



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

We have had some cold days with children dressed without appropriately warm clothing. Please review the outdoor recess guidelines below. All children need the physical and mental break that recess provides. Please note, we do not have extra coats, hats, or mittens to loan. Please help to ensure that your child is dressed for the varying weather conditions each day.

We continue to have concerns with parents adhering to the arrival and dismissal safety procedures. These procedures are in place for the safety of all our children and the adults in the driving loop. Remember to keep the crosswalks clear at all times.

At morning arrival, be sure to pull as far as you are able to the parish office entrance and refrain from exiting your car. If you want to walk your child to the building, please park in the lot.

At dismissal, form one line around the perimeter of the parking lot. Please do not get out of your car in the loop or walk to the sidewalk to meet your children. Ms. Hager and I direct the younger students to their cars. We understand that some of the younger students need help buckling their car seats. If this is the case, please stand next to the open car door in which the student needs to enter the vehicle. This will assist your child in seeing you and expedite getting them into the car and buckled as quickly as possible. Everyone in the car line must wait for all students and adults to be in the cars with the doors closed before moving forward. Adhering to these requests respects other's time, reduces confusion, and ensures we are all safe during this busy time of the day. Please convey this information to whomever is picking up your child(ren).

On to happier things...once again the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for our students. The winners of each age bracket will be forwarded to the next level of competition through the Knights of Columbus. Therefore, permission slip/waiver forms must be signed for each student to participate. These forms were sent home last week. Please send the signed form back to school as soon as possible in order to have your child's poster considered.

God bless all our families as we approach the Thanksgiving season.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Christine Blandino

## NEWS & REMINDERS

### ALTAR SERVERS:

Nov 15 - 17: Dominik, Madeleine, Rachel & Rose  
Nov 29 - Dec 1: Justin, Andrew, Michael & Sean

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Nov 15 ~ Parent Association Meeting-**CANCELLED**  
Nov 17 ~ December Lunch Order Forms Due

### COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Nov 20 ~ Marketing Meeting *8am in school*  
Nov 21 ~ Dress Down Day *\$1 per student*  
**Hot Dog Lunch**  
**Protecting God's Children Instruction**  
**Drop 'n Chat** *8-9:30am in AC*  
**Thanksgiving Dessert for Students** *2:15pm*  
**Breakfast/Snack Bars for LCCC Due**  
Nov 22-24 ~ NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec 4 ~ Final SCRIP Order Submission  
Dec 8 ~ NO SCHOOL for Students (Staff Reports)  
Dec 11 ~ Ham Order Forms & Payments Due

The Mattias 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.

## MARKETING MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 8:00AM

IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

Questions? Contact Mrs. Masson

## **ATTENTION PARENTS!!**

### **OUTDOOR RECESS GUIDELINES**

During the winter months we use the following parameters for outdoor recess: 1) When the temperature is 10 degrees and above, students will be expected to participate in outdoor recess; 2) When the temperature is 9 degrees and below, indoor activities will be provided for the students. Wind chill is factored into the temperature.

With Michigan's ever-changing weather, it is often difficult to know what to have your child wear to school each day. Dressing with layers of clothing is a good method because it allows children to remove or add clothing for the varying conditions of the day.

Please be sure to send your child to school dressed for the expected weather for the day. Students who desire to play in the snow are required to wear boots, coats, mittens and hats and students in kindergarten-grade 4 must wear snow pants.

**Teacher's Desk:  
Miss Mangan**

Dear Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed the weekend! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already next week :) Time sure does fly when you're having fun!

Last week in Phonics we began learning about the letter sound of Dd. We made doors with pictures inside, dog puppets, painted pictures that begin with the sound, stamped with the letter, and practiced forming the letter correctly. In Math, we continued our chapter on recognizing and writing numbers 1-10. We talked about Veterans Day in our Scholastic News for the week, and in Science we began a unit on Weather. Finally, in Religion we learned about forgiveness. We focused on the story of the Prodigal Son, and how we should forgive as God forgives.

This month the virtue that we are learning about is Courtesy, and we are focusing on Saint Martin De Porres. Here are some ideas of projects that you can complete at home with your families this month:

1. Choose some of the following courteous phrases and practice using them this month:

- What would you like to do?                      - Excuse Me
- Would you care for any?                         - Please
- You're Welcome                                       - Thank you
- How are you today?                                - Good Morning
- Let me get that for you
- Excuse Me
- Please
- Thank you
- Good morning

2. Practice making eye contact with people who talk to you, and listening to what they say.
3. Practice how to politely interrupt a conversation. Stand nearby and wait; if the person doesn't speak to you, say "excuse me" softly, then step back and wait until they answer (unless it's an emergency!)
4. Make a list of things or spaces that are shared by all members of the family. Discuss: What is the thoughtful way to leave it for the next person who will use it?

Have a wonderful week!

God Bless  
Miss Mangan

**DECEMBER LUNCHES**



Order forms for December lunches are attached to today's E-News. Forms with payment are due this Friday, November 17.

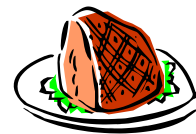


One check may be written for all lunches.



**CHRISTMAS DEARBORN HAM SALE**

Our annual Christmas Dearborn ham sale is underway 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.



**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.



**GRADE 5-8 FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

**FIRST HONORS**

- Claire (5th)                      Jarod (5th)                      Justin (6th)
- Madeleine (6th)                      Clare (7th)                      Dante (7th)
- Dominik (7th)                      Lilli (7th)                      Bri (8th)
- Brock (8th)

**SECOND HONORS**

- Harlo (5th)                      Jenna (5th)                      Alex (8th)
- Jack (8th)                      Karly (8th)

**CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS, ON A JOB WELL DONE!**



**DROP 'N CHAT ~ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

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.

**RECESS DUTY:**

- Tues.                      11/14                      McCarter/O'Neill
- Weds.                      11/15                      Bukowiec/Galdes
- Thurs.                      11/16                      Calleja/Kuhar
- Fri.                         11/17                      Kuhar/Lynch, J.
- Mon.                      11/20                      Caudy/Miner
- Tues.                      11/21                      Borek/Falkowski

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