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From the Principal's Desk: Mrs. Anna Loewe

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love (1 Jn 4:18).

Dear families,

Fr. John visited the school staff at the end of the day on Friday to share with us the good news about our new principal, Mrs. Blandino. I hope that you will pray for her and for me as we make this transition during the next few months. The diocese is very helpful in supporting us as we transfer our leadership. I am sharing with you the announcement that Fr. John made to all the parish staff after he met with the school staff. I look forward to meeting with Mrs. Blandino and helping her during this time of transition.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, granted a plenary indulgence to those who visit a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and devoutly participate in some celebration in honor of the Virgin Mary, on the 13th of each month from May to October. A beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima is coming to Holy Spirit Church in May and will remain at Holy Spirit for six months to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions.

We will celebrate Our Lady on the 13th of each month starting on **Saturday, May 13** with 9:00am Mass, followed by adoration all day until the 4:00pm Mass. Each hour will begin with the Rosary and a special prayer to Our Lady of Fatima. After the 4:00 pm Mass on May 13th, we will celebrate in the Activity Center with a pot luck dinner, cake and movie: **The Miracle of Fatima**. All are welcome. *Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us! In Christ, Mrs. Loewe*

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ANNUAL PICNIC & RAFFLE DRAWING MAY 20, 2017



We have kicked off our annual fundraising raffle and all school families and parishioners should have received their packet of raffle tickets to sell or purchase. Profits are a significant part of our operating budget so everyone's support is essential.

The drawing will take place on at 6pm on Saturday, MAY 20 during the picnic in at the Church Pavilion following the 4pm Mass. The picnic is hosted by our school to thank parishioners for their generous support. Please mark you calendars to attend the picnic sure to be a fun time for all

NEWS & REMINDERS

ALTAR SERVERS:

May 3, 4 & 5: Connor, Bella, Keegan & Jamie
May 10, 11 & 12: Madeleine, Jimmy, Jack & John

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

May 5 ~ **First Friday** Adoration after Morning Mass
Popcorn Day 50¢ a bag

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

May 7 ~ **First Communion at 11am Mass**
May 9 ~ **Marketing Meeting** 8:30am in the AC
School Advisory Board Meeting
May 10 ~ **Confirmation Mass** 7pm

May 12 ~ **Muffins with Mom** 7:30-7:55am in AC
May Crowning at Morning Mass

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 17 ~ **French Wax Museum** 2:00-2:45pm in AC
Family members are welcome to attend.
May 20 ~ **RAFFLE ROAST & DRAWING**
May 25 ~ **Field Day**
Last Day of School for Pre-K

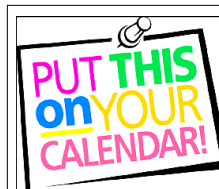
The Smith family will pray a daily rosary for our school this week.

Go to wps.holyspiritrcs.org/calendar/ to view the 2016-2017 school calendar.

EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS UNIFORM FITTING TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Representatives from our uniform supplier Educational Outfitters will be here the afternoon of our last day of school on Tuesday, June 6. We highly recommend that families get their students sized for uniforms for the fall (even if you plan to wait to order until later in the summer) as the Lands' End jumpers and skirts will no longer be acceptable uniform attire and the new logo will be required for all shirts and polos worn by the 5th—8th grade students. The old logo will be acceptable on outerwear and gym shirts only.

Fittings will take place from 12-3pm on a first-come, first-serve basis. Keep this in mind if you plan to attend the end-of-year celebration at the Hamburg DQ Grill & Chill.



RETIREMENT PARTY

Honoring Mrs. Loewe
June 8, 2017
6:00-8:30 PM in the Activity Center
Details to come.

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

Dear Families,

Our virtue for the month of April is Obedience. Our saint for April is Our Lady. Here is a little recap from some things that went on last week:

In religion, both grades enjoyed looking up bible verses in our new bibles! We looked up one of the daily readings each day. Ask them about it. Better yet, have them locate and read to you one of the readings for this weekend! In addition, 1st grade learned about the Apostles. 2nd grade, in preparation for 1st Communion, worked on identifying the different parts of the Mass, more specifically the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We also identified the altar, tabernacle, paten, chalice, lectionary, crucifix, and candles in the church. We practiced how to receive Holy Communion with Fr. John in the church. We have discussed the conditions that need to be met to receive Communion. The 1st Communicants will have the opportunity to go to confession on Wednesday, May 3, after our school Mass.

In math, 1st grade worked on 2-digit addition subtraction. We also will continue to work on 2-digit addition with regrouping. Practice on this skill at home would be great! 2nd grade worked on measurement.

In phonics, 1st grade worked on making words with an r-controlled vowel. 2nd grade worked on making words ending with a vowel, consonant, and silent e.

In reading, both grades worked on sequencing story events.
after our school Mass.

May God bless you and your family,
Mrs. Ceresa

CALENDAR CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Please note the following calendar changes and additions that were made recently:

May 5 ~ Popcorn Day (moved from May 12)

May 12 ~ Muffins with Mom 7:30-7:55am in the AC
(RSVP attached to April 24 e-news due today)

May Crowning at Morning Mass
(moved from May 10)

May 17 ~ French Class Wax Museum
2:00-2:45pm in AC

May 25 ~ Field Day 12:30-3:00pm

**June 6 ~ End of School Celebration at the
Hamburg DQ Chill & Grill Noon-4pm
Educational Outfitters Uniform Fitting
Noon to 3pm—first come, first serve basis**

**COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY
CLASS UPDATE**



During the fourth quarter we will be learning about computer programming. I have a whole web page filled with computer programming/coding resources, including the rationale for teaching it. Each student will have their own login and password (secret picture). I do not want them logging in at home at this time, however, as we will complete different stages and discuss the concepts and vocabulary for each stage or lesson in class. Students will have a test at the end of the quarter on computer programming that will include key concepts and vocabulary. Students will be given a link to an online vocabulary practice website called Quizlet. They (grades 5-8) may practice this at any time. The link to my coding page is : <http://gebar.weebly.com/coding.html>

Kindergarten will be using Kodable and Code Studio Course 1. They will also be learning coding, but will only spend a few weeks on this topic and will continue to learn keyboarding and using various computer games to create online art, custom insects, and to reinforce subject-area skills.

Grades 1 and 2 will be using Kodable and Code Studio Course 1; Grades 3-6 will be using Code Studio Course 2; (Grades 5 and 6 may be moving on to Scratch); Grades 7 and 8 will be using Code Studio Advanced Course and will move on to Scratch programming.

Hour of Code is a link on my webpage that offers one hour lessons in computer programming and will be used as an enrichment for those students who finish early. The lessons have a variety of levels and explore different programming languages.

My goal for the students is to encourage and learn problem-solving skills as they move through the different computer programming lessons and activities. I also want them to understand that computer science is a field that encompasses a variety of jobs: software, hardware, and networking. Using technology and solving problems is necessary to be successful in our ever-changing world. Hopefully students will feel more confident in taking on challenges after learning about computer programming and how computers work.

Mrs. Karen Gebarowski

RECESS DUTY:

Tues.	5/2	Bukowiec/Fleury
Weds.	5/3	Bukowiec/Masson
Thurs.	5/4	Dunn/Long
Fri.	5/5	Bukowiec/Mahlmeister/O'Neill
Mon.	5/8	Bensinger/Lynch, J.
Tues.	5/9	Falkowski/Gaglio

Report to the school office promptly at 11:30 am.