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# From the Principal's Desk

April 23, 2020

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## Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2019 / 2020

"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"



## Welcome Back!

I hope that you all enjoyed the break from school and that the transition back into learning went well this week.

We are, without a doubt, on the backside of the academic year and we have many important dates between now and June for you to keep in mind.

Attached just below is the most recent communication from Dr. Joseph Vorbach, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, which pertains to the information that follows with regard to grading for the 3rd Trimester.

## Superintendent Letter re Trimester 3 Grading

What I would like to stress to all families and students, is that evidence of progress of learning throughout the 3rd Trimester is extremely important as we look to students moving forward to the next grade level for the 2020/2021 academic year. The following guidelines have been provided to the Diocesan elementary schools as we complete this academic year:

For Grades K-2:

- Regularly issued "Report cards" are in fact progress reports and are developmental by design for these grade levels. The ratings "Meets Grade Level Standards" (M) or "Progressing toward Grade Level" (P) will be the most commonly given ratings for this grading period.
- Emphasis is being placed on Language Arts, Math and Religion, but cross-curricular approaches are encouraged to bring other subjects into the learning experience.
- Teachers will grade what is turned in with no deductions for "late" work.
- Work turned in by May 29th will be accepted.
- Effort grades will not be recorded for the Trimester.
- Students who turn in little to no work will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

For Grades 3-8:

- Teachers will give maximum credit possible for demonstrated knowledge.
- Teachers will grade what is turned in with no deductions for "late" work.
- Grades in this Trimester will reflect an emphasis on the progress each individual student is able to achieve.
- Work turned in by May 29th will be accepted.
- Effort grades will not be recorded for the Trimester.
- Students who turn in little to no work will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Specials:

- Moving forward these courses are for enrichment purposes; although Trimester 3 grades will not be given, Specials/Elective teachers will continue to provide learning opportunities on a weekly basis and will provide feedback to participating students. Specials/Electives include Art, Music, Technology, and Physical Education/Health. For Grades K-5, Spanish is considered a Special. For Grades 6-8, Spanish is one of the core academic subjects and so does not fall under this particular piece of guidance.
- Teachers will capture engagement/participation in Specials and Electives with a brief comment on the report card (so if your child wants to continue participating in any of these disciplines, his/her work will not go unnoticed or unrecognized).

- No effort grades will be recorded.

May 1st is the calendar date for "Interims" this Trimester. Paper interims will not go out to anyone, but parents and students should view this date as the "half-way" point of the grading period. It is important that students be as up-to-date as possible in order to stay on track to finish the last four weeks strong. Using the Parent Portal associated with PowerSchool is the best way for families to stay current on what assignments their student(s) have completed and which have been graded and noted by the teacher. The faculty is working very efficiently to keep their gradebooks up to date.

As you can tell from the bullet points above, May 29th will mark the end of any academic work being accepted. The first week of June will include celebration events and a staggered schedule of grade levels coming by the school to return school textbooks, as well as, to receive back personal items that are still in the building. Details regarding that process will be forthcoming.

We will not collect any "used uniforms" from families until that week in June.

Please see below for a list of upcoming event dates.

I pray that your families are healthy and doing well. Know that the faculty is working hard for your students and that we know we are blessed to have each of you as partners. I am not sure I would have ever imagined the year taking this type of turn and am hopeful that we will be on a more "traditional" path at the start of the next academic year.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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**Are you faster than Father?**

**Looking for a way to get out of the  
house and into the fresh air?**

**Ready to just help support a vital Holy  
Spirit program?**

# Holy Spirit **VIRTUAL** 5K Spirit Run!

May 15-30, 2020

What you do for the **LEAST**



You choose when & where you  
want to run or walk the 5K!



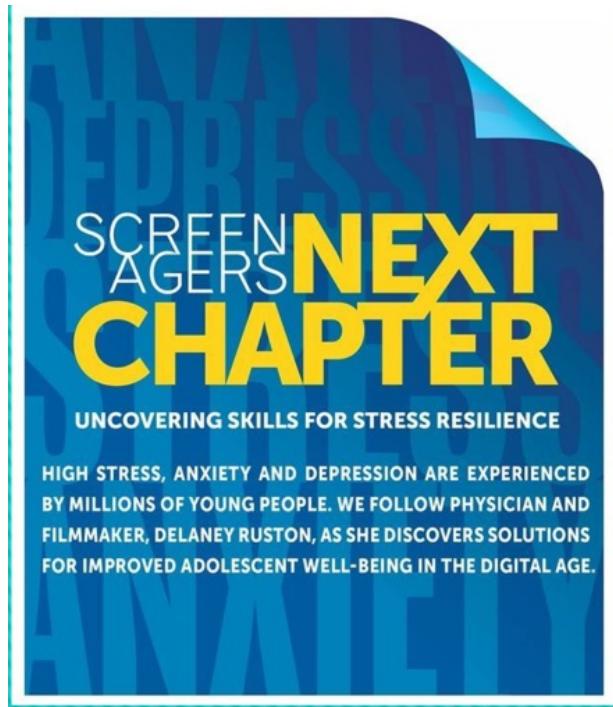
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The PTO Presents:



Friday, April 24, 2020  
6:30 pm



Friday, May 1, 2020  
6:30 pm

You must preregister for the showing.

[Click here to register!](#)

Even if you cannot watch the "live showing", by registering you will receive a notification when the recording is published and will have 14 days to watch the recording. Registration is limited, so please do not share the link outside of the Holy Spirit Community.

# Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent VIRTUAL Showcase



When: May 22, 2020

Where: Your Living Room  
Time: 6 pm

The PTO is proud to present the First Ever Virtual Talent Showcase !! We will be broadcasting the show through ZOOM. Bring the meal of your choice and make it a Dinner Theatre

This year will include Surprise Judges!!

Here is how it will work:

A Signup Genius will be going live Friday April 24th. Everyone who attended the Live Signups will be already added to the signup. There will be spaces for new acts. These are open to students, families,

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Signup Genius will close

Each performer will receive a Dropbox link from Joe Terpenning to upload the video of their performance. The upload deadline is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Prior to show day, an email will be sent with the Zoom login information for the show day and time.

This will be a first ever in the history of Holy Spirit and we need everyone's help to make this interactive experience a great one. This is YOUR CHANCE to show off your talent and cinematography skills!!

Any questions, or if you need technical assistance with videos, please email Joe Terpenning ([jterpenning@infinitetech.org](mailto:jterpenning@infinitetech.org))



[Click here to access the Sign-Up Genius to be included in the evening's acts!](#)

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## Calendar Dates of Note

Friday, April 25 - Screenagers - 6:30 pm  
Friday, May 1 - INTERIMS  
Friday, May 1 - Screenagers - Next Chapters - 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Day - more to come from the PTO  
Monday, May 11 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Tuesday, May 12 - Friday, May 15 - Virtual Field Day  
Wednesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service  
Saturday, May 16 - Virtual 5K Spirit Race  
Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 22 - Virtual Art Show  
Friday, May 22 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Friday, May 22 - Virtual Talent Show  
Monday, May 25 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/TEACHERS  
Wednesday, May 27 - "Lunch on the Lawn"  
Friday, May 29 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO TURN IN ACADEMIC WORK  
Friday, May 29 - Parent Portal Closes  
Tuesday, June 2 - 8th GRADE CAR CELEBRATION - 1:00 PM - all are invited! (8th graders ONLY will return books)  
Wednesday, June 3 - 6th & 7th grade book return - 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 3 - 8TH GRADE GRADUATION  
Thursday, June 4 - 3rd-5th grade book return 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Friday, June 5 - PK - 2nd grade book return 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Monday, June 8 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Prayer Assembly  
Tuesday, June 9 - Teacher workday  
Wednesday, June 10 - Teacher workday

This is a working copy, please note there may be additions as we move along.

[Printable Copy of Calendar Dates of Note](#)