

From the Principal's Desk

September 1, 2016



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Holy Spirit School

*Celebrating 50 Years of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts
1966 - 2016*

The first week is (almost) in the books!

We are certainly off and running with many smiling faces and much excitement. Thank you for entrusting your children to us as they continue on their academic journey.

The carlines are getting better. I promise! We are whittling time off each day and I appreciate your patience as we all learn the routine of both the morning and afternoon lines. Please be sure that when you come in that you get in line after the last car and be cognizant of not jumping in front of folks who have been patiently waiting.

I look forward to seeing parents at the Back to School Nights scheduled for next week. We will have a short presentation each evening in the gym at 7:00 pm and then there will be opportunities to visit the classrooms to hear from the teachers.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II
Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*



Celebrating Mother Mary's Birthday

Next Thursday, September 8th we will celebrate the birthday of our Mother Mary with a prayer service.

To assist with our celebration, we are asking that every student bring one long-stemmed flower (that can go in a vase) to add to his/her class bouquet.

If you are able, please join us in the gym at 8:30 am.

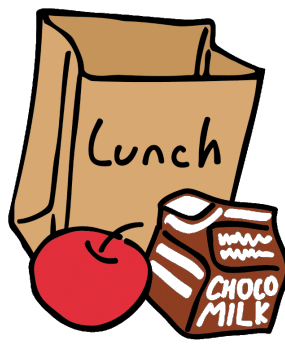
Thank you!



Holy Spirit School is now on Twitter!

@HSS_Flames

Follow us to see some of the fun and exciting things that go on here at school each day!



Milk/Water Order Semester Lunch Order

We've had a positive response to the online ordering for the milk, water, and semester lunches. The instructions for ordering are still available under the *Current Families* tab but please note there will be an end date to being able to order. If you've not had the chance to take care of this for your student(s), please do so as soon as possible.



Back to School Family Packet

A reminder that the Back to School packet with all of the beginning of the year forms was due back to the school on August 29th.

It is vital that we receive all of the forms but in particular the Emergency Care form. We are minus 80+ of those forms. Please take the time to fill out everything and return immediately.



Carpool Reminders...

Carpool is always a challenge the first few days of school but it does get better quickly. If everyone could please follow the below reminders it would be a great help:

During morning drop-off, no students should be dropped off prior to 7:45 am. Teachers do not go on duty outside until 7:45 am (please note we work by the bell/clock within the school). No students should be dropped off in the upper parking lot and allowed to walk down the sidewalk to the front of the school. I know everyone is busy and has somewhere to be but for the safety of everyone involved all cars should come through the front car line. (This excludes Prekindergarten families who drop-off in the rear of the school.)

The drop-off line moves much faster if students are ready to go when you reach the sidewalk. Parents should stay in the car and allow teachers to assist the students. All students must exit on the right side of the car so they step immediately onto the sidewalk. Regardless of where your child's class lines-up, please have your child get out of the car at the first spot at which you stop along the sidewalk; do not make multiple drop-offs or stops.

In the afternoon, please be sure that you are filling in one line at a time and I ask that you be cognizant of not cutting into a line in front of others who have been patiently waiting.

Parents may not park in the upper lot and walk down to retrieve students from the front of the school. Again, I understand that many are in a hurry and have places to be but for safety and out of fairness all should wait in the carpool line.

As after school activities begin and more children begin attending Extended Day, the carpool line will return to its usual 10-15 minute "event".

Thank you for your cooperation!



Vanpool

New vanpool slots for families will go home tomorrow, Friday, September 2nd. Families should begin using the new slots on Tuesday, September 6th.

Please be sure that you are parking in the correct numbered spot. A ripple effect is created when folks are in slots not assigned to them.



Back to School Nights

For Grades 1-5, Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th.

For Middle School, Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th.

Both nights will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Please remember that this is an evening for teachers to present general information regarding the classroom and curriculum. This is not an opportunity for individual conferences. If you have concerns or questions that are specific to your child, please contact the teacher directly and privately.



Lunch Menu

[September Lunch Menu](#)

Parish Open House

& Picnic

Side Dish
Potluck

Free!
All Are
Welcome

Rain or shine!

Please bring a
side dish to share:

A-R: Salads/Sides

S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food &
Activities Include:

Burgers & Hot Dogs,
Soda, Cotton Candy,
Snow Cones, Clown,
Face Painting, DJ,
Moonbounce,
Inflatable Obstacle
Course, Tug-of-War,
Field Day Activities,
Sack Races, Corn Hole,
Scouts Obstacle Courses
and more!

Join us for fun and fellowship!



Sunday, September 11

Open House: 10am-2pm

Picnic: 1-4pm

Don't
forget
your
lawn
chairs

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

Many volunteers needed, youth and adult.

Contact Lambie Renner at lrenner@holyspiritchurch.us

Open House in the school gym. Picnic on the grass between the church & school.



MILITIA IMMACULATA

What is it?

Militia Immaculata is a prayer group using the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Monday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

The Militia of the Immaculata is a spiritual movement that was started by St. Maximilian Kolbe—the aim is to convert souls and to pray for peace in the world.

What do you do?

We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe and then we end with some snacks and social time!

Who can join?

This group is open to all 5-8th graders, their siblings and others upon request! All you need is a permission form and you're in!

Is this really as great as it sounds?!?

Yup! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

**Mondays 3:15-4:15 in the Youth Room.
Starts Sept. 12
Snacks and social time included.**



Join the Squire Roses today!

A youth organization sponsored by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus for girls ages 10-18

A girl run/led program with appropriate guidance. The girls develop their own ideas of how to participate in parish life and live out their Catholic faith through charitable activities. They learn the leadership skills needed to bring about the successful completion of their projects.

Our First Meeting of the 2016/2017 year is September 3rd, at 1:15pm, in Meeting Room 2

For more information contact Ruth Oordt by email mroordt@yahoo.com or call 210 954-6820

*Mother Mary, Vermilion Rose of Heaven,
Pray for us!*



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 1, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [September Lunch Menu](#)
2. [A Parent's Guide to Performance Series](#)
3. [Fall Chess Club Sign-Up](#)
4. [7th & 8th Grade Dance at St. Bernadette School](#)
5. [Emergency Contact form for St. Bernadette Dance](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Open House & Parish Picnic - September 11](#)
 2. [Militia Immaculata flyer and permission form](#)
 3. [Squire Roses flyer](#)
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