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From the Principal's Desk:
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Dear Families,

Thank you to those families that came out to enjoy "The Polar Express" movie here at Holy Spirit Church this past Saturday night. The atmosphere was festive, and we had a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. Fr. John shared his vintage train set with us. The youth group provided craft stations, a cake walk, and cookie decorating for the children. A few of the parish staff dressed as some of the characters in the movie, and we all enjoyed popcorn, pizza, and of course, hot chocolate!

This Thursday at 2:00pm our seventh and eighth grade class will be presenting a variation of the play, "Julius Caesar." Students have been working throughout the term practicing the performance, designing the set, and creating their costumes as they study this Shakespearean classic. All seventh and eighth grade parents are welcome to join us at that time to enjoy the play together.

Our school Staff Appreciation Christmas Luncheon is this Friday. Many volunteers have come together to make this event happen for our staff. We are so blessed to have such a strong, dedicated group of professionals to lead and guide our students as they grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Thank you to everyone that has helped to organize this event for them.

Next Monday, December 18, 2017, all the school children from grades kindergarten through eighth will participate in a Christmas pageant. All families are welcome to attend beginning at 1:30pm. We have a new music teacher, Ms. Balkany this year, and she has organized a new program for the students to perform which will include our new instrumentalist group. Everyone is very excited. Please join us if you are able.

God bless your families and have a wonderful week.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Christine Blandino

NEWS & REMINDERS

ALTAR SERVERS:

Dec 13 - 14: Jack, Ben, Anthony & Peter
Dec 20 - 22: Brock, Teddy, Jenna & Rose

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Dec 13 ~ St. Nick Shop
Send student shopping list with money by 9am

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Dec 18 ~ Free Dress Up Day
Christmas Program 1:30-2:45pm
Dec 19 ~ Hot Dog Lunch
Dec 21 ~ Ham Pick Up at Pavilion 1-4pm
Dec 22 ~ Free Dress Down Day
Half Day - Dismissal at 11:45am
Christmas Break through Jan 5

LOOKING AHEAD:

Jan 8 ~ School Resumes
Jan 9 ~ Popcorn Day 50¢ a bag
Jan 10 ~ Basketball Club Begins
Jan 16 ~ Dress Down Day
Hot Dog Lunch
Jan 19 ~ Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 11:45

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

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

LAST CALL

**FOR JANUARY
LUNCH ORDERS**

They are attached to last week's E-news and were due last Thursday. Send them in tomorrow.

STUDENT HEALTH GUIDELINES

To minimize the spread of communicable infections, Holy Spirit Catholic School follows Health Department guidelines advising that **students are not to come to school if they are experiencing vomiting, diarrhea, and/or are running a fever of 100° or higher.** They should be free of these symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. Students will be sent home if they are experiencing any of these symptoms.

In addition, please take the time to review with your children thorough handwashing procedures (see attached flyer) to help prevent the spread of germs at home and school.

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

Dear Families,

It is that time of year that we need to go over what your child needs to have for recess: Snow pants and boots if there is snow on the ground (in addition to coats, hats, gloves/mittens). I encourage you to leave an extra pair of socks in their backpacks.

Our class is in need of cd and cassette tape players that can run on batteries and have a headphone jack. If you would like to donate them to our room for a listening center, please let me know!

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

In religion, 1st grade learned about various forms of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, petition, and contrition. We talked about how you can pray anytime and anywhere. We also discussed the times that Jesus prayed. 2nd grade learned about loving God. We went over and discussed what the first three commandments are and what they mean. Ask your child about them.

Our virtue for December is Purity. We will also focus on Saint Dominic Savio.

In math, 1st grade students worked on writing numbers and number words from 11-100. 2nd grade students worked on 2-digit subtraction with regrouping.

In reading, 1st grade students worked on identifying the problem and solution in a story. 2nd grade students worked on identifying the steps in a process.

May God bless you and your family,

Mrs. Ceresa

**DEARBORN HAM PICK UP
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**



Ham pick up is Thursday, December 21 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the pavilion garage. Please be sure to get your order or arrange for someone else to pick it up as we are unable to store them.

Thanks for your support of this fundraiser.



Michigan Snowsports Industries Association is offering specials for kids to discover that "Cold is Cool!"

Visit www.goskimichigan.org to check out the 4th and 5th Graders Ski Free offer and the Discover Michigan Skiing & Snowboarding learn-to programs.

SCRIP CARDS IN STOCK

We now have Scrip cards in stock for a variety of retailers including Amazon, Home Depot, iTunes, Kohl's, Meijer, Olive Garden(Darden), Panera, Speedway, Starbucks, Target, Walmart/Sam's Club and more. See the attached flyer for the complete listing. **Cards may be purchased from the school office during business hours or after Sunday Masses at the school kiosk prior to Christmas.**

Note: Rebates from these cards go directly to the school and not to family tuition offset accounts.



Holy Spirit Basketball Club Forming

This co-ed club for students in Grades 4-8 coached by Mrs. Dewan will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from January 10 - March 7. Mrs. Dewan requests that all those wanting to join the club turn in the attached permission slip by Monday, December 18 so she can plan according to the amount of interest.

A current health or sports physical (within a year of the January 10 start date) must be on file in the office for your student to participate so be sure to make an appointment soon if necessary.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Monday, December 18
in the Activity Center at 1:30pm**

Students have been practicing carols and skits to entertain us and the K of C Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners will be announced so be sure to bring the whole family to enjoy the fun!

ST NICHOLAS SHOP



On Wednesday, December 13, students will have the opportunity to Christmas shop for family and friends at our Holy Spirit Book & Gift Shop. Many items will be available with prices to fit every budget. Students are encouraged to earn their shopping money by helping out at home with chores, baby-sitting, etc.

Send in the attached shopping form with money (one per student) by 9am December 13.

RECESS DUTY:

Tues.	12/12	Dunn/O'Neill
Weds.	12/13	Egnot/Miner
Thurs.	12/14	Lanterman/McDonald
Fri.	12/15	Egnot/Kuhar
Mon.	12/18	Caudy/Masson
Tues.	12/19	Borek/Falkowski

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