

# From the Principal's Desk

October 22, 2015



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## End of Quarter Spirit Week Conference Sign-up So much going on!

It seems as though we've reached the time of year when there is even more activity than usual going on at the school; I certainly appreciate all that you as parents do to assist your children in being successful in their academic endeavors and enjoying their time as students of Holy Spirit School.

A reminder that the Ton of Love food drive has begun and that next week is Spirit Week. On Tuesday, October 27th we have the PTO/Student Council sponsored **Fun Run**. The buddy classes are running at the following times:

8:30 - 9:15 am: Prekindergarten and 4th grade

9:30 - 10:15 am: kindergarten and 5th grade

10:30 - 11:15 am: 1st and 6th grades; 2nd and 8th grades

1:00 - 1:45 pm: 3rd and 7th grades

I certainly encourage parents to come out and participate if you are able by either running or cheering/encouraging. We will have a DJ on campus for the day to add to excitement.

The Parent Portal for grades 3-8 closes tomorrow, Friday, October 23rd and the quarter ends on October 29th.

**Parent/teacher conferences** will be held on Wednesday, November 11th (full day) and Thursday, November 12th (1/2 day). Please use the below link to sign-up for a conference day/time. **You will need to use the code: 2015Conferences.** The conference Sign-Up Genius will close on November 6th.

[Click here to sign-up for conferences!](#)

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal



**Holy Spirit School Participating in e-Scrip  
Program!**

The eScrip online shopping tool is the ticket! It's easy! No cards to register - just enter your e-mail address and you're on your way to helping to earn hundreds of dollars to support Holy Spirit School.

Simply register to see all of the generous participating merchants who will contribute to our school every time you access a their online store.

When you shop, access a participating merchant's online store through the eScrip site and make a purchase. It is as simply as that!

You will find  
MANY of your favorite online merchants participating in the eScrip program - Amazon - Target - Best Buy - Macy's - Walmart - Home Depot - Brookstone - OVER 800 fabulous merchants willing to contribute a percentage of your purchase to Holy Spirit School. Thank you for your support!!

[E-scrip.com link](http://E-scrip.com)

**eScrip is FREE, easy,  
and all YOU need to do  
is SIGN UP!**





## **Ton of Love Food Drive**

**Wednesday October 21 through Wednesday October 28**

Once again, Holy Spirit is having its annual food drive. This year, we will be donating to Catholic Charities. Due to increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

- \* Pre-K: canned meats (corned beef, spam)
- \* Kindergarten: peanut butter
- \* 1st grade: jelly
- \* 2nd grade: tuna
- \* 3rd grade: canned vegetables (corn, green beans)
- \* 4th grade: individual fruit cups
- \* 5th grade: cereal (large boxes)
- \* 6th grade: pasta
- \* 7th grade: instant potatoes
- \* 8th grade: macaroni & cheese kits

Our goal is to collect 2015 items. Let's show our Holy Spirit School "Spirit" by reaching our goal! Donations will be accepted until the morning of the 28th of October.

Sponsored by Holy Spirit School Student Council

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October 26th - October 29th

Holy Spirit's annual Spirit Week is right around the corner! The Student Council has a whole-lot of fun and excitement planned.



**Monday, October 26th: Superhero/Disney Day-** Dress as your favorite superhero or Disney character! Be as creative as you would like. No weapons allowed. **\$1 donations for the Turkey Shoot collected today.**



**Tuesday, October 27th: Fun Run -** The PTO is sponsoring a fun run! Students must wear PE uniforms, but may wear fun accessories!!



**Wednesday, October 28th: Ton of Love Food Drive Ends** - all donations must be received by Wednesday morning before pick up by Catholic Charities.



**Thursday, October 29th: Turkey Shoot and Pep Rally -**

Students may dress down in spirit wear and/or school colors (red and black) to show their school spirit. **\$1 donation collected Monday, 10/26th.** Money raised from the Turkey Shoot will benefit the Migration and Refugees Office of Catholic Charities.

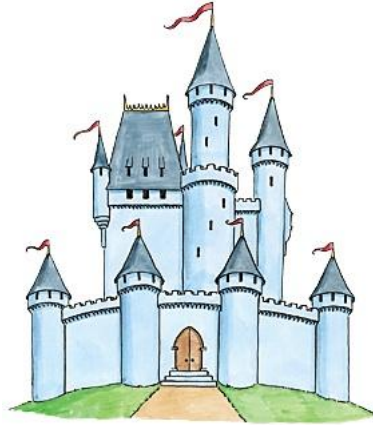
Parent volunteers may sign-up to help next week [by clicking here](#). Please note that some times have changed due to Fun Run times.



**Friday, October 30th: No School!** Teacher Professional Development Day

Flyers may be found in the Family Folders Flyer section.

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## **1st - 3rd Grade Book Club!**

**Thursdays 3:30 - 4:15, twice monthly**  
**Led by : Ms. Fritts, Ms. Bidinger, and Mrs. Crone**

**Students meet in the library twice a month to actively engage in reading! Teachers will read books to the students, students will work on a related project, and students will read with buddies or in small groups. This year's theme will be on comparing classic fairy tales with modern retellings.**

**[Click here to sign up!](#)**

Date	Classic Fairy Tale
November 5th	Jack and the Beanstalk
November 19th	Rumplestiltskin
December 3rd	The Princess and the Frog
December 17th	The Gingerbread Boy
January 7th	Rapunzel

January 21st	Sleeping Beauty
February 4th	The Three Little Pigs
February 18th	Stone Soup
March 3rd	Hansel and Gretel
March 17th	The Three Billy Goats Gruff
April 7th	Nursery Rhymes
April 21st	The Tortoise and the Hare
May 5th	Cinderella
May 19th	Little Red Riding Hood

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# Family Bingo for Vocations!



All Hallows Eve Theme

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

Saturday, October 24 In Holy Spirit School  
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

*St. Anthony  
Mary Clare,  
pray for us!*



Saint John-Marie Vianney



Saint Juan Diego



Saint Catherine of Siena

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



Saint Gregory the Great



Saint Rose of Lima



Saint Therese of Lisieux

Prize for best  
costumed child  
and family

## 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.



KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

For information contact Ron Poussard at [ronpoussard@mac.com](mailto:ronpoussard@mac.com)  
Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit Council. Our last Bingo until 2016! Don't miss it!



Family Science Night at the Smithsonian's  
National Air and Space Museum  
sponsored by the National Center for Earth and  
Space Science Education and the  
Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum

Event Date: Wednesday, October 28th  
Event Time: 6:45pm - 8:50pm

Additional information and details available on the flyer may  
be found in the Family Folder section below.

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From the Desk of...  
The Holy Spirit Tooth Fairy

Please donate any extra, unopened Halloween  
candy to Holy Spirit School by

Friday, Nov 13th

Candy will be donated to Martha's Table for the homeless.

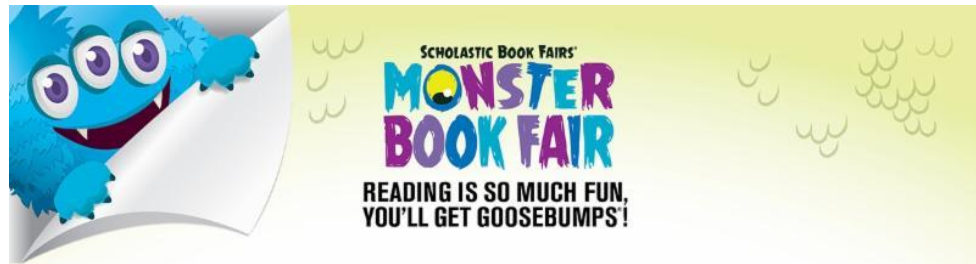


### November Lunch Calendar

The November lunch calendar is now available. Please see the link below in the Family Folder Flyers section or under the *Current Families* tab on the school website click on Lunch Menu.

**\*Parents please note the Middle School field trip has been rescheduled for November 9th - please do not purchase lunch for your student on this day.**

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## Book Fair

Sunday, November 1st - Friday, November 6th

Shop online for a larger selection Nov.1st - Nov. 16

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/holyspiritflames>

The Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase books and other educational items for you and your children. It is a great time to shop early for Christmas and to encourage your children to read! 25% of each purchase comes back to the school library. Parents are welcome to shop anytime the Book Fair is open.

### HOURS

SUNDAY 10-2

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00-3:30

TUESDAY 8:00-7:00

FRIDAY 8-11:30

Classes will visit the Book Fair for a thirty minute session. Students may bring money or make wish lists during their visit. Individual students may return to the Book Fair to make additional purchases with the permission of the teacher.

Also, as in the past, teachers will have "wish baskets". These are books selected by the teacher that they could use in the classroom. If you would like to give your child's teacher a gift, these will be available for purchase through Thursday.

I look forward to seeing you!

Nora McNamara  
Librarian

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:30		OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
8:30-9:00			PKB			
9:00-9:30				5B		
9:15-9:45		7B	PKM			
9:30-10:00	Open					
10:00-10:30	10-2	4L		5H		
10:30-11:00		4V	2S	KB		
11:00-11:30				KW		
11:15-11:45			2O			
11:30-12:00						CLOSED
12:00-12:30			8C	8K		
12:45-1:15		3C				
1:30-2:00		3L	1F	6F		
1:45-2:15						
2:00-2:30			1M	6H		
2:15-2:45		7D				
2:30-3:30						
3:30		CLOSED		CLOSED	CLOSED	
			Open 3-7			



**Holy Spirit**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Inspiring Minds*  
**Igniting Hearts**

**October 2015**

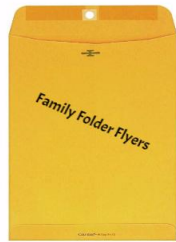
### **Asbestos Notification**

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing and fire retardant capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing materials. Every three years, Holy Spirit School conducts an inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. The Holy Spirit School Asbestos Management Plan has several on-going requirements and we are following the recommended procedures for management.

It is the intention of Holy Spirit School to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan at the school during regular business hours. Larry Quinn, as Facility Manager, is our designated asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to him [atlquinn@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:atlquinn@holyspiritflames.org).

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 15, 2015" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

### School Flyers:

1. [November Lunch Menu](#)
2. [Ton of Love Food Drive](#)
3. [Spirit Week](#)
4. [Turkey Shoot](#)

### Parish Flyers:

1. [Knights of Columbus Halloween Bingo](#)

### Community Flyers:

1. [Family Science Night at the Smithsonian](#)
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