports Physicals

Friday, May 3rd

~4th Qtr. Midterms Online

Saturday, May 4th

~First Communion Mass
10:00 am

Mon., May 6th – Fri., May 10th

~Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 7th

~8th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, May 9th

~Titan Toddler Time 6-7pm

Friday, May 10th

~May Crowning Mass 8:30am

Saturday, May 18th

~Pentecost Celebration 6pm

Monday, May 20th

~ All Library Books Due

Thursday, May 23rd

~8th Grade Exams
~11:45 Dismissal for 8th Graders

Friday, May 24th

~8th Grade Exams
~11:45 Dismissal for 8th Graders
~Newsletter/Calendar

Monday, May 27th

~Memorial Day
~No School - CDC Closed

LINK BOX

[Blackbaud Financial Aid application link](#)

[Aquinas Summer Camps](#)

[John Ball Zoo Summer Camps](#)

[Calvin University Outdoors Inspired Summer Camps](#)

[Calvin University Summer Sports Camps](#)

[West Catholic Summer Camps](#)

[Kent ISD Summer Brain Gain](#)

[Catholic Central Summer Camps](#)

[Benji Summer Dance Camp](#)

Third Quarter BUG Awards

Congratulations to the following 4th-8th grade Holy Spirit students who received the "BUG Award" at the end of the 3rd Quarter for Bringing Up a Grade, while maintaining all other grades.



5th – Maggie A., Luke G., Annabelle H.,
Braxton K.

6th – Marcus A., Keira G., Nolan L.

8th - Alex G., Gabby G., Sophia H., Rachel H.,
Ashton J., Chase J., Helen K., Dom S.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gabe N.	Brooklyn B.	Jude G.
Emma B.	Emma V.	Ethan L.
Nathan S.	Eleanor H.	Abigail Z.
Anton J.	Justin H.	Anastasia S.
Owen A.	Finley D.	Shai D.
Graham G.	Wendolyn R.	Grant A.
Madeleine H.	Mary S.	Kayden K.
Oliver M.	Leigha B.	Emerson W.
Reggie R.	Griffin L.	Addisyn S.
Crosby W.	Owen R.	Rio R.
Ada D.	Theodor W.	Sofia M.
Ava D.	Theodore M.	Ethan Z.
Mrs. Schoof		

In Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers, the **Mullen Family** on the passing of their Aunt, the **Patterson Family** on the death of their Great-Grandmother, and the **Valliere Family** on the loss of their Great-Grandmother. May their souls rest in peace.
Amen.



SCRIP NEWS

The next day for locals orders is Monday, May 6th. Be sure your order is placed by 9am on Monday, to ensure it will be processed.

Local businesses include: Arsulowicz Eye Care, Beckwith Family Dental, Beaches and Braces, 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, Trendz Hair Salon, Uccello's, Walker Carwash, Walker Roadhouse.



Holy Spirit Child Development Center: Community Give Back Project- Please help!

This summer the CDC will be partnering with the Helen Devos Children's Hospital to create special art packets for the children that are staying at the hospital for extended periods of time. **We need your help!** We are in need of **crayons (packages of 24 or less)**, and **sheets of stickers**. The children will help put together these special packets this summer. We know that giving back to others teaches many valuable life skills including teamwork, communication, and a sense of responsibility. It also allows children to develop empathy, gratitude, compassion, increased self-esteem, and a giving spirit. We are hoping that this community give-back experience will help our children here at the Holy Spirit CDC to grow in this way. Thank you in advance for your contributions to make this project a reality for our CDC Summer Care children!

Please drop any donation supplies to the main school office, or directly to the CDC. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Melanie Francis: mfrancis@hsparish.org

Holy Spirit Child Development Center - Employment Opportunity

Attention college students! Come join the fun---the Holy Spirit Child Development Center is hiring for the fall school year! This is a great opportunity to gain experience hours working with children for many different degrees! We are looking for caregivers (18 years of age and older) to work this fall during the school year (2024-2025) on a regular basis from 3:00pm to 5:00/6:00pm Monday through Friday. There may be opportunities for additional hours depending on availability, and even potential opportunities to train this summer as well! Our goal is to have these positions filled as soon as possible, so we are ready for the new school year! Training can begin during the summer at your convenience. The position would begin on Monday, August 19, 2024. New hires must have a love for working with children, be willing to do some simple licensing required online training, and have a background check completed. For further information, please contact the Holy Spirit Child Development Center director, Melanie Francis: mfrancis@hsparish.org

HS HAPPENINGS and SAVE THE DATES

2024 Variety Show

Students: It's that time again! It's never too early to start thinking about how you would like to show off your talents. This year's Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 31st. Please pick one talent to showcase. **The entry form can be found in this newsletter and online and must be returned, with parent signatures, no later than Monday, April 29th.**



2024 Community Day

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National Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10

We would like to wish a heartfelt **Thank You** to our staff. We are blessed and grateful for our highly qualified, dedicated teachers here at Holy Spirit and all those who help to provide a faith-filled, academically challenging, and enriching education for your children.

Library News

The week of Monday, May 13th will be the LAST week to check out books from the library. All books checked out will need to be returned by **May 20th**.

Frank Diehl Memorial Blood Drive

The next blood drive is Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 7:30am-1:15pm in the Activity Center. You may register at <https://www.versiti.org/michigan>.

Student Government News

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Lenten Projects by donating food for the parish food drive and clothing and toys for the Steepletown Preschool students. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

2024 Yearbook Sale

Last chance to order your 2024 yearbook! Cost is \$11 per book. Please complete the Order Form sent home with your child, or find one attached to this newsletter, and return **no later than Monday, April 29th**.

Lost and Found

Just a reminder to have your students check the Lost and Found bins. Before we know it, the school year will be over and all items not claimed by **June 6th** will be donated.

Used Uniform Sale

We will be offering the Used Uniform Sale starting **Wednesday, May 29th - Friday, May 31st**, in the library hallway. Please pin an envelope to each item with your asking price, size, last name, and classroom. If you would like to donate your proceeds or leftover items, please indicate "donate" on the envelope. You may start sending your items in to the office on Wednesday, May 29th. If you have any extra size 10 pants, or middle school girls' skirts that you would like to donate to the school office, they would be greatly appreciated.

Summer Activities

Be sure to check out the link box included in this newsletter for area **summer camps/classes** being held, including those from West Catholic and local colleges.

Scrip

The last two days for locals orders are May 6th and May 27th. The last week to order **any** scrip before summer break will be May 27th. Be sure your order is placed by 9am on Monday, May 27th to ensure it will be processed. Over the summer, you are still able to order e-gift cards and reload any existing cards. There are **some** physical gift cards that may also be ordered using the **ship to home** option. This does come with a shipping fee though so pay close attention before ordering.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Communion: We have practice on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00pm for both the child and a parent. Please get your parent homework turned in as soon as possible. You should have received your seating chart location. Let us know if you have not.

Confirmation: Confirmation is Wednesday, May 7th at the Cathedral downtown. Please read the emails and Confirmation handbook for dress code. Candidates and sponsors must be seated by 6:30pm. Ministers need to arrive at 6:00pm.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed: We need at least 10 adults to lead the children through the various stations. This program is scheduled to run June 10-13 from 6:30-8:30pm. If you are willing to help us with this program, please contact us at 616-453-1591 or dschoof@hsparish.org.

Attention All Volunteers: Planning to chaperone a field trip this spring? Planning to coach fall sports? Have you been "Virtusized"? All volunteers must complete the diocesan requirements for volunteering with minors. Go to www.virtusonline.org to register for an online class (takes about an hour to complete) and all the required documents and background check authorizations. Be sure to use your legal name that appears on your driver's license when filling out the forms. Don't wait until the week of the event to do this; it may not be able to get processed in time. Contact Diane if you have any questions: dschoof@hsparish.org.

Birthday Book Club

Thank you to **Eva G.** and **Ellenor S.** for donating a **new** book to our library in honor of their birthdays. Their donation is greatly appreciated, and in return for their generosity, they will each receive a color day pass.

Awesome Authors Club!

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

KDG: Ayla D., Sutton D., Miles B., Max V., Kennedy P., Ruby C., Ella W., Lucy H.

1H: Sutton B., Lucy K., Hailey Y., Alivia M.

1S: Hazel B., Addy W., Lucy S., Jack R., Shai D., Finley D., Vin A., Finley M., Oscar P., Owen R., Isabelle Z., Jackson P.

2J: Theo B., Tucker J., Ian H., Ryan L., Titus S., Jade N., Abigail P., Amelia B., Ocea H., Sophia P., Eden G.

2M: Oliver M., Emmett T., Monica L., Nola A., Declan M., Warren D., Kane B., Josiah J., Danica G., Ellie F., Luke F.

3K: Ellory R., Clara B.



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Titan Sports Update
4-26-24

Titan Sports Are Advancing At All Levels

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR – If your child/children will be entering grades 3rd thru 8th for the upcoming school year and plan to participate in sports, they must have a sports physical on file by August 1st, 2024, in order to practice.

GRACEAC will be opening up the registration site in May to register. You will need to register for the year. There will no longer be a sports fee paid at registration for 3rd and 4th. All fees are now the responsibility of the school. More to come on the upcoming sports fee per child. Following are the scheduled sports offerings through GRACEAC:

Grades 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Boys		Girls
Fall	5/6 Tackle football	Volleyball
	7/8 Tackle football	Cross Country
	Soccer	Cheer
Winter	Basketball	Basketball
Spring	Baseball	Softball
	Lacrosse	Lacrosse
	Track	Track
		Soccer
	(6,7,8) Tennis	(6,7,8) Tennis

Grades 3rd and 4th

Boys			Girls
Fall	Flag Football		Cross Country
	Cross Country		
	Soccer		
Winter	Basketball		Basketball
Spring	Track		Track
	Lacrosse		Soccer
			Lacrosse

Sports Fees for 2024-25 - For several years, the sports fee has been \$85 per child, per year. For the 2023-24 school year, just to cover our league/team fees and expenses (no new uniforms or equipment), we would have had to charge each child \$188. Even with our Athletic Boosters offsetting a significant portion of the difference, this fee structure is no longer sustainable. **Our School Board of Directors has approved a fee increase to \$125 per child, per year.** This is still a significant discount from the true cost of athletic participation as we want to make it as affordable as possible for students to participate.

Sports Physicals are scheduled. May 1st, we will offer sports physicals. **Please click [HERE](#) for forms that MUST be filled out on 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 30th.

Holy Spirit Golf Outing - We are looking for donations for the Golf outing. Please turn in items to Mrs. Sweedyk.

Items needed:

- Cases of water
- Bagged snacks of any kind
- \$20.00 or \$25.00 gift cards to anywhere

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: April 2024

Kindergarten- We have been learning a song and vocabulary related to Spring (la primavera). We are getting better with identifying colors and more vocabulary in Spanish. 😊

First- In First grade, we've been learning phrases to use when we like a food (me gusta), don't like a food (no me gusta), what to say when a food is disgusting (Que asco!) and when we love a food (me encanta). You should see some papers coming home in the next week or two as to what we've been learning/doing as well.

Second- We are now just starting to learn the 2nd episode of Chispa which is, "Chispa quiere pintar" Chispa wants to paint. We will be reviewing colors and learning new vocabulary through this episode.

Third- Third graders are learning the numbers up to 1,000. I've been focusing mainly up to 100, yet in our song, numbers go by hundreds up to un mil. We've been doing different activities and games to practice these. As of late, we've been playing Bingo with these numbers and we review them when we guess the current temperature in Spanish!

Fourth- We've been acting out scenarios of doctor/patient using vocabulary in our "Me duele" unit. Can your child tell you some phrases as to what body part hurts him/her? We've been learning a song in Rockalingua that helps us to remember these phrases.

Fifth- We are in Unit 2.5 learning the core vocabulary of puede, no puede, va and hay. Does your child know what these phrases mean? We created a class story, acted it out and recently heard the story of Ellie and her stick horse in Spanish.

Sixth- Sixth graders recently took a quiz over Unit 4. Grades can be seen for 4th quarter in Infinite Campus. We are just starting Unit 5 with the new vocabulary of: su hermano va a (his/her brother goes to), tiene una novia (he/she has a girlfriend), esta enojado (is angry). Please contact me if you would like to know about how your child can practice current vocabulary at home.

Seventh/Eighth- Students recently took a quiz over Unit 5. Eighth graders will be reviewing topics over the next few weeks that I haven't covered with them this or last year. Seventh grade will start Unit 6 soon.

4th hour Spanish 8 students – We are halfway through Unit 8 and learning about latin-inspired foods. Students will continue to learn vocabulary through context and learn about some new foods they maybe haven't heard of before. We may have a taste test of some foods/drinks. Please contact me if you would be interested in helping and/or making something for this. 😊

Sra. Loreal Long, K-8 Spanish at HS

FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Lucy K., in 1st Grade, our Featured Author of the Month!! She has won a lunch of her choice and her story is featured below.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

This book is dedicated to my Dad

During Holy Week on March 30, 2024, my Dad became Catholic. He had to take classes and talk about the different parts of the Mass. He had to learn about sacraments, saints, and Lent. He had to make his first reconciliation.

I interviewed my Dad.

Lucy: Dad, why did you want to become Catholic now?

Dad: Because I wanted to be able to practice my Faith the same way as my family. It was hard to be a leader in our family without practicing the same way.

Lucy: Do you feel different now?

Dad: Yes, I feel closer to God, closer to my family, and like I am part of the community now.

Lucy: Charlotte, how do you feel about Dad becoming Catholic?

Charlotte: I am excited because every weekend he gets to receive the body and blood of Christ.

Lucy: Mom, how do you feel about Dad becoming Catholic?

Mom: I am ecstatic! I love that it was a personal journey and decision he came to himself. I love the friendships he formed with the other RCIA men.

Mom: Lucy, how do you feel about Dad becoming Catholic?

Lucy: Excited because next year when I get to make my First Communion, he will be able to receive the body and blood of Christ too.

We all prayed very hard for Dad as he went through the RCIA program. It was a great celebration. Everyone that came was: Mom, Dad, Charlotte, Me, Nana, Pops, Granny, Aunt Joli, Mimi, Uncle Joe, and Aunt Leighann.

Dad got some cool gifts, too. He got a necklace, books, a devotional, a plaque, a hand drawn picture, and a gift card for a tattoo to mark his special day on his body forever.

We are all so proud of Dad!

About the Author

Lucy is 6-1/2 years old. She has one older sister and one fish named Agua. Lucy enjoys doing gymnastics, her favorite part is the ball pit. Lucy's favorite card game is Exploding Kittens. At school, Lucy likes math the best. When she grows up, she wants to be a dentist.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA
March 26, 2024

- [ATTENDANCE SHEET](#)
- **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER:** Meeting opened at 7:05 pm Emily Bouma

- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:** Individually
 - 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
 - Paula Ryan
 - Kelly Clancy
 - Peyton Jones
 - Kristen Mersino
 - Elizabeth Leibler
 - Tanya Kooistra

- **ROLE CALL:** Individual Parents: Parent Name(s), Student Name(s) and Grade(s)
- **READING OF GOALS** (see goals at the bottom of agenda): Melissa Radlinski
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Pat Kalahar
 - March is Reading Month
 - Guess Who Bulletin Board- teacher pictures with only eyes and favorite books showing
 - Classroom Reado
 - Classroom Read-Ins
 - Mystery readers and guest author
 - Bookmark contest
 - Whitecaps Baseball Game Reading log- free tickets

 - March 1, 2024- Staff Professional Development
 - Math Curriculum by grade level
 - Catechist of the Good Shepherd presentation- Thank you Kelly Clancy for your passion and your knowledge

- March 13, 2024- Titan Toddler Time- St. Patrick's Theme- over 30 toddlers and growing- Thank you to everyone that comes and everyone that helps make this possible
- March 21- Fetal ultrasound- Life on Display presentation- 3 pregnant moms- 11 weeks, 16 weeks, 29 weeks - students were very respectful
- March 23, 2024- Holy Spirit School Madagascar Musical- everyone did an amazing job. What talent we have with our school. Thank you Mr. Inbody, and all the adults that helped make this dream come true for so many of our 4th-8th graders
- Lenten Season
 - Stations of the Cross- 7th and 8th graders did an amazing job. Thank you to all of the musical accompaniment this year as well
 - Reconciliation for 2nd- 8th graders
 - After the students received reconciliation they were able to put their name on a grape that hangs from a vine in the entryway of the school
 - Holy Thursday- all graders spent time in Adoration between 1-3pm
 - Easter Interviews- Mackenzie Brady and Michael Morrison interviewed students, asking them what easter meant to them and what traditions they have for Easter
 - Collected food and items for Steepletown- 8th graders will deliver
 - 3 dads and 1 grandpa are entering the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil- Jeremy Berndt, Don Campbell, Lucas Kooistra, and Jesse Leibler
 - 1 dad will enter the Catholic Church the beginning of April- Ed Braman
- Seminarian Logan - has been such a blessing. He can be found all over. Welcoming students in the morning, at recess, in the classrooms, serving throughout the church. He is a wonderful addition
- 8th graders- have been busy with their Userve projects and their confirmation retreat
- PE Uniform update- Board of directors could not reach a consensus after elaborate discussion. Final time it will appear on the agenda is at the April Board of Directors Meeting
- **TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil Alt**
 - Under budget on several categories, but some expenses come in towards the end of the school year
 - Over Budget on Catholic Schools Week and Teacher Christmas Gifts, which are GREAT areas to be over. This means that we are appreciating the teachers that work so hard for our students
 - \$290.00 will be coming back into the Teacher Christmas Gifts line item- due to canceled teacher Christmas event

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Thank you to each of the committee chair people for the time they have volunteered throughout the 2023-2024 school year. Without you the PTA and the Holy Spirit School community would not be the same. Each chairperson received thank you card to share with their committees
- Holy Spirit Apparel - Chair: Melissa Radlinski
 - Order Closed on **Monday, March 18th** (Last one of the school year)
 - School and Parish orders
 - Offered Toddler, Youth, and Adult sizes
 - Attached sizing chart for every item on the Radco website
 - Kids clothing brands: Rabbit Skin and Bella
 - Looking for a new kid clothing vendor
 - Trying to get a summer order open- in time for back to school
 - Suggestions:
 - Some schools have spirit stores- what is the possibility of this for HS?
 - Could Radco use the standardization in brand- comfortability with brand sizing
 - Could we have sample sizes?
 - Could there be a sample size try on at the back to school night? - then have ability to purchase items that night
 - Radco met with a one off order person- which would allow the store to always be open, but with a few select items- primarily uniform
 - Melissa will check with Radco to see if this is something that can get up and running for the 2024-2025 school year
 - Some are asking to have repeat designs from order to order, in case they missed it in a previous order
 - Pre-order items- available for purchase at the Back to School night, sporting events, etc.
 - PTA would likely need to purchase the bulk order up front and recoup the funds as the items sell
- Birthday Board - Chair: Stephanie Kozlowski
 - Currently under budget
 - Will be submitting final receipts
- Community Connection / Alumni Committee: Sarah and Dan Grey
 - Curious if this is a committee that belongs in under the PTA umbrella
 - West Catholic created a Business Directory- which is ultimately what HS is trying to create by collecting alumni data
 - Offer perks for alumni providing their information
 - Free advertising in the bulletin
 - Create opportunities to get back into the building and see how it has changed
 - Trying to collect alumni information in as many ways as possible
 - Bulletin ads
 - Auction Ticket- could there be a spot to check alumni and provide information
 - Yearbooks (8th grade class) from several years past
 - Parent Participation Volunteer Form- Community Connection/ Alumni Committee
 - Looking for someone(s) who are interested in data entry
 - Building upon the started database of captured information using above mentioned resources

- Hospitality / Staff Conference Meals - Chair: Mercedes Barnum
 - Thank you Dewickis for an awesome 10 years! We are so sad to see you go, but feel blessed to have been recipients of your gifts for this many years.
 - Thank you Mercedes Barnum for being willing to step up to this challenge for next school year
 - Spring Conference dinner- Mardi Gras themed
 - Ended up under budget- want to host one final event
 - Teacher BBQ- will be hosted by Dewickis
 - Date TBD- likely during the June PD dates
 - Use up their final hospitality funds

- Paper Gator - Chair: Kelly Toland- Looking for a new Chair
 - Thursday, March 28- Paper Gator Color Day
 - Thursday, April 25- next Paper Gator Color Day
 - Paper Gator has generated \$400.00/ year

- Parent Ambassador - Chair: Kelly Clancy
 - Nothing new to report

- Publishing Center - Chair: April Alt
 - Last few months have trended slower
 - Provided teachers with writing prompts to encourage more writing
 - April 30, 2024- last day of publishing center
 - May 7, 2024- Ice cream party for all participants after lunch

- Room Parent Coordinator - Chair: Amanda Sekelsky
 - No chair present/ no report

- School Family Outreach- Chair: Annie Williams - Looking for a new Chair
 - Thank you Melissa Jaszczyszyn for stepping up as the 2024-2025 Chairperson

- Social Committee- Chair: Ashley Braman
 - Thank you to the Social Committee for a fun Winterfest event
 - Great turn out
 - No snow, but still a lot of fun!
 - Food Trucks: Pizza and Mexican
 - Goal: bring fun and build a strong community
 - Spring Event: Whitecaps Gathering
 - June 2, 2024- early afternoon game
 - \$2.00/ticket kickback
 - See flier coming soon

- Summer Event
 - Thinking in September
 - Contact with Dunneback

- Other community building ideas?! - send them to pta@hsparish.org

- Teacher Appreciation Week-**May 6-10, 2024**- Chair: Emily Bouma
 - Too many teachers present to discuss details
 - Emily will be reaching out to volunteers (from the 2023-2024 parent participation form) after spring break

- Titan Give Backs - Chair: Katie Johnson (Ashley reported)
 - March 21, 2024- Chick-Fil-A raised ~\$458.49
 - Any more this year? (newsletter says, hoping to get 1 more)
 - Ideas include:
 - Uccellos- super easy
 - Mr. Burger- they have reached out to them to ask about a give back
 - Morning Belle- East Beltline

- Variety Show- **May 31, 2024**- Chair: Erin Gottleber- Looking for a new Chair
 - No chair present/ no report

- Walking With The Spirit-**September 13, 2024**- Kelly Clancy- Looking for a new Chair
 - 171 more days
 - Not a t-shirt year
 - Always looking for new sponsors- (\$1000/ 500/ 100/ 50 sponsorship)- sending in April and May
 - Alumni
 - Grandparents
 - Know anyone- email pta@hsparish.org
 - Thank you Kelly Clancy for your 11 years of service. You had committed to 3, but we are blessed that you have continued to be the lead for this awesome walk!

- Community Prize
 - Historically, Shine Project and 3 mile Project
 - YMCA Night
 - How have the accommodations been?
 - How has the communication been?
 - Do we still love it or interested in something else?
 - Kroc Center
 - Grand Valley
 - Holland Aquatic Center
 - Different YMCA (Mary Free Bed, Rockford) w/ slides
 - Other ideas- email pta@hsparish.org

Topics of Discussion:

- Classroom and School Library- not expected until 2024-2025 school year
 - Is there a way the PTA and the parents could help pay for books for classroom libraries and the school library?
 - Would the school librarians be able to help monitor/update/add to a master Amazon wish list?
 - Teachers create Amazon wish lists and share
 - One combined Amazon wish list and share

- Supply lists
 - How often are these revamped?
 - It feels like students bring a lot of unused supplies home at the end of the year.
 - There are many unused products in classrooms and closets (wipes, kleenex, hand sanitizer)- should there be an inventory taken before adding them to the supply list?
 - Could we do a school supply list (wipes, paper towel, etc.) and then distribute the supplies to the teachers
 - Classroom supply lists could be specific to their class (notebooks, binders, etc)
 - Could there be a minimal August supply list and then another supply list in December or January to fulfill needs?

- Mental Health Grant \$ ideas
 - We are still taking ideas and looking for the best way to use these funds.
 - Look into: <https://innerexplorer.org/>
 - Ask Emily Anderson

- Number of PTA Meetings
 - Do we feel four meetings a year is enough?
 - Long break between them
 - Long break at the end of the year, maybe add a 5th one in May/June or move the March one to later in the year

- Would meeting more often help?
 - Request to post the agenda beforehand
 - Parents can see items of interest in deciding to come to the PTA meeting

- [Parent Participation Volunteer Form](#)
 - Work has been done to create a digitized and more detailed parent participation volunteer form
 - This will help in understanding the expectation of each committee and the time commitment expected
 - This will also allow for an easier way of sharing volunteers/contacts with chairpeople

Important Dates:

- 3rd Qtr Report Cards Online: March 28th
- No School: Good Friday March 29th
- No School: Easter Monday April 1st
- No School: Spring Break April 2nd - April 5th
- MAPS Testing: April 15th - May 3rd
- 2nd Grade First Holy Communion: May 4th 10:00 Mass
- 8th Grade Confirmation: Tuesday, May 7th
- Mass and May Crowning: May 10th- 8:30 Mass
- 8th Grade Exams: May 23rd - May 29th
- No School: Memorial Day May 27th
- Last Day M/W/F Preschool: May 29th
- Last Day T/Th Preschool: May 30th
- Community Day / Variety Show: May 31st.
- 8th Grade Graduation: June 3rd
- 6th & 7th Grade Exams: June 3rd - June 5th
- Last Day for Young 5's: June 5th
- Last Day of School: June 6th / No CDC
- Summer Care Begins: June 10th
- 4th Qtr Report Cards Online: June 11th

● DISMISSAL

- Color day pass drawing and distribution: Annie Williams
- Meeting concluded at **8:20 pm**



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

This year's meetings:

~~September 26, 2023 - 7pm~~

~~October 24, 2023 - 7pm~~

~~January 23, 2024 - 7pm~~

~~March 26, 2024 - 7pm~~

FROM THE PTA CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II: GOALS

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.
- C) To offer through a well-planned program information of particular interest to parents in an effort to raise the standards of home life.





Holy Spirit School Calendar, May, 2024

[NWEA MAP Testing 4/15-5/10](#)

[Lunch Supervision, Grade 1 /](#) For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

			1 Gr. 2-4 Sports <u>Physicals</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	2 First Communion Practice 6:00	3 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Gr. 8 <u>Field Trip</u> 4 th Quarter Midterms Online	4 First Communion 10:00
5 Gospel Jn 15:9-17	6 Teacher Appreciation <u>Week</u> Spanish Club <u>3:15-4:30</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	7 Choir <u>3:15-4:15</u> Gr. 8 Confirmation 7:00 St. Andrew's Cathedral	8 Gr. 6-7 <u>Field Trip</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	9 Titan Toddler Time 6:00-7:00	10 May Crowning Mass 8:30	11
12 <u>Mother's Day</u> Ascension Gospel Mk 16:15-20	13 Girls on the Run 3:15-4:45	14 Student Govt Beach Day <u>\$1</u> Choir 3:15-4:15	15 Girls on the Run <u>3:15-4:45</u> Board Meeting 6:30	16 Gr. 4 State Fair	17 Mass 8:30	18 Student Choir <u>5:00 Mass</u> Pentecost <u>Celebration</u> GOTR Run
19 Pentecost Gospel Jn 20:19-23 Band Concert 2:30 @ WC	20 Gr. 3 <u>Field Trip</u> Last day to return library books	21 Gr. 5 Living Wax <u>Presentations</u> Choir 3:15-4:15	22	23 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> 3Preschool Picnic 11:00-1:00	24 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> Gr. 4-5 <u>Field Trip</u> 4Preschool Picnic <u>11:00-1:00</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	25
26 Feast of the Trinity Gospel Mt 28:16-20	27 <u>Memorial Day</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	28 Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> Used uniform sale 5/29- 5/31	29 Gr. 6-7 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 8 Exams 11:45 <u>Dismissal</u> Last day for 4Preschool	30 Gr. 2 <u>Field Trip</u> Gr. 8 <u>Class Trip</u> Last day for 3Preschool	31 WWTs Shirt <u>Color Day</u> All K attend in AM <u>Mass 8:30</u> Field Day and Variety Show	

2024 Holy Spirit School ~ Variety Show

The 2024 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 31st.

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 **Monday, 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 6th** 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): _____.

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number _____ Day _____ Evening _____

Date rec'd: _____ Rec'd by: _____ Act approved: _____

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

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 _____

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AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CHURCH

RSVP



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DJ

50/50 RAFFLE

KIDS ACTIVITIES

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DINNER**

\$7/PERSON
-OR-
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LAWN BETWEEN
SCHOOL &
RECTORY

BEER & WINE

**DESSERT
TRUCKS**

Volunteer/
Donate



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MAY 18

2024

6:00-9:00 PM

Holy Spirit at the Whitecaps

SAVE THE DATE

June 2nd
2024
2:00 PM

LMCU Ballpark

*More event details and ticket
purchase information to come!*



JOIN THE 2024 WEST CATHOLIC COLOR GUARD



When?

- Come to open spin and see hand on what color guard is all About. May 1, 8, 15th 6-8pm.

Where?

- Meet at the west catholic Band room

Who can do color guard?

- Color guard is open to anyone! Dancers, gymnasts, and actors this would be great for you! Experience is not necessary

What should I wear?

- Please wear comfortable clothing that you can easily move around in, we also recommend brining a water bottle.

Have questions?

- Feel free to contact color guard director Liz Vanden Berg at liz.fortesewinganddesign@gmail.com

JOIN THE 2024 CATHOLIC CENTRAL COLOR GUARD



When?

- Come to open spin and see hand on what color guard is all About. May 6th, 7th, & 13th. 6-8pm.

Where?

- Meet in the Catholic Central Band room

Who can do color guard?

- Color guard is open to anyone! Dancers, gymnasts, and actors this would be great for you! Experience is not necessary

What should I wear?

- Please wear comfortable clothing that you can easily move around in, we also recommend brining a water bottle.

Have questions?

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Questions?
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