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

Our student's All Saints' Day presentations and celebration was a wonderful event. Many parents were in attendance to see students present on the saint of their choice on November 1st. We went to Mass together with students dressed as their saint and at the end of the day enjoyed a Saints Party organized by Mrs. Dewan and many parent helpers. And what a party it was! Children played games, enjoyed snacks, and were given a hay ride around the Holy Spirit property. Thank you to all who helped to make this such a special day for all our students. Mrs. Clinger and I will be updating the website soon. Please be on the lookout for new pictures from events such as this.

During the month of November students will be creating Christmas cards for Livingston County Catholic Charities. These Christmas cards will be given to the elderly and other shut ins to brighten their holidays. We will also be collecting single serving snack bars such as cereal, fruit, and nut to be distributed in larger food baskets. The cereal bars donations are due by November 21. Thank you to anyone who can provide to this worthy cause.

Lessons from our safe environment program, Protecting God's Children will be presented to all students on November 21st. The program is developmentally appropriate by age. *Safe Sheep* is instruction for grades K-5 and *Praesidium Called to Protect* is the instruction for grades 6-8. Please read the attached information on the programs and return the "Opt Out" form if you would not like to have your child participate in this instructional program.

I will be sending out a final test from our Remind School Plan System to communicate with all families in the event of an emergency. This is the same system Mrs. Loewe and Mrs. Gainer used last year. We will use this text communication when closing the school due to inclement weather, to inform you of a lockdown at the school, or some other such emergency situation. On Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00pm, I will be sending a text message to test the set up of the system. Please email the school office only if you do not receive a text from Remind. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we are ready to communicate with you.

This is National Vocations Awareness Week. We will be teaching students a new prayer given by a local priest. Please feel free to pray this prayer yourselves and with your children. "Jesus help me to know your will for my life and help me to live it."

Finally, the teachers and I will begin working together through discussions multiple times throughout the year to align grade level expectations, student workload including homework, and basic classroom procedures from grade to grade. It is our hope by collaborating and communicating in this way we will be better able to serve your children with smoother transitioning and greater success from grade to grade.

Have a wonderful, blessed week.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Christine Blandino

NEWS & REMINDERS

ALTAR SERVERS:

Nov 8, 9 & 10: Brock, Anthony, Jarod & Peter
Nov 15, 16 & 17: Dominik, Madeleine, Rachel & Rose

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Nov 7~ Popcorn Day 50¢ a bag
Marketing Meeting 8:30am
Check in at the school office.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Nov 14 ~ Picture Retake Day
Nov 15 ~ Parent Association Meeting
6pm at Zukey Lake Tavern

LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 21 ~ Dress Down Day
Hot Dog Lunch
Protecting God's Children Instruction
Drop 'n Chat 8-9:30am in AC
Nov 22-24 ~ NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 4 ~ Final SCRIP Order Submission

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

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

MARKETING MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 8:30AM

IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Questions? Contact Mrs. Masson

TOMORROW IS POPCORN DAY

Anyone interested is able to purchase a popcorn snack for 50¢ a bag.



**Teacher's Desk:
Mrs. Ceresa**

Dear Families,

The children did such a good job presenting their saint last Wednesday at our All Saints Day celebration! Thank you for all your help with this project. Also, thank you to all who helped set up the activities!

Here is a little recap from some things that went on last week:

In religion, both grades have been learning more about different saints. They also have been hearing stories from our picture bible.

In math, 1st grade students worked on finding the missing addend by using subtraction. 2nd grade students worked on graphs and interpreting data.

In reading and science, both grades talked about matter. They also enjoyed doing an experiment on germs.

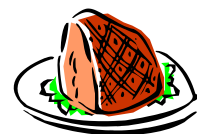
Our virtue for November is courtesy. We will also focus on Saint Martin de Porres.

Have a good week!

May God bless you and your family,
Mrs. Ceresa

CHRISTMAS DEARBORN HAM SALE

Our annual Christmas Dearborn ham sale starts November 12th and continues through December 11th. Please see the attached file to print your order form.



The order forms and payments are due in the school office by December 11th. Checks should be made payable to "Holy Spirit School".

Order pick up will be on Thursday, December 21st at the Parish Pavilion between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.

Proceeds from this year's sales benefit the school. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) MEETING

The SAB meeting scheduled for November 9 has been cancelled. The next SAB meeting will be Thursday, December 14 at 5:30pm in the school conference room. Contact our SAB President Mr. McCarter at john@johnmccarterconstruction.com one week in advance to be placed on the Agenda.

HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDER SUBMISSION

One more SCRIP order will be placed through the school office on 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. See the flyer emailed previously for further information or call the office. **SCRIP is the only Tuition Offset opportunity available at this time.**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gaglio

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, November 21.



**PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

at 6pm at Zukey Lake Tavern
5011 Girard Dr, Pinckney off M-36

CHRISTMAS ALMSGIVING PROJECT

Once again we are collecting items for Livingston County Catholic Charities to include in the Christmas baskets that are delivered to the elderly and shut-ins in the area.

This year we have been asked to collect snack/breakfast bars that are individually wrapped. The bars may include cereal/grains, fruit or nuts.

Please send your donations to the school office by November 21. Thank you for your generosity.



RECESS DUTY:

Tues.	11/7	Harbaugh/Mahlmeister
Weds.	11/8	Bukowiec/Lynch, J
Thurs.	11/9	Aufschlager/Lanterman
Fri.	11/10	Borek/Egnot
Mon.	11/13	Curtis/Long
Tues.	11/14	McCarter/O'Neill

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

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.