



~Living Stations of the Cross – To assist your Lenten journey, we would like to invite you to Our 7th and 8th grade students’ Living Stations of the Cross. This moving presentation and Lenten reflection will be presented on Friday, March 28th, at 7:00pm in the church.

~Enrollment and Registration for 2025-26 – Re-enrollment for 2025-26 is now open for students entering PS3-8th grade. You may login to your Finals site account at this link: https://holyspiritschoolgr.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in to review and sign your **Enrollment Agreements**, as well as upload any outstanding documents. This can also be found on the main page of our website. If you are adding a new sibling to your account, simply select the first option seen below, “Add a new student” and complete any outstanding information. Upon receipt of your signed Enrollment Agreements, we will generate your tuition contracts for your review and signature.

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 Terri at tkelly@hsparish.org and we will provide that for you. If you have already submitted a paper registration, those are being entered and you should see them in your account soon. Feel free to contact the office with any questions. **Enrollment Agreements are due by April 3rd**. 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!

~Grandparents’ Day – Save the date of Friday, May 2nd, for Grandparents’ Day (Grades Y5-8). If you have not already completed the address form for EACH household of grandparents, please [complete it here](#) and RSVP by Tuesday, April 22nd. We look forward to having our church and school filled with grandparents!

~Summer Help in Reading and Math - GRASP is a summer math and reading correspondence program that helps scholars in grades kindergarten through 8th retain skills learned during the school year by providing review exercises. Please see the attached flyer or click [HERE](#) for more information.

~2024-2025 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 25th.

~Variety Show - The 2025 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 30th. Students are encouraged to show off their special talents by performing an original act. The Entry Form is attached and due by Friday, April 25th.

Important Dates

Friday, March 21st

~Mass 8:30
~3rd Qtr. Ends

Saturday, March 22nd

~Beauty & The Beast, Jr. the Musical
2:30 and 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 25th

~PTA Meeting 7pm

Thursday, March 27th

~Paper Gator Color Day

Friday, March 28th

~Mass 8:30
~Living Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm

Friday, April 4th

~Mass 8:30
~3rd Qtr. Report Cards Online

Monday - Friday, April 7-11

~No School, Spring Break!
Child Care – OPEN

Friday, April 18th

~Good Friday
No School – CDC Closed

Monday, April 21st

~Easter Monday
No School – CDC Closed

Thursday, April 24th

~Paper Gator Color Day

Friday, April 25th

~Mass 8:30
~Newsletter/Calendar
~Variety Show Entries Due
~Yearbook Orders Due

HS Happenings



~ Parish Wide Easter Food Drive ~ – As we strive to serve others throughout the year, one thing we can do as a community is to come together to provide Easter food for those less fortunate. Students are encouraged to donate something from the list below:

Canned Fruit – In its own juice or in 100 % juice
Canned Vegetables (Low Sodium or No Salt Added)
Canned Tomato Products (Low Sodium or No Salt Added)
Whole Wheat Pasta
Rice (White/Brown/Wild)
Canned Tuna/Chicken (Low Sodium)

Boxed Potatoes
Boxed/Bagged Stuffing

Paper Gator Color Days – Families who bring in a large grocery-size paper bag filled with items for the Paper Gator on Thursday, March 27th, 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 24th. 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 25th, in the library at 7pm. Thank you to all who came out to the Titan Give Back night at The Roasted. We are hoping to have one more Give Back night before the end of the school year.

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

Awesome Authors Club!

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

KDG: Teague D., Joslyn S., Quinn S., Tatum D.
1H: Burkley J., Ayla D., Meredith P., Miles B., Kate S.
1M: Ruby C., Kennedy P., Jase W., Sutton D., Cece F., Henryk K.
2J: Alivia M., Shai D., Lucy S., Emma W., Piper M., Lucy K.
2M: Finley D., Sutton B., Abbi Z., Hailey Y., Miles M., Addy W., Vinson A., Mia L.
3D: Malina D., Ocea H.
3K: Abigail P., Mya G., Amelia B.
4O: Clara B.

Library Birthday Book Club

Thank you to Sylvia B., and Iris S., 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., Clay B., Francesca S., Lucy H., Kinsley V., Zavyer H., Ocea H., Sam B., Aiden L., Patrick S., Mila M., Jagger S., Sutton B., Landon B., Mary G., Lucy K., Calla G., Brady B., Cora C., Annabelle P., Charlie S., Mya G., Pearl P., Quinn S., 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](#)
[2025 Celebrate West Auction](#)
[GR Diocese Jubilee Year Events](#)

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 **VandenToorn Family** on the passing of their Great-Grandmother, the **Duffy and Nawrocki Families** on the loss of their Great-Grandmother, and the **Williams Family** on the death of their Grandfather. May the memories of their loved ones live on in their hearts and bring them peace.

Scrip News

Orders for these businesses will process on the **1st Monday of each month**. Please let me know if you would like to purchase any of these gift cards, I have to put them in through the coordinator dashboard: Amway Grand Plaza (5%) Nawara Brothers (2%) - When you purchase an appliance let them know you would like to use SCRIP (you have to pay cash or check at the store for the appliance) then they write a check to Holy Spirit and we put that money into your account. Please let me know if you have made a purchase there so I can make sure we get the check. Beaches & Braces (7%) Grand City Dentistry (7%) Dr. Bryton Mansfield (10%) Dr. Jennifer Simon-Arsulowicz Eye Care (6%) Dr. Joel Carrol (6%) Dr. Laura Fogle (5%) Enjoy Orthodontics (5%) Standale Dental (5%). Thank you!

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** 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.

1st Communion is Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 pm. Practice will be held on Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 pm in the Church.

Confirmation is Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Be sure to be there with your sponsor by 6:30 pm.

Adult Confirmation: Do you want to be a Godparent but have not received Confirmation? Are you an adult (High School age and older) who has received Baptism and First Communion but not Confirmation? Contact the Religious Education Office today to find out how you can be included in the diocesan celebration of Adult Confirmation this May 3. We have a short and easy online program to assist you in your preparation to complete your initiation into the Church.



Please pay your 2024-25 Sports Fee of \$125 for Grades 3rd-8th. Check is to be made out to Holy Spirit Athletics. If you want this fee added to your tuition, please call the school office and ask for Terri Kelly to set it up.

Spring Athletes

Please make sure you are signed up for Teamsnap. This is where practices, meets, and games will be listed.

Sports Physicals for the 2025-2026 school year

All students participating in sports for the upcoming school year, in grades 2nd thru 8th, must have a sports physical on file in order to participate, this includes practicing.

Fall registration will open up sometime in May.

Fall participants must have a sports physical turned in by August 1st, 2025.

- 5/6 and 7/8 boys soccer
- 5th-8th girls volleyball,
- 3rd-8th boys and girls cross country
- 5th thru 8th football
- 2nd thru 8th sideline cheer

Sports Physicals will take place here at Holy Spirit with Dr. App on the following dates:

- Students in grades 5th thru 8th –Wednesday, April 16th
- Students in grades 2nd thru 4th–Wednesday, April 30th

Sports physical paperwork must be completed on each student. Cost is \$20.00 per student. Please turn in a check, made out to Holy Spirit Athletics, with paperwork by April 10th. Please click [Here](#) for the form to print and fill out.

If your child is not getting a sports physical here at Holy Spirit, please make sure the form is submitted to the front office by August 1st, 2025.

If your child is not participating in a fall sport, but plans to play a winter or spring sport, sports physicals must be turned in by November 1st, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE:

Holy Spirit Athletics Golf Outing is set for August 15th at The Falls at Barber Creek. Get your teams set. (More information to come.)

Donated items needed:

- **Gift cards to Meijer**
- **Gift cards to any Local Restaurants**

Go Titans!

Rosemary Sweedyk

Athletic Director – athletics@hsparish.org

FEATURED AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Addy W., in 2nd Grade, our Featured Author of the Month!! She has won a special treat and her story is featured below.

Everyone is One of a Kind

*By
Addy W.*

This book is dedicated to my second grade class

People are one of a kind because God made them to be that way.

**Some people might like ice cream, but other people might like cake better.
That's okay because God made us to be different.**

If everyone was the same it would be boring.

**If people are different, do not judge them by how they look. Go up to them
and ask if they want to play with you.**

That is why God made you.

The End

About the Author

*Addy has one younger brother named Theo. She likes spaghetti, coffee cake, and donuts.
Addy's favorite colors are teal and black. She enjoys reading and math. Addy loves to
play soccer and golf. When she grows up, she'd like to be a soccer player.*



Holy Spirit School Calendar, April, 2025

[NWEA MAP Testing 4/21-5/15](#)

Lunch Supervision, Grade 2 / For updated information go to www.holyspiritschoolgr.org

		1 Choir 3:15-4:15	2 GOTR 3:15-5:00 Last Turn-in Day for our Advent Haiti Water Filter Donations	3 Tomorrow is the Last Turn-in Day for our Parish Lenten Food Drive	4 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Report Cards Online	5
6 Gospel Jn 8:1-11	7 Spring Break <u>Week</u> Child Care Open	8 Child Care Open	9 Child Care Open	10 Child Care Open	11 Child Care Open	12
13 Palm Sunday Lk 22:14- 23:56	14 Spanish Club 3:15-4:15 Girls on the Run 3:15-5:00	15 Choir 3:15-4:15	16 Gr. 5-8 Sports <u>Physicals</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-5:00 Board Meeting 6:30	17 Holy Thursday	18 <u>Good Friday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	19
20 Student Choir at <u>10:30 Mass</u> Easter Gospel Jn 20:1-9	21 Easter <u>Monday</u> <u>No School</u> Child Care Closed	22 Grandparents Day RSVP Due Today	23 Girls on the Run 3:15-5:00	24 Paper Gator <u>Color Day</u> Bring in a filled bag of paper to recycle	25 <u>Mass 8:30</u> Yearbook <u>Orders Due</u> Variety Show Entry Forms <u>Due</u> Newsletter/ Calendar	26
27 Divine Mercy <u>Sunday</u> Gospel Jn 20:19-31	28 Spanish Club 3:15-4:15 Girls on the Run 3:15-5:00	29 Choir 3:15-4:15	30 Gr. 2-4 Sports <u>Physicals</u> Girls on the Run 3:15-5:00	May 1 First Communion Practice 6:00pm	May 2 Grandparents <u>Day!</u> 8:30 Mass	May 3

2025 Holy Spirit School ~ Variety Show

The 2025 Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, May 30th.

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 25th**. 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 5th** 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

Lizzie Duffy

Erin Gottleber

Paula Ryan

Music/Sound Equipment Coordinators

Joe Houdek

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
Variety Show Entry Form – 2025

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 25th**.

enjoy every moment.

2024-2025



Holy Spirit

Yearbook Order Form

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

Return the form below to school by Friday, April 25th.



Family Name _____

Number of yearbook(s) _____

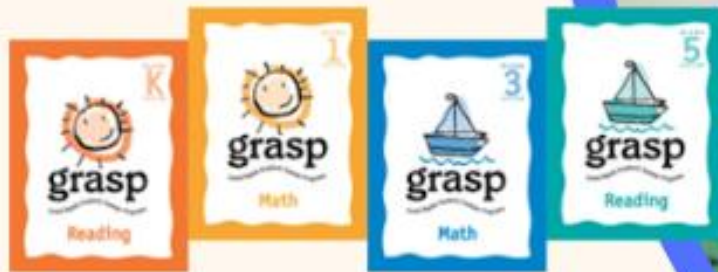
Student's name and grade the yearbook(s) will go home with



I have enclosed \$11 for each yearbook ordered

Checks may be made payable to School Spirit Photography

Parent's Signature _____



GRASP

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

GRASP is an academic correspondence program in reading and math for grades K-8. Parents can choose to participate online or by mail. Students receive 9 lessons over the summer to help them retain skills and prevent summer learning loss.

**STUDENTS
CAN EARN A
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COMPLETION!**



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* Address: 1331 MLK St SE Grand Rapids MI, 49506



United States Department of Agriculture

Food and Nutrition Service

Healthy Celebrations, Lasting Memories



Birthdays, celebrations, and seasonal events are a great time to include nutritious foods and active play. At child care, we make healthy habits part of the fun. We serve nutritious foods that fit the theme and plan fun activities such as music, art, and games.

Fun Ideas To Try at Home:

- 1 Create fun food.** Use cookie cutters to cut fruits, low-fat cheese, or breads into shapes that fit the theme (such as hearts, flowers, or pumpkins).
- 2 Get moving.** Plan activities like soccer, obstacle courses, tag, dancing, ball tosses, or jump rope.
- 3 Get colorful.** Choose fruits and vegetables that fit the festivities, such as red fruits like watermelon or strawberries for Valentine's Day.
- 4 Go simple with drinks.** Water and low-fat (1%) or fat-free (skim) milk are good choices for preschoolers. Serve drinks in colorful cups that match the event theme.
- 5 Decorate together.** Children love to create centerpieces, signs, placemats, and garlands using basic arts and craft supplies. Supervise activities with scissors.



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