

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Falcon News



**Upcoming
Events**
See what's
happening
[this month.](#)
[this year.](#)

**Labor Day (No
School)**
September 6

**Safe
Environment
Training**
September 9

Pep Rally
September 10

**Virtual PK/K
Grandparents
Day**
September 13

**Early Dismissal
1:00pm**
September 15

**Prospective
Student Tours**
September 21

Spirit Wear Day
September 24

A Message From Mrs. Swenson

This week, we saw our first Covid cases of the school year. With the community spread as it is, we knew it was a matter of time. We are thankful that none of our teachers or staff needed to be quarantined and that our number of quarantined students was limited due to masks and vaccinations. We continue to provide in-person instruction and, while we are not providing NTI this year, our teachers are providing work to those at home.

We are taking many precautions at school that allow us to stay in-person and ask that you do the same at home. If your child has been vaccinated, please send in a copy of their vaccination card. A copy can be given to their teacher or emailed to the school office. This makes our contact tracing process more efficient, and your child will not lose valuable school time.

Many great things are happening at Holy Spirit! A new Gaga Ball Pit was added thanks to a gift from our 8th Grade class and our Better Together Celebration raised close to \$10,000 allowing for a second Gaga Ball Pit coming next week and the addition of soccer goals. Stepping stones, balance beams, a PreK playhouse, sand and water table and picnic tables are on order and will be coming soon for our children to enjoy at recess.

Thank you to our PTO for organizing this event and for the support from our school families.

Morning Carpool Guidance and Map

**See our new morning
carpool map!**

Important reminders:

- ALL families are encouraged to aim for a 7:20 - 7:30 am drop off to allow for unforeseen circumstances in the morning.

Morning Carpool

- All families are encouraged to aim for a 7:00 - 7:30 am drop off to allow for student check-in at the morning.
- NO student is to walk through the parking lot. Students are not to exit cars on Richard Avenue at the school drive.



- Rotunda Drop Off for all except Ms. Johnson's class and PK3
- Gymnasium Meeting Room Drop Off for all except Ms. McKernan class and PK3
- PreK 3 House Drop Off for PreK 3 only

- NO student is to walk through the parking lot. Students are not to exit cars on Richard Avenue at the school drive.

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School Happenings



Safe Environment Training

All parents and volunteers are required to complete a record review and one Safe Environment Training prior to attending school functions, such as the Walk-a-Thon.

If you have taken this class in the past, it is not necessary to retake it.

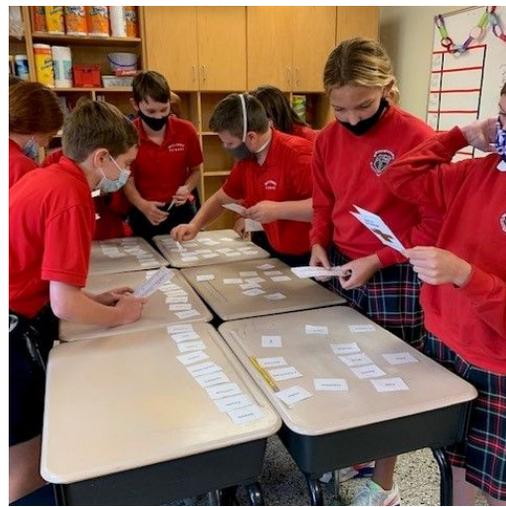
A Safe Environment Training has been scheduled at **Holy Spirit on September 9th at 6:30pm** in the Dining Commons. [Additional dates at other locations can be found here.](#)



High School Shadow Days

Attention Eighth graders! Now is the time to start looking into your shadowing high school options during this fall season. Once you've scheduled your shadow days with the high schools of your choice, please complete the student and parent section of the [documentation form](#) and submit to [Mr. Best](#) for approval.

Our 7th grade students may shadow during the Spring of 2022, or are more the welcomed to wait until their 8th grade year here at Holy Spirit.





Mrs. Minneci's 6th Grade Religion class worked in teams to put 73 books of the Bible in order!



Go Cross Country Falcons!

The CC team had an awesome performance at the Tully Invitational last weekend. 43 K-5 Falcons ran (many in their first race ever!) and faced 27 teams, with about 150 runners in each race. And our K-1 girls won first place as a team, and K-1 boys and 2-3 girls were runners-up! We had SO MANY medalists and runners who deserve a shout out we wish we could name them all!

Thank you to the 8th Grade Class for the addition of the new Gaga Ball Pit!

Want to feature your team or club here? Learn how to become a social media ambassador below.

Falcons who finished in the top the 15 of their races were:

Helen Kennedy, Noble Groneck, Elizabeth Thompson, Amy Robinson Miles Koetter, Raleigh Fischer, Davis Murphy, Kate Cundiff, Brynn cloern Ellie Murphy, Grayson Cloern

To see more pictures and other current events, follow us on the [Holy Spirit School Facebook](#) page!

FUNraising Events



PTO Walk-a-Thon

Friday, October 15, 2021

The PTO is excited to announce the **2nd Annual Holy Spirit Walk-a-Thon taking place on October 15th!** Parents are welcome to attend, but must completed their record check and [Safe Environment Training](#) prior to the event.

A school-wide pep rally for our students will take place on September 10th to provide more information and kick off the fundraising for new facility improvements.

See below for Pre-K Volunteer Opportunities.

Follow us on social media for the latest details!

**Athletics Falcon Fest
Saturday, October 16, 2021**

Falcon Fest is the Athletic Department's only fundraiser of the year and will take place on Saturday, October 16th after Mass to raise funds to off-set the cost of registration fees, gym rentals, uniforms and team photos.

There will be lots of fun, games, food, jumpees, rock wall, and adult beverages.

Raffle tickets can be purchased online on [GameDay](#) (\$10,000 or 50/50 split if less than 400 tickets sold).

Volunteers Needed



Social Media Ambassadors Needed!

Always have your camera/phone ready to capture that special moment?

The Consultative School Board's Communications Committee needs YOU as a social media ambassador! Simply, send your cute photos along with a 2 - 4 sentence description to be posted to Holy Spirit's social media pages or used in promotional materials.

Holy Spirit offers so many great sports, clubs activities, and events and we'd love to share these moments with you and represent all of these areas to our community.

If interested, email Vandy Chisholm at vandy.chisholm@gmail.com.



Your Help In Needed!

As you may have seen, we are very short handed in the cafeteria this year. Thanks to a handful of parents we had this week covered.

Mrs. Hulsman has created a sign up genius account for cafeteria volunteers. **If we could have each family sign up at least once we can have the whole year covered.** It is just about 2 hours from 10:30-12:15/12:30. Serving the students lunch and wiping down the serving area when we are finished.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Thanks in advance for your help.

She is also looking to hire a **paid part-time cashier** for 2.5 hours per day. Please [contact her](#) directly if you are interested.

Blessings in a Backpack



Holy Spirit Church and School families are working together to support 150 families at Dunn Elementary that qualify for our outreach program, Blessings in a Backpack. Your help will provide food on the weekends for these children who might otherwise go hungry.

Please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming packing dates at **SIGN UP HERE!**
[More Info](#)

Pre-K Volunteers Needed

In tandem with the Holy Spirit Walk-a-Thon, our PreK students will participate in a smaller scale version of this event called the "Pre-School Parade".

The PTO would like to form a committee of Pre-K parents to coordinate this event. It's a great way to get involved at school and meet other Pre-K parents. If you're interested, please email ptoholyspirit@hspiritschool.org.



PTO Update



Holy Spirit School provides a variety of sponsorship opportunities that allow our school, parish and local businesses to gain exposure within our community. It also allows our school families to support them. Event sponsorships help us to raise PTO funds for student activities and improvements.

Our Development Committee, led by Deanna Keal, has created some new year-round sponsorship packages, as well as some new individual sponsor options.

[Learn more](#) and sign up early to take advantage of our upcoming events!

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