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From the Principal's Desk:
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Dear Families,

We began a new Adoration format this month with some very positive feedback. On the first Friday of each month, students and teachers participate in Adoration after Mass. This is a time for us to teach our children how to rest in the very presence of our Lord and listen for His voice in the quiet. Our new format has time for us to praise in song, prayer, and silence. Please come and join us for Mass and Adoration on the first Friday of each month resuming in February due to the Christmas holiday break. I will be sure to print extra sheets so parents and parishioners can follow along and participate with us. The following is one of the prayers we prayed together. "My Jesus, I believe that You are really, truly here in the Eucharist. I love You more than anything. I desire to receive You into my soul. Come into my heart. I embrace You. Thank you for loving me. Never let me to be separated from You. Amen." And finally, we prayed a prayer for fallen away Catholics as our dear Bishop Boyea has asked us to pray. "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You." Come pray with us!

The Christmas season is upon us and we have a variety of SCRIP gift cards available to purchase at the school and our kiosk after Masses. Some of the stores in our stock are Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Build-A-Bear, Dunkin Donuts, Kohl's, Home Depot, Lowes, Target, Walmart, and many more. Don't forget to order your Dearborn Christmas Hams to benefit our school! Stop by and see what we have to offer to make your gift giving and Christmas preparations a little easier and more convenient!

Students have been working on the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest during art classes. Please take the time to vote on your favorites during the weekend of December 16th and 17th in the Parish Activities Center. Winners from each age category will be promoted to the next level in the Knights' contest.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Christine Blandino

NEWS & REMINDERS

ALTAR SERVERS:

Dec 6 - 8: Jimmy, Kylene, Tori & Tina
Dec 13 - 14: Jack, Ben, Anthony & Peter

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Dec 5 ~ Popcorn Day *50¢ a bag*
Dec 7 ~ January Lunch Orders Due
Dec 8 ~ NO SCHOOL for Students (Staff Reports)

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Dec 11 ~ Ham Order Forms & Payments Due
Marketing Meeting *8am in office*
Dec 13 ~ St. Nick Shop

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

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

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



JANUARY LUNCHES

Order forms for January lunches are attached to today's E-News.

Forms with payment are due this Thursday, December 7.

One check may be written for all lunches.



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:
Miss Hager**

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe it is December already! Three weeks until Christmas but we're still working hard in the classroom. Here's a brief summary of what happened last week:

Third:

Religion: Students focused on understanding that Jesus, our Savior, came to return God's love and to help us return God's love.

Reading: We read *A Fruit and Vegetable Man* in our textbooks and worked on multiple comprehension strategies.

Math: Students continued to explore Chapter 4 (Multiplication Concepts and Facts). Students focused on applying the commutative property of multiplication, finding missing factors, and preparing for the Chapter 4 test (scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th).

Fourth:

Religion: Students learned that through the power of the Holy Spirit, all the baptized, together with Jesus, are united as the Church.

Reading: We read *Teammates* in our textbooks and worked on multiple comprehension strategies.

Math: Students prepared for and took the Chapter 4 (Multiply by One and Two Digits) test early in the week. We then began to explore chapter 5 (Divide by One Digit).


Both:

Writing/English: This week we will be focusing on past tense verbs and finishing our writing pieces.

Social Studies: Students will begin to explore chapter 5 (Michigan Becomes A State).

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

Wishing you all a blessed Advent season!
Miss Hager



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!

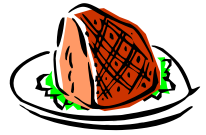


Michigan Snowsports Industries Association is offering specials for kids to discover that "Cold is Cool!"

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

CHRISTMAS DEARBORN HAM SALE

Our annual Christmas Dearborn ham sale is underway and continues through December 11th. Contact the office if you need an 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.



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.

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.

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

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.



See the shopping form attached to today's E-news.

RECESS DUTY:

Tues.	12/5	Harbaugh/Mahlmeister
Weds.	12/6	Bukowiec/Clinger
Thurs.	12/7	Aufschlager/Lynch, J.
Fri.	12/8	NO SCHOOL
Mon.	12/11	Curtis/Gaglio
Tues.	12/12	Dunn/O'Neill

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