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From the Principal's Desk

October 18, 2018



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"Let us love one another because love is from God"

Trunk or Treat is almost here! Spirit Week is almost here!

A reminder that Friday, October 26th is a no school day for the students as the teachers have a day of professional development. That SO works in your favor as you will have a whole day to put the final touches on your decorations and costumes for Trunk or Treat. Have you secured your spot for Trunk or Treat yet? As with any event, success only happens when we have support from across the school. I hope you will consider participating by reserving a spot for your car. The announcement and sign-up links are below for both securing a spot for your decorated car and for volunteering to help run the event.

As soon as we are finished with Trunk or Treat we will turn our attention to Spirit Week! Please be sure to look at the information below so that your children can participate to the fullest. Concurrent with Spirit Week will be our annual Ton of Love food drive to benefit the Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project and the always spirited Turkey Shoot Out.

We still need many volunteers to assist with the preliminary rounds of the upcoming Turkey Shoot Out. Please see the link below to volunteer in some of the P.E. classes. All proceeds from the Turkey Shoot go to the St. Lucy Project along with all of the non-perishable food items we collect. "Blue bags" for the food collection have been sent home; see the information below for the particular food item, by grade level, we are seeking to collect.

Congratulations to the Middle School House of St. Stanaslaus!



This year our middle school advisory program has developed into a system of "Houses" as we continue to foster a true community in our middle school. Over the course of a month, Houses are able to accumulate "house points" and at the end of the month one House is recognized for having the most points. The points are awarded for acts of kindness and overall positive contributions. Additionally, one student from each of the ten houses is recognized by his/her peers for their exemplary behavior and positive impact on the Middle School community.

For the month of September the House of St. Stanaslaus was recognized for having accumulated the most points and had a special lunch to celebrate their efforts.

Well done!

Book Fair - Thank you!

A special thank you to Ms. Alice Rowley, our school librarian, and the host of volunteers who put together and ran a wonderful book fair. I hope that you were able to visit at some point and that the children are enjoying their new books.

Despite the 1st Trimester not ending until November 30th, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for November 9 and November 12. Please see the link below to sign up for your mandatory conference.

Friday, November 9th will be a half day for students and Extended Day will be open while conferences take place that afternoon. In the morning of the 9th we will have a special flag raising and ceremony in honor of Veterans Day. Information coming soon!

Monday, November 12th is a NO school day for all students while parent/teacher conferences take place.

A reminder that yearbook picture retakes will be Wednesday, November 7th. For those who purchased them, you should have already received your child's picture packet.

The 8th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, November 19th at 7:00 pm. The 8th grade students have been "gifted" a day-off on Tuesday, November 20th.

The Thanksgiving break for the whole school is Wednesday, November 21 through Sunday, November 26th.

I hope you enjoy the Fall weather now that it has truly arrived!

-Maureen Ashby
Principal



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 9th
Monday, November 12th

These conferences are mandatory so please take the time to sign-up now for a date and time with your child's HOMEROOM teacher.

Parents are meeting with the homeroom teacher and will be provided information from

other subject area teachers as appropriate.

[Click here for sign-up](#)

Access code: 2018Conferences

One of our amazing alumnus!
Sam Donovan - HS Class of 2017



I was thrilled to hear this week about one of our amazing alums! Sam Donovan is technically a sophomore at Bishop O'Connell High School but his love of the global world led him to finding the U.S. Department of State's Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad) program. The program provides competitive merit-base scholarships for U.S. citizens in secondary school (ages 15-18.5) to study for one academic year in select countries.

Sam's mom let us know this week he was accepted into the program and left in September for Ghana! He will return to the U.S. in June 2019.

According to his mother, Sam is on the younger side to go as a lot of students go junior/senior year or take it as a gap

year but Sam has always been fascinated by global affairs, languages, travel and has always been impatient to get out in the world.

The program is for one academic year and is spent in one of 15 countries and is fully funded by the State Department. Sam seems to really be enjoying the experience. He lives with an assigned host family, attends the local school, and has to learn the local dialect and integrate into the community. There are four other Americans at his same school in Ghana participating in the program.

I hope you will join me in praying for the success of Sam's year as he truly lives our mission of inspiring minds and igniting hearts!



Come Join Us!
Car Spaces Limited!
Fun Unlimited!

TRUNK OR TREAT

A PTO SPONSORED EVENT FOR SCHOOL AND PARISH FAMILIES!

Decorate your car and fill your trunk with candy!

Prizes:

- Best decorated car!
- Best kid costume!



Friday, October 26th
6:30 - 9:00 PM
Upper Parking Lot

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit holyspiritflames.org.

Limited spaces available.

(More than one family can share a spot.)

[Click here to sign-up for a car space!](#)

Plus we need volunteers because no great event happens without the folks behind the scenes!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)



Get ready - it is almost here!

Brought to you by the Holy Spirit Student Council...a week of guaranteed fun for the whole school!

When: OCTOBER 29 - November 2

MONDAY: "Decades Day" - Raid the closet of your parents and grandparents or get inspiration from some of the stellar pictures in your family albums - it will be a throwback day! Dress in the decade indicated below!

**Prek - 1990s
Kindergarten - 1990s
1st grade - 2000s
2nd grade - 1920s
3rd grade 1930s
4th grade 1940s
5th grade 1950s
6th grade 1960s
7th grade 1970s
8th grade 1980s**

TUESDAY: "Fun Run Day" - All students wear their P.E. clothes to school. The twist? Wear your most

colorful and craziest accessories. Just be ready to run and dance the day away!

WEDNESDAY: "Costumes Galore"

Would you want to be a super hero? A doctor? A teacher? Your favorite book character? Be creative - all **SCHOOL APPROPRIATE** costumes are welcome. (No masks, no hair dye, no weapons, no zombies, no devils, etc.)

THURSDAY: All Saints Day - all students should be in regular uniform as we will attend Mass on this holy day of obligation. Our Ton of Love food drive ends this day as well (see information below).

FRIDAY: "Holy Spirit School Colors Day" - Wear your best school spirit gear or your red, black and white as we wrap up the week with a Pep Rally and the Turkey Shoot Finals (see information below) - it is **LOUD**, it is crazy, it is fun for all!

TON of L♥VE 2018

Monday, October 17- Thursday, November 1

As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to support Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to the increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

*please begin bringing items in the week of October 17th

Food Drive



Pre-K: dry spaghetti- any type

Kindergarten: dry pasta- any shape

1st Grade: cereal bars

2nd Grade: cereal (large boxes)

3rd Grade: baked beans

4th Grade: canned fruit

5th Grade: canned pasta like ravioli (Chef Boyardee)

6th grade: canned vegetables

7th grade: jelly (no glass please)

8th grade: canned meat (ham, chicken, tuna)

Turkey Shoot Out



WHEN: October 22nd - 25th

WHERE: PE classes, gym

FOR: *Catholic Charities*

COST: \$1.00.

Money will be collected starting on Monday, Oct. 15th in homeroom.

Parent Volunteers: Sign up at the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4fafad2aa13-turkey>

For a \$1-dollar donation, students will pair with their mass buddies in a free throw competition. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the gym to help keep score students shoot baskets. Volunteers will assign points to shots-- 3 points for every basket made, 2 points for hitting the rim, backboard or net and 1 point for any missed attempts. Each team will get a total of 5 free throws. The top mass buddy teams will compete in a final shoot out on Friday, November 2nd at 1:30pm with the entire school cheering them on; parents are also invited! There will be a trophy for the winning team to be displayed in the front office. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities in conjunction with our Ton of Love food drive.

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Have you been clipping Box Tops?

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Maria Lopez and I am proud to be serving as the volunteer coordinator for programs that raise "FREE" money for our school. These programs include: Box Tops for Education, Giant A+ Bonus Bucks and Harris Teeter Together in Education.

Did you know?

During the 2017 – 2018 academic year, we raised over \$7,500 through these programs!

Box Tops for Education = \$2,077
Giant = \$4,991
Harris Teeter = \$113



Box Tops for Education

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school; each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. Just look for pink Box Tops coupons on products, clip them, and send them to school. Watch for school wide collection contests. Sign up at www.BTFE.com to stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of participating products. Box Tops members also receive exclusive coupon offers, recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash. Ways to find more Box Tops:

- Reach out to high school and college families as Box Tops for Education ends at 8th grade.
- Keep a collection box on the kitchen counter
- Tape a reminder to the garbage and recycling bin to check for Box Tops before throwing away packages
- Create homemade collection containers and share them with everyone you know (This makes a fun rainy day activity)
- Ask your dentist, doctor, hairstylist, co-workers or favorite retail stores to save Box Tops for your student
- Have a monthly contest among friends and family to see who can collect the most Box Tops
- Ask aunts, uncles, cousins, close neighbors and friends to help in your collection efforts
- Write Grandma a letter!

Dear Grandma,

Please collect Box Tops for me. They are the little pink coupons you find on many products you likely already have in your home. Each is worth 10 cents and they add up FAST!

My school has contests throughout the year that make it possible for the kids who collect the most to win dress down days. With your help, my chances of winning will be even better.

Please clip and save them for me!

Love, your favorite grandchild

The Fall Collection Sheet (and a copy of this letter) may be found in the Family Folder section below.

**Another new PTO program!
Crayola ColorCycle**

Turn Markers Into Energy!

We are excited to tell you about a very special program we are coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called **Crayola ColorCycle** – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

All around Holy Spirit, students and teachers will be collecting used markers ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any **used markers** you may have around the house- even non-Crayola brands! **Highlighters** and **dry erase markers** can also be included. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school/in each classroom for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!

Learn more at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>

Winter Uniform



We will switch over to the winter school uniform on Monday, November 5th

Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for details

**** Please note that at this time we are no longer accepting used uniforms - we have quite a full closet and no more space. Thank you for understanding!**



US FLAG COLLECTION

RETIREMENT CEREMONY	WORN FLAGS?
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8	THE KNIGHTS ARE COLLECTING WORN US FLAGS THAT NEED TO BE RETIRED
7:30 PM	OCT 20-21, 27-28
IN FRONT OF SCHOOL	NOV 3-4
HOLY SPIRIT Catholic Church	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age

How to spot and avoid identity theft, fraud,
and scams, to protect yourself and your family

Saturday, October 27
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Holy Spirit School
Meeting rooms 1 and 2

Guest Speaker:
Pamela Houghtaling
AARP Fraud and Abuse Network

Identity theft and other scams cost Americans millions of dollars every year—over the phone, on the computer, and at your front door. What can we do to protect ourselves, our families, and our vulnerable neighbors from these scam artists?

Come find out at the Good Samaritan Society's annual fall event. In addition to learning about this important issue, you'll hear from our own Deacon Tom Grodek about how to balance trust in God with being a good steward of all that God has given you.

Anne Chason, a long-time parishioner and local author, will also share her book, *Alphabet Belonging to Christ*.

Fellowship and light refreshments will also be provided. All are welcome!



Family Bingo



**Saturday, October 27 In Holy Spirit School
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM**

Come dressed as your favorite saint or in your favorite costume.



Admission

(Includes Book of 3 Cards)
All proceeds will support Holy Spirit seminarians and religious.

- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
- Players Under 12 Years: \$3
 - Extra Cards \$1
- Free for children under 5 years who are not playing.

Costumes are optional.

Snacks Sold

- Pizza
- Hot Dogs
- Nachos
- Soft Drinks

Prizes

- Cash Bingo Prizes - Grand Prize \$100
 - Other Games At Least \$30
- All children will receive a prize.



For information contact Ron Poussard at ronpoussard@mac.com



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 18, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. PTO's Trunk or Treat - flyer
2. Holy Spirit School 7th & 8th Grade Dance - flyer
3. 7th & 8th Grade Dance - contact/permission form
4. Spirit Week - flyer
5. Ton of Love Food Drive - flyer
6. Turkey Shoot Out - flyer
7. Box Tops letter
8. Box Tops collection sheet
9. ColorCycle - flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter Sports Sign-ups
2. Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age - flyer
3. K of C Family BINGO - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Hack BI - flyer
 2. BI Cheer Clinic - flyer
 3. ABGC Winter Registration form
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