



Holy Spirit

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A note from the PTO: 2021-2022 School Year

Another highly successful year into the record books! We are indeed blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, vibrant, and loving community. Our children were embraced every day in a safe, loving and Godly environment by an amazing team of teachers and staff. Like last year, our teachers, faculty, and staff showed up for our children every day and navigated the continuing challenges we are all living through. Our faculty and staff embodied our school's mission.

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We are all fortunate to be part of the Holy Spirit community which stepped up to support our school in so many ways. The involvement of parents has a direct positive impact on the education of our children, and the success of this year is due in no small part to the hard work of so many people. It is important to highlight the innumerable events and activities that fly under the radar for the larger community. We are so grateful for the direct support for our wonderful teachers, provided by our homeroom parents and their generosity.

There were several larger events this year and we can report a 100% success rate. We started the school year off with a warm and sunny welcome to our new families. We teamed up with Boosterthon again this year and exceeded our goals; we plan to continue to hold this fun and exciting event next year. We made last minute adjustments to the Trunk or Treat plans due to weather and pulled off a strong community building event. Holy Spirit had another successful Christmas tree sale, with some of the best prices around; and our children were able to grow in themselves by independently buying Christmas gifts for their family at the Christmas Boutique. Thanks to other wonderful volunteers, we supported local restaurants with several small fundraisers. Our used uniform and spirit gear sales were resounding successes. Our Annual Talent Show was fun, entertaining, and in-person. Field day was another phenomenal event that is a lot of fun for the kids and parents. Finally, we honored Holy Spirit teachers and staff with a wildly successful Teacher Appreciation Week that really touched our teachers' hearts. Looking forward to next year, we plan to keep many of the PTO activities in place, such as Boosterthon, Christmas Tree sales, and the Talent Show.

We all saw Mrs. Ashby's recent letter about staff changes. It is very difficult saying farewell to so many wonderful and special people and we wish them Godspeed. We look forward to welcoming our new faculty and staff into our community and the special culture of Holy Spirit School. One of the PTO's new focusses next year will be looking for ways to help the school increase our support of faculty and staff. We are reviewing our policies, activities and budget to see how we can support the school's efforts.



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The PTO supports the school across many programs and activities. PTO fundraising successes support over \$27,000 in IT for Chromebooks, iPads, and the school's BrainPop subscription. The PTO subsidizes school initiatives, to include a paid recess duty position (new for SY 22-23), and the outdoor classroom, among others. at over \$30,000. PTO fundraising contributes to field trips, field day, and scholarships totaling nearly \$23,000. The PTO provides nearly \$17,000 to support teachers with classroom materials, training expenses and teacher appreciation week. Finally, the PTO spends approximately \$10,000 on PTO-related activities like the talent show and other community building events. PTO fundraising covers only a small portion of the school's budget; without fundraising, most of these costs would need to be covered by tuition increases.

Additionally, and just as important, the PTO provides a means for parents to engage the Holy Spirit Community, which improves and enriches our children's educational experience. We thank you for all you do for your children and the Holy Spirit School Community and we look forward to growing our community, with your help, for years to come

God Bless,

The PTO Board