



WALKING WITH THE SPIRIT 2024

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors, pledge donors, students, parents, staff, and volunteers for making our 17th Walking With The Spirit event another record year! We raised over \$46,000!!! We truly are STRONGER TOGETHER! Participants had a wonderful time during the event completing the obstacle-filled walking course and enjoying the slip and slide!

Blessing of the Pets

On October 4th, Father Mark will do a Blessing of Pets at 9:15am following the 8:30am Mass. Students may bring a picture of a pet, or parents may bring a pet to the light pole in the back parking lot. After the blessing, pets may proceed down the sidewalk with their owners and then back home.

October 4 Tailgating Event

Come join the Holy Spirit PTA for a fun tailgating experience on Oct. 4 at 5pm in the West Catholic Falcon Stadium VIP Lot. We are in spot #PS 7 near the baseball field. We hope to see your family there!

Titan Toddler Time

Parents and children ages five and under are welcome to join us for Titan Toddler Time on Thursday, October 17th from 10:15-10:45 in the kindergarten classroom. You are welcome to join in for some great Fall Fun. Please RSVP by calling the school office at 453-2772 or emailing Paula Ryan at pryan@hsparish.org.

Trunk or Treat

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 27th from 4:00-5:00 in the back parking lot. Dress up the kids, decorate your car, bring lots of treats to share, and join in on the trick or treating.

Beauty and the Beast, Jr.

Mr. David Inbody will direct our musical again this year! We will be doing Beauty and the Beast, Jr. and performing on Saturday, March 22nd. Information on auditions for Grades 4-8 will be coming soon.

Holy Spirit Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who participated through the rain and sunshine at the Boosters Golf Outing! We are grateful to our generous sponsors and look forward to next year's event. View some great photos [HERE!](#)

Important Dates:

Fri., September 27th

~Mass 8:30am
~1st Qtr. Midterms Online

Sat., September 28th

~Ed. Foundation Auction

Fri., October 4th

~Mass 8:30am
~Blessing of Pets 9:15am

Mon., October 7th

~4's PreSchool Field Trip

Tues., October 8th

~Kdg./Y5's Field Trip

Fri., October 11th

~Mass 8:30am

Thurs., October 17th

~Mass 8:30am
~Titan Toddler Time 10:15-10:45am

Fri., October 18th

~No School – Prof. Dev. Day
CDC - Open

Tues., October 22nd

~PTA Meeting 7:00pm

Fri., October 25th

~Mass 8:30 am
~1st Qtr Ends
~Newsletter/Calendar

Sun., October 27th

~Trunk or Treat 4-5pm

Thurs., October 31st

~Halloween Hallway Parade
2:30pm

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

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

Aldana-Gama, A., D.	Bekins, B	Bolt, C.	Boorsma, F.	Bouwhuis, B.
Callahan, C.	Cole	Crego, I.	DeBruyn, L.,E.	Deuel
Feuerstein	Folberth, A.	Garvey	Gould	Griffioen, A.
Hoeft	Hrbek	Johnson	Knapp, N.,S.	Larson
McDonough	Mikail, O.	Morrison	Norder, M.	Novakoski
Paparella, T.	Piotrowski-Tilman	Post, F.	Radlinski, I.	Ross, D.
Russo, J.	Ruster	Scalici	Schneider, M.	Sedlecky, L.
Seif, Q.	Simon, N.	Smoes	VandenToorn, R.	Venhuizen, L.
Withers, P.	Wojczynski, Q.	Zaagsma		

In Sympathy



*Please remember in prayer, the **Lightcap Family** on the loss of their Cousin, the **Stroh Family** on the passing of their Great-Grandfather, and **Mrs. Kalahar** on the death of her Uncle. May the memories of their loved ones live on in their hearts and bring them peace.*



September Birthdays

Morgan B.	Jack R.	Isaac R.
Jade N.	Rowan C.	Bennett H.
Jane R.	Stella K.	Felicity P.
Lucia L.	Teague D.	Tatum D.
Preston V.	Ella W.	Luke G.
Marcus A.	Brady F.	Jacob B.
Hunter N.	Meredith P.	Bennett D.
Gemma F.	Charlotte J.	Jase W.
Jack L.	Hanna B.	Josephine B.
Leo B.	Owen H.	Jameson R.
Eden G.	Olivia G.	Alex B.
Caleb C.	Mrs. Hoeft	Mrs. Liebler
Mr. Warner		

October Birthdays

Russell A.	Alys K.	Annabelle H.
Estelle F.	Adalynn W.	Ayla D.
Sophia W.	Charlotte S.	Samuel P.
Ryker B.	Landon P.	Riley V.
Callum F.	Aiden G.	Elliott M.
Riley A.	Dominic B.	Halle S.
Avery N.	Brenna L.	Jack R.
Charlotte P.	Clara B.	Miles M.
Ruby C.	Larkin S.	Noah B.
Lily P.	Elin M.	Ella W.
Fr. Mark	Miss Wright	Mr. Wood

Get 'er Done Parents!

All adults wishing to volunteer for school lunch/recess program, classrooms, chaperones, field trips, Girls on the Run, coaching, musical, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Robotics, and other programs involving children, need to be in compliance with the diocesan youth protection requirements before they volunteer. www.virtus.org.

1. Electronically read and sign the Background Check Authorization and Standards of Ministerial Behaviors.
2. Submit your information for the Selection background check and Michigan background check electronically. This will require your social security number and driver's license number.
3. Volunteers sign up for the online 4.0 online class for volunteers which takes about an hour to complete. Employees need to take the virtual in-person class. For the employee class, attendance will be taken throughout the session via a screen shot so be sure you are visible. You will receive a link to the Zoom class. Be sure to check for it the day before the class so you have time to contact the diocese if needed.
4. If you have taken the class for a different parish or school, let me know so I can have Holy Spirit added to your account or get it transferred from another diocese. Be sure your email is up to date on your account.
5. This class only needs to be taken once, and background checks will be renewed every 5 years so electronic authorizations are important. I cannot guarantee everything will be completed in time if you wait until the week of the event to submit it. LET'S GET 'ER DONE so you are ready and able when you want to join your child's activity! How to register instructions can be found at this [LINK](#).

Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation

There will be a meeting for parents with children in the First Reconciliation program. This includes those children that are in the second grade and any older children who will be catechized for their sacraments this year. The meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:45 in the Church Multipurpose Room. Parents that have attended a meeting since Fr. Mark came to Holy Spirit do not need to attend. All parents are expected to do the "parent homework" unless we have your completed homework on file in the Religious Ed office. Homework will be handed out at the Parent Meeting to those who need to complete it. Send any questions to dschoof@hsparish.org or (616)453-1591.

HS Happenings

Before/After School Supervision

Please note that your children are well supervised at Holy Spirit from 8:00am-3:20pm and that coaches supervise your children during practices. Please do not drop off your children before 8:00am as supervision is not available. If there is a lapse between school hours and other events happening here at school, please make supervision arrangements for the safety of your children.

Box Tops for Education

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

Daytime Appointments

If your child must leave school during the day, please call or email the secretaries **and** teachers in advance. This will assist us in having your child ready for you when you arrive.

Halloween Costume Guidelines

Preschool, Young Fives, and Kindergarten students are welcome to wear their costumes to school on Thursday, 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.

Holy Spirit Publishing Center

The publishing center opened on September 24th! We have had some very creative stories already! Please encourage your children to write stories, comics and/or poems and turn them into their teachers. Their teacher will then sign them up for a time slot to be interviewed by our publishing center volunteers on Tuesdays. The book will then be typed up, bound, and returned to the student. All authors are entered into a monthly drawing for a chance to win a special treat from a local restaurant and be the Featured Author of the month.

Infinite Campus

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

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

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



Pesticide Treatments

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

Scrip

Unfortunately, the Diocese of Grand Rapids has made some changes in the way the program is run. We will no longer be able to have gift cards shipped to the school, parish, or scrip coordinator. Please do not click "Ship to Coordinator" unless it is for a Dr.'s office listed below. **All physical gift cards must be shipped to home.** Thank you for your understanding.

Orders for these businesses will process on the **1st Monday of each month.**

THESE ARE THE ONLY BUSINESSES THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE SHIP TO COORDINATOR FOR:

Amway Grand Plaza (5%)

Nawara Brothers (2%)

Beaches and Braces (7%)

Grand City Dentistry (7%)

Dr. Bryton Mansfield (10%)

Dr. Jennifer Simon- Arsulowicz Eye Care (6%)

Dr. Joel Carroll (6%)

Dr. Laura Fogle (5%)

Enjoy Orthodontics (5%)

Standale Dental (5%)

Upcoming News:

Fall Sports are up and running

Please remember to turn in your sports fee of \$125 per student, to the school office. If you want this fee to be added to your tuition, please email Terri Kelly at tkelly@hsparish.org to set this up. If paying by check, please make check out to Holy Spirit Athletics and turn into the school office.

GRACEAC has opened registration for Winter 1 Sports

- Boys' Basketball Grades 3rd thru 8th
- Competitive Cheer Grades 3rd thru 8th

Registration will **CLOSE on September 30th.** They will not take late registrations. Please make sure your child has a sports physical turned in before the first practice. First practice for boys' basketball will be the week of October 21st. First games will start the week of November 4th. First practice for competitive cheer will start the week of October 21st.

Please register at
graceac.com

Girls' Basketball Registration will be open in November.

First practice for Girls will be the week of January 6th, with first games the week of January 20th.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA
September 24, 2024

- [ATTENDANCE SHEET](#)

- **CALL TO ORDER / PRAYER:** Emily Bouma @7:01pm

- **BOARD IDENTIFICATION:** Individually
 - Emily Bouma - PRESIDENT | ebouma1205@gmail.com
 - Kelsey- 9th WC, Alex- 6th, Hanna- 4th
 - Melissa Radlinski- VICE- PRESIDENT | melissaradlinski@gmail.com
 - Jaxson- 7th, Mya- 5th, Ellory- 4th, Isaac-Y5
 - Philip Alt - TREASURER | Philip.alt@altcc.biz
 - Marcus- 7th, Owen- 6th, Nola- 3rd
 - Tanya Kooistra - SECRETARY | tkooistra@gmail.com
 - Charlotte-4th, Lucy- 2nd

- **STAFF RECOGNITION:** Melissa Radlinski
 - Mrs. Duffy
 - Mrs. Liebler
 - Mrs. Kufera
 - Mrs. Kooistra
 - Mrs. Ryan
 - Mr. Kalahar

- **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
 - Ed Foundation Auction- **September 28, 2024**
 - Everyone in this room and in our school and parish benefit- it is not just students and families that receive scholarship
 - Ed foundation supplements our budget and allows us to keep tuition rates consistent
 - Thank you to those who have purchased tickets

- If unable to attend, there are other ways to give- Giving Stations, Fund the Need, and Fr. Mark vs. Mr. Kalahar on the mechanical bull
 -
- New teachers: all have been wonderful additions to our school and community
 - Katie Martinez (1st grade): came in at the 11th hour. Katie comes with a vast knowledge which she has been very willing to share. Katie has been a great fit at Holy Spirit.
 - Meg Hoeft (5th grade): did not know anyone in Grand Rapids or at Holy Spirit, comes in as a veteran teacher with a wealth of knowledge. Meg has embraced HS and the students are enjoying her and making her welcome in the Grand Rapids area.
 - Ella Wright (5th grade): this is her first time having her own classroom. She has been working extremely hard, as a first time classroom teacher, working many late hours and trying to stay a day ahead of her students. The students are enjoying her classes.
 - Mrs. Dykstra (Music): Mr. Houdek filled in for our students last year, as we were not assigned a shared time Music teacher. While students have greatly missed him, Mrs. Dykstra has been welcomed by the Holy Spirit students and teachers
 - Charlotte Kufera (Lunch Program Director)- She has started from scratch, with a brand new crew of lunch workers. She has done a wonderful job getting things up and running. Also a big thank you to some of the veteran lunch crew members who have come back temporarily to help make this transition as seamless as possible.

- Summer Remodel
 - Storage classroom has been converted back into a classroom. Three teachers are able to utilize this space throughout the day: Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Swider, and Mrs. Clancy.
 - New Roommates: Mr. Kalahar shares Mrs. Liebler's classroom and the two are getting along very nicely!
 - New PA system: this was a necessity and has been a great enhancement to the school

- Count Day
 - Week of September 16-20
 - HS is officially the largest elementary school in the Grand Rapids Diocese!!!
 - 8 years ago we were only the 5th largest
 - Many thanks to many people. Without the staff, the teachers, the parents, the PTA, and the church- this would not have been possible- It is the people!

- **TREASURER'S REPORT: Phil Alt** (Tanya read)
 - Revenue
 - The final results produced a slight increase in the fund balance of the PTA - \$269, providing \$17,227 available as a starting fund balance for 2024/2025.
 - WWTS had a great year in 2023 and some of the additional community activities with Titan Givebacks and food truck donations helped to bolster revenue

- Expenses
 - Kept close to budget
 - Added spend were in areas appropriate for the PTA, including field trips, Catholic Schools Week, and Christmas gifts for staff
 - WWTS was a t-shirt year in 2023, so expenses were higher, but will reduce in 2024

- 2024/2025 Financials for the PTA
 - Budget was set by the PTA executive committee, Pat, and Paula in June

- Expected to provide excess revenue over expenses to build up the fund balance of the PTA to almost \$25,000. Building a healthy fund balance will allow for future demands of the school into the future (classroom upgrades, playground equipment, etc), while maintaining a strong financial position to allow for continued activity (field trips, Catholic Schools Week, teacher startup, etc.)
 - Good discussions around what the PTA should and should not fund, how the PTA can support the school, focused on the goals of the PTA and interest to support the accomplishments, build a community atmosphere, and ensure teachers understand the appreciation we have for what they do.
 - Removed technology and classroom periodicals from PTA budget, identified as school budget line items, not PTA
 - New for 2024/2025 is the budget summary, which provides a more detailed view of the hospitality line and a quick look for committee chairs on where they are at with the spend allotted to their committee
 - Initial balances on the first financial report of the 2024/2025 includes carry forward donations for WWTS from summer activity (sponsorships, etc), along with a few deposits made.
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Committee Chairs
 - Check that your email is correct on the chairperson email list
 - Tanya will be emailing a google drive to each committee chair, which includes the list of parent participation forms specific to the committee. The drive will have a lot of resources that the chairperson may need throughout the year as well.
 - ~~Alumni/ Community Connection: Chair: Sarah Grey~~
 - We do not feel that this committee work falls under the PTA. It needs to be more of a school initiative.
 - PTA, Parent Participation Volunteers may be called upon to help with database entry
 - Apparel - Chair: **Melissa Radlinski**
 - Back to School Order- available for pick up at Meet and Greet- great success!
 - Meet and Greet had sample sizes of sample brands to try on
 - Reopened the same sale on Meet and Greet night to catch all of those that tried on and/or forgot to order
 - Many parents asked if we could consider having available shirts for purchase on hand. We will continue to think through this and how we might be able to make this feasible
 - NEXT apparel order will be in November, arrival in time for Christmas
 - Typically have 3-4 apparel orders/ year (back to school, Christmas, spring)
 - Birthday Board - Chair: **Stephanie Kozlowicz**
 - As always, this looks awesome!
 - Volunteer committee members not needed- was intentionally left off of the parent participation form for the 2024-2025 school year
 - Continues to use her cricut at home or the die cut in the school
 - 2023-2024 school year- did not submit any receipts
 - If you have ideas for other birthday board ideas, please email pta@hsparish.org
 - Hospitality / Staff Conference Meals - Chair: **Mercedes Barnum**
 - Conference auction dinners will look slightly different, since the Dewicki family has moved on to West Catholic
 - Mercedes will be doing a combination of some catered portion and some donated portions

- Those that signed up on the parent participation form for this school year, will receive a sign up genius prior to the first parent-teacher conference

- ~~Paper Gator~~ Chair: **OPEN**
 - Revenue from the paper gator went down for the 2023-2024 school year, even with the incentivized color days
 - PTA is going to look into this program a little more to see if there is a way to capitalize on it more
 - Pick up is every other Wednesday/ may look into coordinating color days with pick up day
 - Weight of container doesn't matter, it is more of an eyeballed science of how much the driver thinks is in the bin

- Parent Ambassador- Chair: **Julie Brown**
 - No chair present- emailed report
 - 2024-2025 Year Parent Ambassadors:
 - The Dolci Family
 - The Boorsma Family
 - The Ponik Family
 - The Desatterlee Family
 - The Griffioen Family
 - The Paparella Family
 - The Brown Family

- Publishing Center - Chair: **April Alt**
 - No chair present- emailed report
 - Opened Tuesday, September 24, 2024
 - Lots of volunteers this year, woohoo!
 - Different featured author of the month reward: student will get to pick a treat instead of a lunch
 - Ideas: frosty from Wendy's, donut from Sandy's, smoothie from Tropical Smoothie Cafe, hot chocolate from Biggby

- Room Parent Coordinator - Chair: **Amanda Sekelsky**
 - No chair present- emailed report
 - 2024-2025 School Year Room Parents:
 - Young 5s/ Kristen Knapp
 - Kinder AM/ Maureen Garza
 - Kinder PM/ Lindsay Nawrocki
 - 1M/ Michaela Debski
 - 1H/ Jen VanZyll
 - 2J/ Emily Maltby
 - 2M/ Kaili Miklusicak
 - 3K/ Carolyn Gleason
 - 3D/ Cassandra Desatterlee
 - 4O/ Megan Ponik
 - 4D/ Kelly Toland
 - 5H/ Melissa Radlinski
 - 5W/ Elizabeth Valliere
 - 6N/ Emily Andersen
 - 7D/ Karen Host
 - 8W/ Charlotte Kufera

- School Family Outreach- Chair: **Melissa Jaszczyszyn**
 - She has been sending cards for the names printed in the school newsletters
 - PTA will be creating a link for school families to fill out if they are in need of anything- cards, meals, etc.
 - Until the new link is included in a newsletter/Friday Follow Up- please email these items to pta@hsparish.org

- Social Committee- Chair: **Katie Bouwhuis**
 - October 4, 2024- West Catholic/ Holy Spirit VIP Tailgate- see flier for more details
 - October 27, 2024- Trunk or Treat
 - Matt Murphy DJ again
 - Flier will be sent home with additional details
 - Small bulletin post inviting the parish
 - No Facebook Post- we have plenty of school families
 - Future social idea suggestions:
 - Ski day
 - Outreach Night
 - Ice Skating or Roller Skating
 - Bowling Night
 - Glow Party
 - Daddy- Daughter/ Mother-Son/ VIP Dance

- Teacher Appreciation Week - Chair: **Emily Bouma**
 - No news- teachers are present, and we like to keep it a surprise!

- Titan Givebacks- Chair: **Katie Johnson**
 - November 11, 2024 Chick Fil A Titan Give Back
 - 5:00-7:00pm (night of P/T conferences)

- Variety Show- Chair: **OPEN**

- Community Day - Chair: **Andrea Berndt**
 - Volunteers from the parent participation forms will be contacted as we get closer to the event

- Walking with the Spirit - Chair: **Kelly Toland**
 - \$46,576 TOTAL
 - \$32,000 pledges
 - \$14,000 sponsorship
 - A lot of new sponsors
 - Lots of families as well
 - What to do for the celebration reward
 - YMCA- very difficult to work with
 - Other ideas: Main event, Battle GR, HS carnival games (a lot of parents), Holland Aquatic Center, Urban Air, Roller Skating, Bowling, Kroc Center
 - PTA may put out a survey of what parents are interested in
 - Date: stay away from 2/17 or 2/18- mid winter break

- **CONCLUSION:**
 - Calendar Events
 - **Thursday, September 26- 6:30-8:00pm~** West Catholic High School Financial Planning
 - To RSVP, visit grwestcatholic.org/admissions
 - **Saturday, September 28~** Education Foundation Auction this weekend!
 - **Monday, September 30~** Graceac Sports Sign Up Reminder for Winter 1: Deadline
This includes 3rd/4th Gr boys basketball, 5th-8th Gr boys basketball, Kdg - 4th and 5th-8th Gr Competitive Cheer. <https://graceac.com/>
 - **2025-2026 First Saturday of October~** Pulaski Days Parade
 - Need to complete the form
 - 15 people can walk
 - No candy tossing, but walkers can hand it out
 - Pay \$75.00 to participate
 - Need a Chairperson: **Stephanie Koz**
 - Have a trailer
 - Need a driver and truck
 - Need a survey for interest for next year- in newsletter after Pulaski Parade
 - Need to include in Parent Participation Form- get volunteers
- **COLOR DAY DRAWING**
 - Draw and give away
 - Duffy, Toland, and Kufera
- **MOTION FOR DISMISSAL @ 8:18pm**

THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS:

September 24, 2024- 7pm

October 22, 2024- 7pm

January 28, 2025- 7pm

March 25, 2025- 7pm

Spanish Class News at Holy Spirit- September 2024

Welcome back! It's good to be back and working with your children again this school year. This year will be my 3rd year at HS, yet now 25+ years working in K-8 Spanish! It's crazy how time flies...

Here is what has been happening with Spanish class the first month of school!

KDG- We are learning the routine of Spanish class! We practice calendar each time (month, numbers, day of week, weather, and season). We sing about the current month, do a counting song to 10, and move around the library to a song I sing to them! We are starting the colors and have been introduced to rojo, azul and amarillo up to this point.

1st-3rd grades- We are learning the parts of the body along with reviewing colors. We've been learning some songs about different body parts, we've graphed each classes eye color, and have guessed famous characters eye and hair color! Ask your child to say some body part vocabulary in Spanish!

4th grade- We haven't had many classes yet because 4th grade is scheduled on Fridays this year! We are starting Unit 1 in the curriculum Vamos. We've been learning vocabulary relating to what something is (este es, esta es..) and soon will be focusing on likes (le gusta, me gusta, te gusta) and preferences (prefiere).

5th-6th grades- We are towards the end of Unit 1 in Vamos. We reviewed vocabulary mentioned in the 4th grade news and are now in the cultural section using the vocabulary to identify countries around the world, location, and flags.

7th grade Second hour- We are at the end of Unit 1 in Vamos and students are progressing very nicely! This is a small class and tailored to the needs of the group. I've seen a lot of growth so far and it's been a joy to see! Students have been reviewing vocabulary related to likes and preferences (see 4th grade news) and are currently working on identifying countries around the world, location, and flags.

7th grade Third hour- This group is towards the end of Unit 2 in Vamos. This is another small class and they've been progressing well! Vocabulary we've reviewed is on the verbs tiene, son, es, le gusta. We are currently learning about Costa Rica and the Lantern Parade for Independence Day.

8th grade- I see 8th grade 1x a week this year on Tuesdays. Students have been reviewing vocabulary in Unit 2 (see 7th grade Third Hour). We are just about to start the cultural part of the unit next week about Costa Rica.

****NEW **Students in grades 5-8 will receive letter grades for all 4 quarters for Spanish class.**

Sra. Long K-8 Spanish at HS

loreallong@dogrschools.org



Holy Spirit School Calendar, October, 2024

Lunch Supervision, Grade 7 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

		1 Student Choir 3:15-4:15	2 Gr. 2 Parents Reconciliation Meeting 6:45	3	4 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Blessing of <u>Pets 9:15</u> Tailgating Event @WC 5:00	5
6 Gospel Mk 10:2-16	7 All 4Pre attend in am 8:30-11:15 <u>Field Trip</u> Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	8 All K & Y5 attend in pm 12:00-3:15 <u>Field Trip</u> Student Choir 3:15-4:15	9	10	11 Mass 8:30	12
13 Gospel Mk 10:17-30	14 Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	15 Student Choir 3:15-4:15	16 Musical Auditions at recess <u>Wed. & Thurs.</u> 6:30 Board Meeting	17 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Titan Toddler Time <u>10:15-10:45</u> Firefighters Visit 2 nd Grade	18 <u>No School</u> Professional Development <u>Day</u> Childcare Open	19
20 Gospel Mk 10:35-45	21 Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	22 Student Choir <u>3:15-4:15</u> PTA Meeting 7:00	23	24	25 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Newsletter/ <u>Calendar</u> End of 1 st Quarter	26
27 Gospel <u>Mk 10:46-52</u> Student Choir <u>10:30 Mass</u> Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:00	28 Robotics 6:00-7:30 Library	29	30	31 Halloween Hallway Parade 2:30		

Holy Spirit Catholic School

2024 Walking With The Spirit

Thank you for making our 17th annual fundraiser a huge success! This is the primary fundraiser for the schools PTA and helps to enhance the educational experience of our students and staff. Over \$46,000 was raised this year! Thank you so much sponsors and pledge donors! Huge shout out to faculty, students, family members, and the parish community for your support leading up to the walk and on the day of the walk. We were blessed with a beautiful day full of sunshine! The students, Fr. Mark, and Fr. Nick also enjoyed cooling off on the slip and slide during the walk-a-thon!



ENDURANCE LEVEL

- Adobe Mexican Kitchen
- Alt Long Term Care Consulting
- Bridge Street Market
- In Memory of Sam Russo
- Midwest Building Maintenance
- RadCo
- William & Mary Alt

PERFORMANCE LEVEL

- Arsulowicz Eye Care
- Evergreen Carpet Cleaning
- Meijer
- Phoenix Interiors
- Scott's Snowplow

WARM-UP LEVEL

- Beaches & Braces
- Blueprint Properties
- Car Center
- Chick-fil-a
- Eikenhout Inc.
- Freddy's Steakhurgers

- Hulst Jepsen Physical Therapy
- MI Roots Dental
- Preferred Landscaping
- Tom & Diane Pelak
- Mark & Judy Olesnavage
- Gary & Peg Novosad
- Jeffrey Novosad
- Jeremy & Rory Beth Novosad
- Standale BIGGBY
- In Memory of Audrey Kluting
- In Memory of Maureen Coulson

ENTRY LEVEL

- Anne Rossi
- Cedar Crest Dairy
- Jim & Nancy Hunter
- Joseph L Maggini
- Le Bon Macaron
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TITAN TODDLER TIME



JOIN US
FOR MONTHLY
PLAY & LEARN
ACTIVITIES



You and your children (ages 5 & under) are invited to attend Holy Spirit School to explore learning in a faith-filled fun environment. Each play and learn activity is led by Holy Spirit School staff members.

Please register for the following events by emailing Paula Ryan at pryan@hsparish.org or by calling the school office at 453-2772.

OCTOBER 17, Thursday, 10:15-10:45 ~

Faith, Fun, and Fall Activities in the Kindergarten Classroom

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

NOVEMBER 20, Wednesday, 10:15-10:45am ~

Celebrating Science in God's Creation in the Preschool Classroom

Enter through the preschool door by following the sidewalk to the left of the front playground.

DECEMBER 10, Tuesday, 6:00-6:45pm ~

Come celebrate Advent with us in the Child Development Center.

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

Encourage your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!

WESTSIDE FALCONS

WC



Westside Falcons WC, formerly West Michigan Defenders, is a wrestling club geared for youths in grades 1st - 8th. Beginning on **November 26th** our club will meet every **Tuesday & Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm at West Catholic High School for practice**. Wrestlers of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Wrestlers will be taught Folk style wrestling and will have the opportunity to wrestle in many MYWAY tournaments throughout Western Michigan.

Cost: Make checks payable to Westside Falcons WC, or Venmo @westsidefalcons wc \$85.00. This includes the cost of the wrestlers MYWAY membership fee and a team T-shirt. Tournament fees are \$15-\$20 each and you pick and choose which ones you want to go to. Schedule to be published sometime December 2024.

Uniform: Wrestling shoes and head gear are required. Club singlets can be purchased separately but are not required. More information on singlets will be available at the first practice.

Please return or email, the below form and registration fee to Coach Rock, 9300 Sunset Ridge Dr, Rockford, MI 49341 by 11/01/24. If you have any questions regarding the schedule or wrestling itself, please do not hesitate to call Coach Jeff Augustyn at (616) 893-1806 or email him at westsidefalcons wc@gmail.com

First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	Weight:
Years of Experience:	School:
Shirt size:	
Parent Name:	Phone:
Email:	Alternative email:



Westside Falcons WC

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4 **HOLY SPIRIT** **5**
OCT **TAILGATING** **PM**
EVENT

Come join the Holy Spirit PTA for a fun tailgating experience in the VIP lot of Falcon Stadium! Face painting, games, pom poms, and more!

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FALCON STADIUM VIP LOT

The Holy Spirit VIP spot is - PS 7 - near the baseball field

WEST CATHOLIC VS WAYLAND

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to step into ministry roles. Is God
calling you to be one of them?



GREETER

Welcoming | Friendly

Greet 30 minutes before Mass and exit-greet 10 minutes after

No training needed- just a smile and a joyful spirit

LITURGICAL USHER

Service-Oriented | Observant

Welcome and help seat people, pass the baskets during the
collection, dismissal for communion

Training provided



WELCOME DESK

Personable | Comfortable talking to newcomers

Serve at the desk for 10-15 minutes after Mass

Training manual and resources provided

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Prayerful | Reverent

Distribute the Precious Body and Blood during Mass

Training provided



To learn more about any of these opportunities and to discern where God is calling you to Serve Others, contact MacKenzie at mcoble@hsparish.org or (616) 453-6369.