



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

I would like to start by extending a big thank you to The Knights of Columbus, Mrs. Otten, and Mrs. Bohl for organizing the Parish/School Trunk or Treat event last Friday evening. Though it rained, the event was well attended and a fun time was had by all! Attendees enjoyed lots of goodies, a showing of the movie, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," and chili dogs with all the fixings provided by the Knights. We are hoping to provide more opportunities in the future for parish and school families to come together in fellowship. Thank you again to all who worked so diligently to make this fun event happen for the kids.

We would like to increase our substitute teacher call list. Please contact the school office if you are interested in substituting at our school and possess one of the following qualifications; a valid teacher certification in the State of Michigan, a four year Bachelor's Degree, or 90 or more hours of college credit. An hourly rate of pay is available to qualified applicants.

Our All Saints' Day celebration will be on Wednesday, November 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, so please come and join the children for our all school Mass at 8am directly after drop off. We are still in need of large bags of small fall or religious themed prizes and volunteers for the afternoon's festivities. Please go to the following link to see what volunteer items and slots are still available. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b45afac22a31-holy10>

Our parent/teacher fall conferences are this Thursday, November 2nd beginning at the end of this half-day of school and will continue until 5:30pm. Please remember that the school day ends at 11:45am on Thursday, November 2nd. All students must be picked up on time so teachers may begin their scheduled conferences on time. Parents will receive their child's report card during the conference, so please contact your child's teacher directly if you have not scheduled your conference already.

We are currently setting up our Remind communication tools so please be on the lookout for text messages indicating a purge of last year's contacts and a setup of this year's contacts. Remind is the way in which we text families group messages about school closings due to weather or other unforeseen causes.

Do not forget that this Sunday, November 5th, we will "fall back" an hour. Enjoy that extra hour over the weekend! Have a blessed and safe week.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Christine Blandino

## NEWS & REMINDERS

### ALTAR SERVERS:

Nov 1, 2 & 3: Alex, Ben, Teddy & Jenna  
Nov 8, 9 & 10: Brock, Anthony, Jarod & Peter

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Nov 1 ~ All Saints Celebration 1:00-2:45pm  
Nov 2 ~ Half Day—Dismissal at 11:45am  
Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-5:30pm

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Nov 6 ~ SCRIP Orders Due no later than Noon  
*See information box below.*  
Nov 7 ~ Popcorn Day 50¢ a bag  
Nov 9 ~ School Advisory Board Meeting 5:30pm

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 14 ~ Picture Retake Day  
Nov 21 ~ Dress Down Day  
Hot Dog Lunch  
Drop 'n Chat 8-9:30am in AC  
Nov 22-24 ~ NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

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

Go to [wps.holyspiritrcs.org/calendar/](http://wps.holyspiritrcs.org/calendar/) to view the 2017-2018 school calendar.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Friday, November 3 from 3:15-4:30

New servers are strongly encouraged to attend and veteran servers are encouraged to come help out. Snacks will be served..

Encourage your son or daughter to become a server.

The only qualification is that they have received their First Holy Communion.

Many graces are given to those who serve at Mass!

## HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDER SUBMISSIONS

SCRIP orders will be placed through the school office on November 6 and December 4 for gift cards that can be used for your holiday shopping. If you want hard copy cards to reload or give as gifts, you will need to set up a PrestoPay account at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). See attached flyer for further information.

**SCRIP is the only Tuition Offset opportunity available at this time.**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gaglio

## Teacher's Desk: Miss Hager

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing weekend. On Tuesday, October 31st our class will be watching It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (last hour of the day).

Students are welcomed to bring in a treat to share with the class (not required). Please no soda pop or treats with nuts.

On Wednesday, November 1st in honor of All Saints Day, students are invited to dress up as a saint of their choice. There will be an all school Saints Day Celebration at the end of the day (1:00-2:45) that will start in the Church and then move to the Activity Center.

Here's a brief look at what's happening in class this week:

### Third:

**Reading:** This week we will read Ramona Forever in our textbooks. We'll be working on multiple comprehension strategies.

**Math:** Students will be exploring subtraction involving regrouping across zeros and subtracting 4 digit numbers with regrouping.

### Fourth:

**Reading:** This week we will read Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World in our textbooks. We'll be working on multiple comprehension strategies.

**Math:** Students will be focusing on reviewing for the chapter 3 (Addition and Subtraction) test. this Thursday.

### Both:

**Religion:** Students will be learning about a variety of saints this week.

**Writing/English:** This week we will be focusing on editing/ revising and creating our final draft.

**Social Studies:** Students will be taking the chapter 3 (The First People of Michigan) today.

**Science:** Students will continue to explore chapter 6 (Water and Weather).

**Spelling:** There is a spelling test this Friday (11/3).

Have a great rest of the week!

God Bless,  
Miss Hager

### RECESS DUTY:

Tues.	10/31	Dunn/Lynch J.
Weds.	11/1	Borek/Ylen
Thurs.	11/2	Half Day—Dismissal at 11:45am
Fri.	11/3	Kuhar/Ylen
Mon.	11/6	Bohl/Dewan
Tues.	11/7	Harbaugh/Mahlmeister

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

### MARKETING MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 9:00AM

IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Questions? Contact Mrs. Masson

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...

JMJ

Dear Holy Spirit School Parents,

It is with warm regards that I address you today. We greatly appreciate your continued willingness to partner with us to bring the faith of the Catholic Church to your children. In light of recent readings of the Mass, I have been reflecting on how parents and teachers instruct children to obey for their own good. With this in mind, I presume, of course, whenever you tell your children it's time for bed, you perceive it not as a suggestion, but as a command. You are the authority in your family and the children are expected to obey. They may not perceive that it is for their own good, but ultimately it is. Children need their sleep so that they might be able to perform well the next day in school.

When God Our Father said, "Remember to keep Holy the Lord's Day", he meant it not as a suggestion, but as a commandment. As a matter of fact, it's one of the big Ten Commandments. Jesus, when he came into the world, gave further instruction on the question of the Sabbath. The first thing he said was that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. The implication was that this is for our own good. We can benefit in many different ways from coming together in a community to worship God, to be fed by the Word of God, and for those who are Catholic, to also be fed with "The 'Living Bread' come down from heaven", the Eucharist.

The second thing he said was at The Last Supper when he celebrated the first Eucharist. He said, "Do this, in remembrance of me". Again, not sounding very much like "a suggestion". This decree invites us to take part in the Living Body of Christ.

Many of our school families attend Mass here at Holy Spirit Church and as a pastor, this is a beautiful thing to witness. Attending Mass together is a time to celebrate our faith and enjoy a time of fellowship with others in our faith community. Knowing and understanding that some families are members of neighboring parishes, we wish to invite and welcome all families to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us.

Prayerfully yours,  
Fr. John

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY INFORMATION

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. **The packets may be sent to the office anytime before Retake Day.**

Class composites will not be available until after Christmas as they will include photos taken on Retake Day.

