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Dear Parents,

On Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the students will participate in a fun assembly that will introduce them to Zoomba. All students should wear their PE uniforms and sneakers (PreK students should be wearing sneakers).

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking the High School Spanish Placement Exam. Parents, please be sure your student is here on time as that exam begins promptly at 8:30 am.

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is the Mother's Day Mass at 9:00 am. Students and their guests are invited to arrive at the church in time for the 9:00 am Mass and to visit the school following for small receptions in the classrooms. If, due to transportation issues, students need to arrive at "normal" drop-off time that is fine and all students will be taken up to the church for Mass.

For students in grades 3-8 interim grades will be ready during the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure that you check the portal to see where things stand with your student. Paper interims will be issued only to those students carrying a 75% or below in a core academic subject or an "X" or a "1" in a Special/Elective subject.

Field Day is right around the corner on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This all day event is always eagerly anticipated by the students. Information regarding the day is included in this folder. Thank you to all of those who have been involved in the planning and thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to be here – this only works because of the tremendous number of you who are here to help out with the teams. A special note to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please remember that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade plays in the annual volleyball game between students and parents so if you have the opportunity to swing by at 1:00 pm to play we would love to see you.

Please note the flyer for our annual Lunch on the Lawn which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th; all parents are invited. For those new to this event, the students eat during their regularly scheduled time  $(6^{th} - 8^{th}: 11:15 \text{ am}; 3^{rd} - 5^{th}: 11:50 \text{ am}; K-2^{nd}: 12:25 \text{ pm};$  the PK will come outside at 12:00 noon) out on the front lawn. All students must have a bag lunch (or if you like you may bring your student a special treat lunch that day) and it is highly suggested they have a blanket or towel of some sort to sit on in the grass. Our school band will perform during all lunches. If it rains this event is held in the gym.

A reminder to the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade families, the annual "Move-Up Night" is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



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Please also remember that Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is now a full day of school. There is NO Extended Day that afternoon.

Interspersed through the month of May are various class field trips and events. Please be sure to watch for information from the classroom teachers.

A reminder to please settle all financial obligations to the school in a timely fashion; any outstanding financial obligations to the school will result in delays in the distribution of your child's report card and any academic transcripts needing to be sent to new schools. Obligations include tuition, morning care payments, extended day payments, cafeteria bills, library invoices, etc. This also includes settling with the PTO for service hours. Notices were sent home with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards indicating outstanding hours; if something was remiss with those notices be sure to communicate with the PSSC coordinators.

If you are a family who has recently found that you will be transferred from the area and not returning to Holy Spirit next year, I ask that you please let us know as soon as possible so that we are aware of available slots for incoming students.

This Family Folder is filled with important flyers so please be sure to check everything carefully. In addition, please look at the electronic version of the Family Folder on the website for community items that are not printed to paper.

Thank you for all that you do for Holy Spirit School!

Blessings always,

Maureen Ashby Principal