



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are all so excited to be back and begin a new year. There are many upcoming events to look forward to and prepare for. SELCRA is back and ready to begin an indoor archery class right here at Holy Spirit School! Classes begin next Tuesday, January 16th after school. Please go to [www.selcra.com](http://www.selcra.com). All school age students are welcome even if they do not attend Holy Spirit School so please spread the word. A portion of every registration comes back to our school. These funds are being set aside to help with our plans for a new playground. Students were given a SELCRA catalog today to bring home for families to review before registering. We are offering two other SELCRA sport sessions during this school year. Both are listed in the catalog. Parishioners and other school age children interested in our sport offerings may go to the SELCRA website for more information or stop by our office for a complementary catalog.

Students will be administered the second session of MAP NWEA testing beginning on Monday, January 15th. Testing will continue through February 15th. Individual class schedules will be sent out by your child's teacher so be on the lookout for those communications. We ask that you make a special effort to have your children to school on time on testing dates. Ensure that children receive plenty of sleep and a hearty breakfast before testing. It is also helpful to send an extra snack such as fruit or a granola bar since students seem especially hungry after testing!

Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching with Trivia Night planned for the evening of February 3rd. Please contact Mrs. Masson if you are able to donate time, treasure, or talent to this event. Many hands make light work! More on Catholic Schools Week Open House and other events will be forthcoming.

As a follow up, our interactive projectors were installed over the Christmas break. These projectors were purchased with the generous donations from this year's Wine Tasting

Auction. Teachers will receive training on the operation of the projectors after school on January 19th. Thank you again to everyone who planned and donated to our auction event. Our school and students are blessed by your efforts.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Long for coordinating the Dearborn Ham fundraiser, to those who helped with distribution on December 21, and to all who purchased Dearborn meats. The profit to the school was \$1280.40! Our appreciation goes out to Shawnie, Mary Anne, and the other gift shop and parent helpers who made the St. Nicholas Shop possible for our students. The presents they purchased were sure to delight those who received them at Christmastime.

Lastly, thank you to all those involved who made our music Christmas Program on December 18 such a delight. To our music teacher Ms. Balkany and our parish music minister Mr. Lemery who each practiced endless hours with our students. Thanks goes out to the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest whose winners were announced during the Christmas Program. We would also like to thank the Veterans of Foreign War who came and presented a Teacher of the Year Award to our very own Ms. Wilson! And we always want to thank Father John for his special prayers and blessings at each of our events and our facilities manger Tim along with all the others behind the scenes who make these events possible—Thank you!

God bless you and your families in this new year.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Christine Blandino



~ Prayer Intentions ~

**Deacon Jerry ~ for continued prayers for a full recovery and return to good health.**



**Holy Spirit Basketball Club Starts This Wednesday, January 10**

**Students will not be able to participate unless we have their current health or sports physical (within a year of the January 10 start date) on file in the office. Please be sure to send forms to the office by Wednesday morning.**

**Teacher's Desk:  
Miss Wilson**

Dear Families,

I hope and pray you all had a wonderful Christmas season. Thank you so very much for the many thoughtful gifts which were given. I have been enjoying them immensely!

As we find ourselves back in Ordinary Time, we are back to business as usual, for a short time. We do have Catholic Schools Week coming up at the end of this month, which we are preparing for.

Fifth and sixth grade students will be finishing up working on capitalization rules and have a test shortly. They will begin reading LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE this week. They will begin working Unit 6: Abraham, Our Father in Faith, in religion. List 11 spelling and vocabulary words were given today. We are back to our weekly spelling and vocabulary lists with tests on Fridays.

Seventh and eighth grade students are creating Salvation History timelines as their religion mid-term projects. These are due Friday January 19. They are also finishing preparations for their grammar mid-terms. A firm date for these will be set tomorrow, after I complete a thorough review with them to ensure they are ready. Students will be doing a final presentation of JULIUS CAESAR tomorrow. After practicing today, I can tell they are ready and we definitely need to move on and start reading THE YEARLING, our next novel study. Students have their next list of spelling and vocabulary words and will be tested on Friday.

Finally, the next round of MAP tests will be starting shortly. Please watch your e-mail for news on that schedule later on this week.

It is great to see everyone and enjoy hearing stories of the fun times had over the break. You all have my prayers for a very happy and blessed 2018!

May God bless us all,

Miss Wilson

**RECESS DUTY:**

Tues.	1/9	Harbaugh/Mahlmeister
Weds.	1/10	Clinger/McCarter
Thurs.	1/11	Aufschlager/McDonald
Fri.	1/12	Egnot/Kuhar
Mon.	1/15	Cady/Ylen
Tues.	1/16	Borek/Dunn

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

**NEWS & REMINDERS**

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

Jan 10 - 12: Alex, Andrew, Michael & Jarod  
Jan 17 - 19: Dominik, Madeleine, Ben & Rachel

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

Jan 9 ~ Popcorn Day 50¢ a bag  
Jan 10 ~ Basketball Club Begins  
Jan 11 ~ School Advisory Board Meeting 5:30pm

**COMING UP NEXT WEEK:**

Jan 16 ~ Dress Down Day  
Hot Dog Lunch  
SEL CRA After School Archery Begins  
*Sign up at www.selcra.com*  
Jan 19 ~ February Lunch Forms Due  
Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 11:45am

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Jan 26 ~ Firehouse Make Up Day from 12-13-17  
Jan 28 ~ CSW Open House 12-3pm  
Feb 2 ~ CSW Rollerama Afternoon  
Feb 3 ~ CSW Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Dunn 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.

**TOMORROW IS  
POPCORN DAY**

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



**SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) MEETING**

The next SAB meeting is January 11 at 5:30pm in the school conference room. Contact our SAB President Mr. McCarter at [john@johnmccarterconstruction.com](mailto:john@johnmccarterconstruction.com) one week in advance to be placed on the Agenda.

**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.**

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

*Can. 800 §2. The Christian faithful are to foster Catholic schools, assisting in their establishment and maintenance according to their means.*