

“A WISE MAN WILL HEAR AND INCREASE LEARNING.” (PROV. 1:5)

Bear News

FRAN WISE, PRINCIPAL

JULY, 2011



It's almost "Back to School" time! School starts on Mon. Aug. 22 at 8:10am. On Mon. and Tues. that week Kindergarten will be dismissed at 12:00pm and 1st-8th at 12:15. Thereafter, Kindergarten dismissal will be at 1:00pm, 1st-8th grade dismissal at 3:00 and on minimum days all grades will be dismissed at 12:15. Extension is available for those who are registered. As in the past few years, the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month will be minimum days with dismissal at 12:15 for all students. This is for staff meetings and articulation purposes.

Parents are invited to join us for refreshments in the Father Brady Room after morning prayer on the first day of school. This will give you an opportunity to meet one another, renew friendships and welcome new families to our Holy Spirit community.

Uniform Exchange

Our annual Uniform Exchange will be held in the gym on Wed. Aug. 3 from 12-4pm. Here you can trade or purchase used uniforms or purchase/order new P.E. clothes or sweatshirts. Our official uniform supplier, Dennis Uniforms, will also be there if you need to purchase new uniform jumpers, shorts, skirts or skorts.

Campus Work Day



Volunteers needed! Get some of those work incentive hours done early. We will have a "Campus Clean Up Day" on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9:00am-12pm. This will consist of things like bush trimming, cleaning dusty benches, cobwebs, dirty drinking fountains so please bring rags, shovels, rakes, clippers. If you'd like to volunteer to help and/or direct this project please call Jane in the school office at 448-5663. Thanks for volunteering. We appreciate your help.

Summer Reading

There's still time for all you 5th-8th graders to get your summer reading done. Don't forget-students will be tested on the assigned books when school starts. Call the office if your can't remember which books were assigned.

Vacation Bible School



Have you ever wished you could make faith fun and exciting for youth? Vacation Bible School is a great way for that to happen. Children explore a faith theme through music, the arts and community. This summer we would like to provide that opportunity for children from Aug. 8-11th from 9:00 to noon. If you can help with this program, please contact Sr. Katherine at 446-4673. We will need one adult for every 8-10 children. High School assistants are welcome.



Please join us for **Back to School Night** to meet your children's teachers and to hear plans and expectations for the coming year. This will be on Thurs. Sept. 8 at 6:00pm. We will gather first in the gym. Parents only please!!

Field Trip Drivers

All adults that drive on a field trip must provide the school with a copy of their driver's license, auto insurance card, and a completed Diocesan insurance verification form before driving. This needs to be done **every year** since insurance and licenses expire so please don't wait until the day of the field trip to do this. Your insurance must provide liability coverage in amounts no less than \$100,000/individual and \$300,000 cumulative for each loss or occurrence of bodily injury, \$50,000 property damage, \$5,000/person medical, and \$100,000 uninsured motorist insurance. Thanks for your cooperation.

Shield the Vulnerable

Please take the time this summer to go online to www.shieldthevulnerable.org to complete this Diocesan program. Most of you will have to retrain since your certificate is only good for 3 years and we started this program in Aug. 2008. All adult volunteers who work with children (classroom helpers, field trip drivers, coaches) and all employees must complete this training. At the completion of the course you need to print a copy of your Certificate of Completion and give it to Jane in the school office. The Diocese will audit our records so please help us meet these requirements.

Work Incentive Program

Please make sure to log ALL volunteer hours you've completed by emailing them to Celi Solis at celisq@gmail.com or by filling out a work hours form at the front desk. The tallying of the 25 required hours started April 1, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2012 so you still have 8 1/2 months to get them done if you haven't started already. Ways to earn hours: work at the Crab Feed in Feb., Auction in March, Clean Up day 8/20, classroom help, field trip driver, bake sales. We'll send notices in the newsletter or you can sign up for some at Back to School Night. Thanks for all you do for our school.

Fingerprinting



All adults who want to volunteer with students at Holy Spirit School by coaching, helping in the classroom, going to Sutter's Fort with 4th grade, or driving on a field trip must have fingerprint clearance on file with the Diocese and the school office beforehand. Even if you've done it for another company you still need to do this again for Diocesan clearance. You'll need to pick up the form in the school office, have your fingerprints taken and return one of the completed forms to our school. Please don't wait until the last minute as it can take up to a month for the whole process. The cheapest place to do this is at Capital Live Scan at 5706 Broadway. The Diocese will be auditing our records so please help us be in compliance. Thanks for your cooperation.

Newsletters on the Internet

Our newsletters will be e-mailed to you just before the end of each month so please make sure that we have your correct email addresses on file in the school office. It will also be available on our website at www.hs-ps.com along with many other important items to keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You can find calendars, sports information, permission slips, P.E. uniform and sweatshirt order forms, extension applications and insurance verification forms. It is important that parents read the newsletter promptly as there may be schedule changes that you need to be aware of.

Hot Lunch/Milk

Our Hot Lunch Program will begin on Monday, August 29 for 1st-8th graders. Kindergarteners will need to bring a sack lunch and drink for their lunch break since it is earlier than all other grades. More information and lunch order forms will be sent home when school starts. Milk or juice can be ordered for \$50 for the entire school year but there is no lunch, milk or juice served on minimum days.





Parent Club Corner

Hello HSPS Families!

I so hope you are enjoying your summer! I know it seems we just had our last day of school, but the Parent Club is already looking towards 2011-2012 with excitement and enthusiasm!

At our registration day, there were quite a few people that signed up to be active members of the HSPS Parent Club. We are so excited to have your help and input this next year, please be on the lookout for an email for our first Parent Club meeting to be held the 1st day of school.

This next year the Parent Club has many fundraisers and activities for students and families to help ensure a fun-filled, community-building year. Here is a list of our fundraisers and activities for 2011-2012 (some may look familiar and some may not!)

- o Magnet Wall - NEW
- o Mixed Bag Fundraiser - NEW
- o Fall Carnival - NEW
- o Art to Remember Fundraiser – NEW
- o Breakfast with Santa
- o Crab Feed
- o Auction
- o Land Park Garden Tea and Tour
- o Jog-a-Thon

Fun, FREE Family / Community Events - NEW

We also would like to invite all new families to save-the-date for a Welcome BBQ on Thursday, August 25th from 6:30-8:30 pm at the school. This will give new families the opportunity to meet each other and other members of our community.

If there is any existing family that would like to help with the Welcome BBQ, please contact our Parent Club Ambassador Chair at jennifer.g.ferrara@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to a great 2011-2012 school year!

Shannon Young
Parent Club President
2010-2012



Attention 6th-8th Grade Parents

Two of the science field trips have already been scheduled for this coming year. So that it doesn't come as a surprise, here are the dates and costs of each:

6th grade to Headlands:

Sept. 20-23 Cost is approx. \$460

7th grade to Westminster Woods:

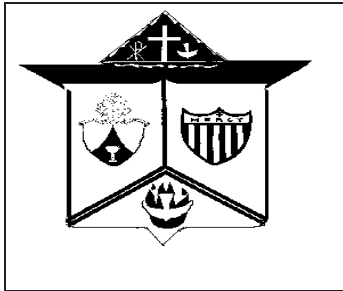
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8th grade to Yosemite:

Oct. 3-7 Cost is approx. \$500

P.E. Uniform Orders

The last day to order PE shorts, t-shirts, and sweatshirts is Sept. 2. Please get your order forms in by then so the orders can be processed and back here as quickly as possible. We have a few items available in the office but when they are gone we will only place another order when there is at least 20 orders.



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Gym Use

Anyone wanting to reserve the gym or Father Brady Room for games, practice or meetings needs to contact the office so it gets put on the calendar. We are only scheduling Fall sports at this time.

Sign in Please!

For the safety of our children and so not to disrupt class time ALL parents must sign in (and out) at the office while on school grounds. You will be given a visitor badge to be worn while on campus. If your child needs to be signed out or you need to deliver a lunch, the office will contact the classroom to get your child. Please do not enter the classroom unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher. It is very disruptive for the whole class when someone enters the classroom. Thanks for your cooperation.



Dear First Graders,

I know that you are enjoying God's gifts of warm sun, cooling waters, and long, light days. I hope that you are enjoying God's gift of knowledge, and remembering all that you have learned. With God's help, live it. Read, read, read, every day. Remember, also, to bring your summer reading list (page 5 of this newsletter) to school on Aug. 22 and be rewarded for your efforts with an ice cream treat. Maybe you will win the ereader!!

♪ Summertime...and the reading is easy...♪

Mrs. Pollacchi

Kindergarten to First Grade Summer Reading Project

As students read a book this summer, they will write the title on their list. Bring this sheet to first grade on the first day of school, August 22, 2011. All students who bring in this list will share an ice cream party. One lucky first grader whose list is drawn will be awarded an electronic reader.



Have fun reading this summer!!

Love, Mrs. Pollacchi

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HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2011/2012

All students will need six food bars in a Ziploc bag marked with his or her name.

KINDERGARTEN

1 backpack, 1 pkg. glue sticks, 1 pocket folder for papers (no binders), 1 sturdy Hula Hoop, 2 boxes Big or Jumbo Crayolas, 1 pk. Crayola fat markers, 1 Nerf or soft rubber ball (any size or shape), 1 kitchen sponge, 1 box Kleenex, 1 photo of child.

FIRST GRADE

1 back pack, 2 folders (not binders), 1 child's scissors, 2 large pink erasers, 1 large pencil bag (not box), 2 boxes wide markers, 2 boxes thin markers, 1 picture of child from summer vacation, 1 pocket folder for Spanish.

SECOND GRADE

1 pair scissors, 1 box each fine & thick markers, 3 pocket folders, 1 composition notebook, 1 pocket folder with fasteners inside, 12" ruler with inches & centimeters marked with child's name, 1 small plastic crayon box (no higher than 4 inches), pencil sharpener with cover, 1 pink pearl eraser, 1 pocket folder for Spanish.

THIRD GRADE

Two 2- pocket folders, 1 pkg. wide-ruled binder paper, (no binders, please), 1 composition notebook, 1 small wash cloth, 1 pencil sharpener (hand held manual), 1 **non-spiral** notebook, eraser, 1 pair scissors, 3 size jumbo stretchy book covers, 1 pk. index cards, 1 pencil box that will fit under desk (no larger than 16"x11"x 6), 1 mini stapler w/ staples, extra pencils (no mechanical), highlighter, book to read for free time and a book marker, 1 doodle notebook, 1 child's dictionary for home use, 1 pack wide bold markers, 12" ruler w/metric & standard, 1 pocket folder for Spanish, multiplication/division & addition/subtraction flashcards.

FOURTH GRADE

1 eraser, 6 non-spiral pocket folders, 3 spiral notebooks, wide-lined binder paper, 1 pack thin markers, multiplication/division flash card set, scissors, 12" flat ruler with inches and centimeters, 1 pk. dry erase pens, 1 pocket folder for Spanish, 1 Spanish/English dictionary, and 1 pk. index cards for Spanish, 1 black marble composition book, book covers, backpack, 1 pocket dictionary, small hand-held stapler, 1 hand-held pencil sharpener, 1 1/2" 3 ring portfolio binder with show off view cover and spine, vocabulary index card file, 100 index cards. Do not send a pencil box or art box. One will be provided.

FIFTH GRADE

1 small box **no larger than 14"x8"x5"** (a shoebox or Rubbermaid Keepers Snap Case is perfect), a small 3/4" (**no larger**) binder with dividers for subjects, 1 pk. standard rule binder paper, good scissors, 6 pocket folders, 1 large pk. 3x5 cards, 2 packs of small post-it pads, 5 jumbo book covers, 1 box each thin and thick markers, 4 spiral notebooks, 2 highlighter pens, 2 white out pens, 1 small pencil sharpener, average-sized backpack (**no wheels preferred** but if it has wheels it must be small enough to hang on a hook), 1gb. flash drive, Spanish/English dictionary, 1 pk. index cards & 1 pocket folder for Spanish, **a Bible for home use**. Due to limited space, any large binders and/or boxes will be sent home.



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SIXTH GRADE

SEVENTH GRADE

EIGHTH GRADE

General Supplies: 1 Roget's Alphabetical Thesaurus (paperback), 1 Webster's dictionary (paperback), 1 three ring (3") binder with eight subject dividers/tabs, loose-leaf college rule binder paper, 1 three ring (1½") binder with 6 colored tabs with pockets, 4 composition/notebooks, 1 small pencil bag for inside of binder, 12" ruler (standard & metric), 1 white out pen, 3 highlighter pens, 1 box markers, 1 box ea. red, blue, and black pens, 5 pencils, sharpened, 1 pack 3x5 cards, 1 small stapler, scissors, 1 small pencil sharpener, 1 gig. flash drive, 1 small supply box, 1 pocket folder, book covers, backpack, Spanish/English dictionary & composition book for Spanish, 1" binder for English.

MATH SUPPLIES: 1 Texas Instruments TI 30Xa calculator, 1 pack mechanical pencils, 1 pack ¼" graph paper, loose leaf binder paper or non spiral notebook, 1 compass, 1 protractor, 1 ruler (standard/metric).

COMPUTERS: All students will need a notebook for this class.

SCIENCE SUPPLIES:

All students 3rd-8th will need a composition notebook. All students need to cover their books.

Bear Yellow Pages

Holy Spirit Parish School Yellow Pages
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2011/2012 Roster

\$50.00
a year

Do you own a business or offer a service that you want to let everyone know about? Then the HSPS Bear Yellow Pages is the place for you!

Advertising in the Bear Yellow Pages includes:

- Full color 2.5x3 business card size advertisement featured in the back of the school roster
- Business listing on the Bear Yellow Pages school website with links to business website/email address
- Inform parents of your business and/or service

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within our community.*

**Deadline for 2011/2012
School Roster is
August 5, 2011**

