

Holy Spirit Parish School

"Taking Pride in Preparing the Future"

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Fran Wise, Principal

August 24, 2010

Welcome back to a new school year. I am delighted to be serving as your principal. I look forward to meeting all of Holy Spirit School families this fall. As your children may know, the race has begun to know all of their names by Catholic Schools Week!

This school year is unique because it is the year for our accreditation renewal with Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). The accreditation visiting team will be on our campus February 16-18, 2011. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Pollacchi for taking the tremendous task of writing and producing the final report for the WASC commission. Our school community will be busy this fall preparing for the February visit.

Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 8 from 6-8pm. I look forward to meeting all of you and to share my vision for Holy Spirit Parish School. Please feel free to drop by my office and introduce yourself. Thank you to all who have come by during the summer and made me feel very welcomed. We have a beautiful school with a beautiful spirit, namely God, the Holy Spirit! And so I ask the Holy Spirit to bless and protect all of you and your children this school year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fran Wise

Shield the Vulnerable

There are still many of you who have not completed the ***Shield the Vulnerable*** program. Please take the time to go online to do this now. You can find it on our school website at www.hs-ps.com under the parent tab. **ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED BY THE DIOCESE TO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM before they can participate with children.** At the completion of the course please print a copy of your Certificate of Completion and send it to Jane in the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Family/Buddy BBQ

Don't forget our Buddy BBQ on Thurs. Aug.26 at 6:00pm on the grass at the back of the school. Just bring a blanket/chairs, have dinner and make new friends. New families and buddies, it's not too late so please, please RSVP to Laurie Geibel at 443-9108 so we can have enough food.

Many thanks to Charles Smith and his wonderful crew of helpers that came to school on August 21 to rake, weed, mow, blow, sweep, chop and clean so the school grounds look nice for the start of school. Thanks to Teddy Morris for painting walls and railings and Marc Ariza for handling the rekeying and fixing of all the door handles on campus and getting some of the bathrooms fixed up. Also, thanks to Lori Combrink, Lety Piering, Denise Guidry, and Isabella Delreal for taking care of the Uniform Exchange and PE clothes sales and to Laurie Geibel & Florrie Tibbitts for coordinating our Buddy BBQ. We appreciate all your hard work.

Back to School Night

Parents, please plan to attend Back to School Night for all grades on Wed. Sept. 8 at 6:00pm. Parents should meet in the gym first. This evening is for parents only to meet your children's teachers and hear plans and expectations for the coming year.

ALERTNOW

To help us keep you informed we have a notification system called ALERTNOW which allows us to send a telephone or email message with important information about school events or emergencies. Caller ID will display the school's main number when a general announcement is delivered. Caller ID will display 411 if the message is an emergency. It will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail. If the message stops playing, press any key 1-9 and the message will replay from the beginning.

Please make certain that we have your most current phone numbers and email address. If this information changes during the year, please let us know immediately. Thank you.

Milk, Chocolate Milk & Orange Juice

Milk, OJ, or (new this year) non-fat chocolate milk may be preordered for lunch for \$55 (for the whole year) per child beginning Aug. 30. Order forms were sent home today with all students but in case it got lost in the black hole of your child's backpack you can also find that on our website. Return these to the school office with payment by Thurs. Aug.26 so we can place the order in time for Monday's lunch. Any order received after Sept. 30 will be \$8.00



Newsletters

At the very end of each month we will send an electronic notice via e-mail that the newsletter is now available on our website at www.hs-ps.com. Please take the time to read the newsletter the day it is sent. It contains important information, calendars, schedule changes, announcements, reminders, lunch order forms, etc. for the upcoming month. Occasionally we will send paper items home with your youngest child enrolled. All items for this newsletter must be submitted to the school office no later than 5 days before the end of the month.

Roster/Handbook

The HSPS roster and handbook will be going to the printer soon. If you have phone # or address changes please let us know. Please remember that this directory is for school use only, not for your business purposes.



Lunch Program

Our hot lunch program will begin on Monday, Aug. 30 for students in grades 1-8. Kindergarteners need to bring a sack lunch for their lunchtime since it is earlier than all other grades. Menus/order forms were sent home today with every child. Please designate which meals your child would like to order, make sure the top half matches the bottom and your addition is correct, and send in the money with the form no later than Thurs., August 26.

Medications

Students must not keep any medication in their desks, backpacks or pocket. All medication, prescription or not, must be turned in to the office so school personnel can dispense the medicine. Authorization must be given by the parent and/or physician detailing the method, amount and time schedule for the medicine to be administered. Dispensing of nonprescription drugs such as aspirin or allergy medicine is prohibited unless there is written permission from a parent and this medicine is provided by the parent.

Work Incentive Program

Be sure to log any hours you complete towards your 25 required WIP hours on the forms available in the school office. Hours are tallied from April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011 for this school year. ***Ways to earn hours:*** coaching, working at the Auction, Crab Feed, Jogathon, classroom help, your class bake sale, the Santa Breakfast in December. We'll send notices for volunteer sign-ups before each big event and you can sign up for classroom events at Back to School Night.

Absences

Parents...please remember to call the attendance line (448-5663 x15) to let the office know if your child is ill or will be absent or late. A note detailing dates and reasons for absence should be sent to the teacher when the child returns.

Dismissal

Dismissal time is 3pm unless otherwise specified. Parents are asked to pick their children up no later than 3:15pm. Staff will supervise students until 3:15. All students remaining at this time will be sent to Extension. For the safety of the children, pick up is at the front gate only. No one will be allowed to walk to the corner without their parent. Students who walk or bike home must bring a note from their parents to school granting permission for this. All bike riders must wear a helmet.

For the safety of our children ALL parents must sign in at the office while on school grounds. You will be given a visitor badge to be worn while on campus. Please sign out when leaving.

2010 Father O'Connor Golf Tournament The Holy Spirit School Athletic Committee is happy to announce that the 4th Annual Father O'Connor Holy Spirit Parish School Golf Tournament and Dinner, hosted by Fr. Looney and the HSPS Athletic Committee will be held on **Friday, September 17, 2010** at Bing Maloney Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1pm with dinner and awards immediately following at 6:30pm at the Holy Spirit School Gym. The general cost of the tournament is \$500 per foursome or \$150 per single golfer. There are many sponsorship opportunities available, including Tee Sponsors for \$150. Dinner only tickets are also available. All proceeds to benefit Holy Spirit School Athletics and Golf Team. For more information, please contact Sean Wong at (916) 214-2697 or se-anandnan@aol.com. For a tournament entry form, please visit our link at our school website at www.hs-ps.com"

Calendar: There is a printable calendar of events available on our website at www.hs-ps.com. Here are some important highlights for the first few weeks:

8/23 & 8/24: 12:15 dismissal for students in 1st-8th. Kindergartners will be dismissed at 12:00 before the rest of the students.

Wed. 8/25-Fri. 8/27: 3pm dismissal for 1st-8th, 12:15 for Kindergarten.

Thurs. 8/26: Lunch, milk & OJ orders are due. Please be prompt so your child has a lunch on Monday. Buddy BBQ at 6pm on lawn in back of school. Please RSVP.

Mon. 8/30: Innisbrook Kick Off. Hot lunch program starts.

Tues. 8/31: All sweatshirt, PE uniform orders are due!!!

Fri. 9/3: Mass at Holy Spirit Church at 9:00am, 12:15 dismissal for all students. Extension is available if your child is registered.

Mon. 9/6: Labor Day – NO SCHOOL. Yippee!!

Wed. 9/8: 6:00pm-Back to School Night. Meet in gym.



Gym Use

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



Fingerprinting

Fingerprints must be processed for everyone who will be volunteering with students during the school year. This includes driving on field trips and coaching any sports team. Forms are available in the school office and must be returned to the school office after being fingerprinted so they can be processed through the Sacramento Diocese. This is mandatory even if you have had it done for your job or for the church as the information can not be shared between agencies. You do not need to do it again if you've done it for HSPS before. Check with our office to be sure we have your clearance.

A Blessing for the Children

As you begin this new school year:

May you find good friends and companions.

May you grow strong in faith.

May your studies bring you an appreciation for the greatness of God's gifts and love.

Amen

Children's Choir: Welcome back singers! We are very excited for this new school year and the endless opportunities we have to learn new music and sing for our parish. Our first rehearsal will be this Thursday, August 26th from 3-4pm in the Kindergarten classroom with rehearsals continuing at the same time and day of the week. If your child has not signed up and is interested in the choir please come to our first rehearsal and further information will be provided. The Children's Choir is open to all children 1st-3rd grade. Please note that our first Mass is **Sunday, October 3rd**. Any questions, please contact Rebekah Bokan bekarebba@hotmail.com

Youth Choir: Welcome back! We are looking forward to jumping right into learning new music and preparing for future Masses and events. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, August 26th from 4-5pm in the Kindergarten classroom with rehearsals continuing at the same time and day of week. If your child is interested in the choir and has not signed up, please come to our first rehearsal and further information will be provided. The Youth Choir is open to all students 4th-8th grade. Our first Mass for the school is on **Friday, September 3** and our first Mass for the parish will be **Sunday, September 19th**. Any questions, contact Rebekah Bokan bekarebba@hotmail.com

Uniform Orders

The last day to order P.E. shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirt is August 31 so the orders can be processed and back here as quickly as possible. We have very few available in the office.

Innisbrook Kick Off: Our fall fundraiser begins on Aug. 30 at morning prayer. Each child will bring home a catalog and order form. There is cookie dough, gifts, gift wrap, candy and many other items available. Please help make this our best sale ever.

Scrip Updates - August

Welcome back HSPS families. This year's scrip goal is to earn \$20,000 from our scrip programs. It is easy and simple to participate in scrip since money is automatically contributed to HSPS from your everyday purchases.

- 1) Swipe your grocery cards from Raleys/Bel Air or Safeway. Please contact the office if you need a new Raley's card. 1% of your grocery bill goes towards HSPS.
- 2) Use scrip cards for everyday needs. The office stocks Arco gas, Starbucks and Wal-mart cards
- 3) Register your ATM/credit cards since local merchants contribute up to 5% to HSPS.

Please stop by the Scrip table on the first day of school for coffee and to answer any questions.

More updates and scrip details may be found on the HSPS Fundraising site in September.

Scrip Highlights

Macy's has discontinued its partnership with eScrip. As of June 30, 2010 HSPS will not receive contributions from using the Macy's credit card.

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Community Events

You can help save lives!

The 20th annual American Heart Association Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, September 18th at 8:30am in our neighborhood - William Land Park.

Shannon Deary-Bell is the chair of the American Heart Association's 2010 Start! Sacramento Heart Walk event this year. She has been joined by Jon Gianulias, Nica Gianulias, Warren Smith, Lee Overstreet, and Scott Rose. They would really like to encourage students, staff, and parents of Holy Spirit School and Parish to become involved and build healthier lives in our community.

You can help by doing any of the following:

- > Joining and supporting your student's team
- > Donating
- > Walking in this year's event (5K or 1 mile routes)
- > Help with fundraising activities

Together we can demonstrate how determined Holy Spirit students are in making a difference in our own neighborhood.

Let's raise awareness, show our support, and be visible at the 2010 Start! Sacramento Heart Walk, --- Saturday, September 18, 2010, 8:30am --- William Land Park. Join us for the walk, some food, heart-health education, Kids Zone, and Land Park's very own FINAL FINAL BAND!!!

Join one of the teams or start your own Holy Spirit team.

Visit: www.heartwalk.kintera.org/sacramentoca/holyspirit

OR contact Jon Gianulias at jg@retailwestinc.com or Nica Gianulias at nica_gianulias@hotmail.com

For those that are unable to participate in the walk, please consider contributing to the cause by donating to the American Heart Association via the same link above.

Let's help make this a successful event and show our students how they can make a difference! Funds raised will go towards furthering research at Northern California Universities and educating our community about the risks of heart disease.

