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From the Principal's Desk:
Mrs. Christine Blandino
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Dear Families,

Our All Saints Celebration is on Wednesday, November 1. It is our tradition at Holy Spirit Catholic School to celebrate the saints in heaven and on earth with a festival during the afternoon in our Activity Center. Students will enjoy games and treats. They are encouraged to dress in costume representative of a saint. All students, including those that do not dress in costume, will present the name of a chosen saint and give a short presentation on the life of the saint, why they chose the saint, and the impact this saint had on the world. Grade level teachers may have additional class requirements. Please help your child to decide and to create a costume or symbol of their chosen saint. This can be a patron saint or a saint that they may feel is special to them.

Yesterday, the teachers and I attended the MANS Conference in Jackson, sponsored by the Diocese of Lansing. We focused our time and efforts on a variety of topics including Growth Mindset, Reading Interventions, NWEA Data Workshops, Building Standards Aligned Lesson Plans, Curriculum Mapping, and Critical Thinking Strategies. Please pray for our teachers as they work to refine their instructional skills and acquire new strategies to assist your children's growth. In addition, I will be attending a MANS Conference for Administrators October 11-13th.

On September 30th many school families came together to enjoy a community bonfire and S'mores. There was a substantial turnout and fun was had by all in attendance. The Parent Association did a great job organizing the event and hopes to plan this as an annual event. I must say, there were some interesting variations to the classic S'more. Perhaps there will be a contest at our 2nd Annual Family Bonfire!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Wine Tasting & Auction fundraising event this Saturday. There are still tickets available in the school office (school family discount of 2 tickets for \$75) if you wish to attend.

Have a blessed week!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Christine Blandino

NEWS & REMINDERS

ALTAR SERVERS:

Oct 11, 12 & 13: Alex S., Justin, Sean & Peter
Oct 18, 19 & 20: Jack, Andrew, Michael & Rachel

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

~ OCTOBER 14 ~

Wine Tasting & Auction Fundraiser

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Oct 17~ Dress Down Day \$1 per student
Hot Dog Lunch
Drop 'n Chat 8:00-9:30 in the AC
Oct 19 ~ Marketing Meeting 9am in the school

LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct 22 ~ Family Holy Hour 3-4pm in the church
Oct 24 ~ All School Trip to Trabbic Farm
See information box below.
Oct 27 ~ Half Day—Dismissal at 11:45am
End of First Quarter
Trunk or Treat 6-8pm at HSCC

The Gaglio family will pray a daily rosary for our school this week.

Go to wps.holyspiritrcs.org/calendar/ to view the 2017-2018 school calendar.



NOVEMBER LUNCHES

Order forms for November lunches are attached to today's E-News.

Forms with payment are due this Friday, October 13.

One check may be written for all lunches.



DROP 'N CHAT

You are invited to drop the kids at school, park, and come to the parish Activity Center from 8-9:30am to chat with other parents while enjoying coffee and donuts!

Feel free to come and go as your schedule permits.

Our next Drop 'n Chat is Tuesday, October 17.



All School Field Trip to TRABBIC FARM Tuesday, October 24

Family members are invited to attend this all day trip that includes Mass at the farm, a hayride, cider, donuts, popcorn and more.

Permission slips & payment due Friday, October 13.

**Teacher's Desk:
Miss Mangan**

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend! Recently we had the opportunity for some fireman to come and visit the school. They taught us all about fire safety, and we even had a chance to go inside the fire truck. That was a lot of fun!

Last week in Phonics we began learning about the letter sound of Tt. We made a mouth full of teeth, painted with a toothbrush, painted pictures that begin with the sound, stamped with the letter, and practiced forming the letter correctly. In Math we learned about different ways to make patterns (i.e. size, shape, color, etc...) We talked about pumpkins in our Scholastic News for the week, and in Religion we learned about loving others the way the God loves us. We focused on the story of the Good Samaritan and the poor women who gave all of her money.

Just a reminder that this year, as a school, we will be learning about the virtues. We will focus on a different virtue each month. I will send a list of ideas of home projects that you can do with your child as a way of creating a conversation with your family about each virtue. This month the virtue that we are learning about is Friendship, and we are focusing on Saints Benedict and Scholastica. Here are some ideas of projects that you can complete at home with your families this month:

1. Practice Sharing your friends. Tell someone else how fun it is to play with your friend and invite them to join you.
2. Do you copy any bad things that your friends do? Break the habit yourself and help your friend practice the good habit that is the opposite. Good friends copy good habits from each other.
3. Practice making friends. Smile and ask the other person what they like to do.
4. Are any of your friends sometimes mean to you? What do you do when they are mean to you? Practice politely telling them, "I don't like that" and "please stop."

The letter for the week is Pp

Have a wonderful week!!

God Bless,
Miss Mangan

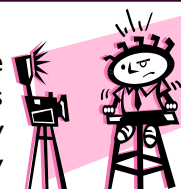
RECESS DUTY:

Weds.	10/11	Dewan/Neeb
Thurs.	10/12	Calleja/Lanterman
Fri.	10/13	Kuhar/Neeb
Mon.	10/16	Bohl/Kuhar
Tues.	10/17	Borek/Bukowiec

Report to the school office promptly at 11:50 am.

PICTURE DAY INFORMATION

Orders from Picture Day should arrive within 2-3 weeks. Picture Retake Day is scheduled for November 14. Any students who were absent on Picture Day will be photographed. Also, anyone dissatisfied with their pictures are able to be photographed at no charge on Retake Day as long as they return their complete original packet to the photographer. Class composites will not be available until after Christmas as they will include photos taken on Retake Day.



**STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR
SELCRA SPORTS SAMPLER CLASS**

For 3rd - 8th Graders

SELCRA is holding this multiple sports activity at Holy Spirit Parish in Brighton on Wednesdays October 11 through November 15 from 3:20pm - 4:50pm at the sports fields. The cost per participant is \$60. Classes include T-ball, Basketball, Soccer, Flag Football, Newcomb, and Archery. The class will meet under the pavilion - bring a snack to enjoy before instruction begins.

For additional information and to register, contact SELCRA at 810-299-4140 or www.selcra.com

FAMILY HOUR OF PRAYER



Every fourth Sunday of the month Holy Spirit school and parish families have the opportunity to take time away from hectic schedules for a quiet and calming hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 3-4pm. Join us Sunday, October 22 for this special time to worship our Lord!

MARKETING MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 9:00AM

All are welcome to join us to discuss promoting our school to increase enrollment and community awareness of HSCS. Sign in at the school office. Questions? Contact Mrs. Masson

WINE TASTING & AUCTION

October 14, 2017 6 - 9 PM



There is still tickets available for this major school fundraiser. Tickets are \$50/person with HSCS parents receiving a discount of 2 tickets for \$75. Tickets are available in the school office. *Please consider attending and invite family, neighbors and friends.*

TURN IN YOUR BOXTOPS



Check your cupboards, freezers, and fridges! Bring in your Boxtops so they can be processed for the early November submission. Drop them off in the school office or the box at the school kiosk in the Activity Center.