

NEWSLETTER

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RE-REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

We have begun re-registration of current students and registration of siblings. We have opened registration to the general public. It is important that you let the office know your intentions. Registration forms are available in the school office.

Notes from the clinic:

With spring like temperatures and early tree buds, pollen and allergy season arrive early bringing sniffles, scratchy throats and eyes and nasal drainage. Please keep hydrated and remember to wash your hands regularly!!! Also, be aware we DO NOT administer cough drops in school. Along with changing seasons, we have a couple of nasty bugs currently making their way through the grades...

Stomach virus signs/symptoms: upset stomach/pains, vomiting, diarrhea, and possibly fever, but not necessarily. The virus is generally passed by oral ingestion. Encourage your child to frequently wash hands and keep them away from their faces. If your child is showing signs/symptoms, please DO NOT send them to school. Stay home and keep hydrated with small sips frequently between episodes of vomiting and diarrhea.

Strep throat signs/symptoms: red, sore throat, may also have headache and/or stomachache, fever. Have your child strep tested at your doctor's office. If positive and treatment required, child can return to school 24 hours after 1st dose of antibiotic.

Conjunctivitis or "pink eye" sign/symptoms: scratchy, itchy eyes, redness with white to yellow drainage in corners or on lashes, crusting often overnight. This spreads easily so encourage child not to rub eyes or share cloths/towels etc. with family members. This requires treatment from doctor. Again, 24 hours after first dose, may return to school.

Also, be aware of school policy, your child needs to be 24 hours fever free WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school for any illness.

We want to promote health and wellness between all our students and faculty/staff and this requires co-operation from parents. Any questions, call clinic @ 256-881-9972.

Thank you! M. Vevon, RN and D. Pressnell, RN



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 16: Youth Protection I @ Holy Family

February 17: Teacher's In-service – No School

February 20: School is IN SESSION

February 21: Visiting Day for prospective parents
Five Guys Night with Spirit Fuel

February 22: Ash Wednesday

February 25 & 26: Confirmation Retreat

Track Team

Track Season has begun!! If you missed the meeting on Monday, February 12th and are interested in being on the track team, please email Mary Gross at m2gross@comcast.net or call 256-656-0942.

Practices will begin next week. I will email the exact date to those interested. Thank you!

FIVE GUYS NIGHT!

Don't forget to mark your calendar! Tuesday, February 21st is 5 Guys Burgers and Fries Night. SPIRIT FUEL WILL BE PERFORMING!! Please come out to support our school! Mrs. Lai will be there from 4:30 until 7:30. If it fits your schedule to go any time that day, just tell them you are with Holy Spirit when you order! Thank you for your consistent support!

Mrs. Lori Lai

CINNABON

NJHS is sponsoring a CINNABON fundraiser to be delivered on February 21, 2012...just in time for FAT TUESDAY!!! **Orders must be in by 3:30 pm Thursday February 16th**. Forms are in the office and the last page of this newsletter.

MATH TEAM NEWS!!!!!!

Holy Spirit Math Team successfully competed last Saturday (February 5th) at the Grissom Math

Tournament held at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville!

Congratulations go out to ALL Math Team "mathletes" for an enjoyable and successful event: Catie Brown, Jeremy McDaniel, Brien McWilliams, Javier Nishikawa, Daniel Ogden, Alex Pressnell, Aaron Riviere, Austin Weaver and Luke Weaver.

Special Congratulations go to Javier Nishikawa for placing 10th in Pre-Algebra out of more than 200 competitors in that age group! Way to go, Javier!!! Everyone's participation, including our parent volunteers, helped to make the day the success that it was! Thank you to Mrs. McWilliams and Mr. Weaver who helped chaperone for the day, as well as all parents who drove their mathlete back and forth to the event. The US Space and Rocket Center is one of our favorite venues for Math Competitions and so, it was a very fun, math-filled day!

Are you interested in being a part of this winning team? Holy Spirit's Math Team meets every Wednesday morning at 7am in the Math Lab. Math Team will welcome 4th graders in the month of March (March 7 will be first 4th-8th grade practice at 7 a.m. in the Math Lab!) and always welcomes any students from the 5th through 8th grades who are interested in having fun with Mathematics!!

Think Math! Mrs. Mullins

Advanced Math Teacher and Math Team Coach

8TH GRADE PARENTS:

There will be a parent meeting for Dauphin Island on Thursday, February 23 at 6 pm in the cafeteria. One parent must be in attendance, as we will fill out all the necessary forms as well as review rules and procedures. Mrs. Parker, Leila's mom, has volunteered to notarize the forms for us. This is a convenience to you, so you do not have to find a notary elsewhere. We will also collect balances for the trip. As of now, the cost is still at \$395.66. Your student was given a letter with their individual fundraising total. If you did not see this letter, please ask them for it. We will also need you to bring a copy of your insurance card, front and back, to the meeting. We will not have access to the copier so please come with the copy made.

Questions: Kris Castillo kcjc88@yahoo.com

BAND NEWS

We are once again attempting to resurrect the Holy Spirit School Band. We have found a Band Director who is interested in getting the Band going again. The Band program will be an after school extracurricular activity for 5th through 8th graders, depending upon the interest and abilities of our students. Our intention is to schedule Band so that it does not conflict with Spirit Fuel practices. The prospective Band Director will be visiting 4th through 7th grade classrooms on February 16th to see if there is interest on the part of the students. After his visit, we will schedule a question/answer meeting for parents.



TALENT SHOW AROUND THE CORNER IN APRIL!

It's that time of year again! I've been asking students to prepare for the Talent Show if they're interested in performing in it.

Auditions will be all through the month of March during your child's Music Class.

Please tell them that, if they want to have a positive audition experience, they need to be practicing and preparing for auditions sooner, *not later*.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- 1) Only grades K-2 are allowed to sing Mass songs. Grades 3-8 should purchase an 'appropriate' song on a karaoke CD and practice with it if they'd like to sing.
- 2) No jokes, please. Input was provided that we'd be much better off with singing, dancing, & playing of instruments. If your child has an exciting idea other than those 3, I'm interested in hearing about it.

If you have any questions, please contact me at

jonder@hstigers.org

Thanks, John Onder

HUNTSVILLE KNIGHTS BENEFIT BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 19TH



The Knights of Columbus Council 4080 will hold their monthly charity breakfast on Sunday, February 19, 2012 from 8:00 until 11:15 AM at the K of C Hall located at 3053 Leaman Ferry Road. The profits from this event are earmarked for the Falcon baseball program at John Paul II Catholic High School.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:



Payne Alsobrook, Michael Boucher, Jennifer Bice, Elby Calligaris, Mark Celeski, Wendy Chance, Gavin Crutcher, Brian Duerr, Frank Dunn, Agnes Flanagan, John Gould, Zach Harris, Cindy Hogman, Faith Hughes, Peg Kessler, Colleen Kleiber, Walter Mauny, J.P. McCord, Bree McMahan, Elizabeth Napieralski, Joyce Pryor, Joshua Quest, Donald Rahl, Maddie Reynolds, John Sauer, Kate Schellenberg, Louise Setzer, George Snyder, Jackie Stenbridge, Larry Stephens, and Gloria Valentin.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



Robert Adams, Michael Boucher, James Caldwell, Major Brian Chapuran, Jeffrey Comer, J.B. Economy, Eric Gonzalez-Tablada, Jose Gonzalez-Tablada, Juan "Charlie Brown" Hernandez, Kyle Kimberly, John Paul King, II, Steve Lloyd, Joseph William Meyer, Mark Michel, David McAdams, Colin O'Hara, Grant Pritchard, Lauren Rosenhoover, Robert Shea, Chad Swearingin, LTC Jose Valentin, and John F. Wallace. Please continue to pray for all our service men and women.

9th ANNUAL GOOD SHEPHERD RUMMAGE SALE

(rain or shine)

Saturday, February 25th, 7 am - 1 pm (yellow flags and signs)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Chaney

Thompson and Hobbs Road

13 Rooms of "treasures" plus

Furniture/Sports/Garden in Outdoor Pavilion Area

(Pavilion Area will open up at 6:15)

We will accept drop offs at the Religious Ed building Room 1, Saturday, February 11th thru Ash Wednesday, February 22nd between 1-4 pm everyday. Tax slips will be available.

For more information contact Judy Dombrowski:

256-882-2417



The NJHS of Holy Spirit School is sponsoring a Cinnabon fundraiser. They will be delivered to your eldest child's classroom on **Fat Tuesday, February 21st, 2012**, just in time before Lent!!! We are accepting orders through

Thursday, February 16th, 2012.

NO orders will be taken after Thursday.

So act fast, or they will be gone!

Buy your Cinnabon rolls today!!!

Thank you for your support!

-National Jr. Honor Society



PRICES:

Individual Cinnabon for \$3.50

4 Pack Cinnabon for \$12.00

Please make checks payable to, Holy Spirit School.

ORDER FORM

Price Per Roll (individual) $\$3.50 \times$ Quantity _____ = _____

Price Per 4 Pack $\$12.00 \times$ Quantity _____ = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____.

Name of eldest Student in HSS _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Please make checks payable to, Holy Spirit School.