

Holy Spirit Parish School

From the Principal

February, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians of Holy Spirit Students,

The month of February is a month of love and gratitude. We celebrate who we are as a Catholic school community during Catholic Schools Week. Valentine's Day is at mid-month with our candy, cards and flowers expressing our love and gratitude. On February 22 the holy season of Lent begins to prepare ourselves for the victory of Easter. Lent offers us a chance to examine ourselves to see how we can draw closer to God, to thank him for redeeming us and making eternal life possible for us, our family and friends. It is a time to reflect on how we can grow our love for God, our families and each other. It is a time to deny ourselves simple little pleasures so we can offer them to the Lord with a grateful heart. Lent is more than a time of giving up something. It is a time to give up! Give up those attitudes and behaviors which keep us from the Kingdom of God (which Jesus tells us is within us!). It is a time to reflect on sacred scripture and pray for the grace to live as Jesus wants us to live. So as we go through this month of love and gratitude, let us pray for one another and carry on with the plan and mission God has for each and every one of us. Have a blessed month!

Sincerely in Christ.

Fran Wise
Principal

Crab Feed

OUR CRAB FEED IS SOLD OUT and is sure to be a great success, once again. Debbie O'Hearn has a waiting list going so if you call her (421-7113) maybe you can get your name on it in case someone can't make it at the last minute. A huge THANK YOU goes to Jenny Hunt, Debbie O'Hearn, Robin Brewer, Karl Berger and Tony's Fine Foods, Todd Achondo and Nor Cal Produce, Shannon Bell and NorCal Beverage, Kristin Bruce and Bogle Vineyards, the kitchen crew, Tim & Christy Glime and their bar crew, set-up & clean-up crews, parents, students, and alumni servers, K-4th grade students for their cute crab decorations and the many other people I probably missed for all their help and support. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We really appreciate all you do for our school.



Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

Our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week 2012 continues for the rest of the week. This year's theme expresses what Catholic schools are all about. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens by the giving of their time and effort to help others.

Celebrations at Holy Spirit Parish School

Monday, Jan. 30, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: In Our Community: Diaper drive (sizes 4, 5, & 6 please) for Maryhouse. Maryhouse will come today to pick up. Book Fair hours 8:00-4:30

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: For Our Parents: We appreciate all you do for us. Value-Pak coupons for our parents. Thank yous to our parents. Book Fair 8-3:30.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: For Our Students: Free Dress, no homework, no tests, long recess, classroom surprises, & a fantastic, fun student assembly. Book Fair open 8:00-3:30.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: For Our Teachers: Staff luncheon and Fine Arts assembly. Book Fair 8:00-3:30

Friday, Feb. 3, 2012: Faith. Academics. Service: For our Grandparents & special guests: Mass in Holy Spirit School Gym at 9:30am, reception at 10:30am, classroom visitations 10:30-12:15pm, Dismissal at 12:15 for all students. Book Fair 10:30-1:00pm

Sacramental Meetings

There are 3 events this month regarding sacramental preparation.

1. **Parents of 6th grade students** who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next year should attend a meeting on **Tues. Feb. 27th** (changed from 2/7) at 7pm in the Fr. Brady Room.
2. **Parents of 2nd grade students** who will be receiving their First Eucharist in May should attend a meeting on **Thurs. Feb. 23** at 7pm in the Fr. Brady Room.
3. **7th gr. students** will have the Rite of Election at 9:30am Mass on **Sunday, Feb. 26**.

Academic Talent Search

The Academic Talent Search Qualifying Test will be offered here on Thurs. Feb. 16th at 8:45am in the Fr. Brady Room. Students in 4th-8th grades (as of 1/1/12) who take this test automatically qualify for the summer programs at Sac State. Though there is no obligation to apply, taking the test gives students the opportunity to attend fast-paced, unique, and fun courses. These classes give students the opportunity to challenge themselves, meet new friends and experience a collegiate environment. The first step toward participating in ATS is taking this test. If you are interested in your child participating, information packets and sign up forms were sent home with all students last Thursday so check those backpacks. For more information please call Jane in the office or go to <http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ats>.

Parent Club Meeting

Parent Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 in the Fr. Brady Room. We hope you can attend.

Calendar Updates

Minimum (12:15 dismissal) days in February will be on Fri. Feb. 3 and Fri. Feb. 17. There is no school on Monday, Feb. 20 for Presidents' Day. Have a great 3 day weekend.

Ash Wednesday

Please join us for our school Ash Wednesday Mass at Holy Spirit Church on Wed. Feb. 22 at 10am. If it is raining it will be held in the school gym.

Scrip Commitment

Registration for the 12/13 school year is approaching (Tues. 4/24) and we are updating our records. Please check your scrip numbers on our website at www.hs-ps.com to make sure that your obligation of \$2000 is met prior to the deadline of March 31. If it is not met there is an extra fee of \$150 due at registration. If you have any questions regarding your obligation please let us know now so we can address these issue before registration.

Work Incentive Hours

For the many families who have not completed your 25 work incentive hours, the deadline of March 31 is just around the corner. You can check to see how many hours you have on our website www.hs-ps.com. If you haven't logged them with us we have no way of knowing what you've done. According to the agreement signed at registration, families not completing 25 hours will be charged an additional fee of \$750 at registration. You can still do your part by volunteering at the Crab Feed or Auction. Call the office to get more info.



The 5th grade will be the hosts of a **Bake Sale** on Friday, Feb. 10th at recess times. Don't forget to bring 50¢ so you can get a yummy treat and support the 5th grade.

Scrip News

Do you frequent Starbucks? Do you often stop by Chipotle for a quick meal? Do you like to pay at the pump at Arco? You can easily earn HSPS hundreds of dollars a year just by purchasing scrip gift cards first. One latte a day at Starbucks earns over \$85 per year when you use our scrip gift cards. Spending \$20 a week at Chipotle with scrip earns over \$100 a year.

Remember to use scrip cards and certificates for your EVERY DAY SHOPPING NEEDS, as well as gifts. Order your scrip today! Or, stop by the office to purchase in stock scrip any time!

EScrip recycling

Remember to bring in your printer laser and ink jet cartridges, old cell phones, digital cameras, MP3 players and laptops. We can earn up to \$200 for old iphones by sending them in through the eScrip program to be recycled. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY E WASTE THAT IS NOT LISTED. Thank you!

Scrip commitment deadline (Mar. 31) is quickly approaching. Please check the school website to monitor your progress. There are many ways to earn your scrip dollars very quickly, so if you need ideas feel free to contact us...but don't wait til the last minute! Please contact Allison or Johnny Wynn aligowally@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Labels for Education

If you have the 100 point bonus sheet that was in the paper a few weeks ago, make sure to turn it in before the end of February. So far we have at least 1000 bonus points thanks to that offer. That is the same as collecting labels from 1000 cans of soup. Thank you!!

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