



January 4, 2018

## Nan-o-Gram

### WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### MARDI GRAS!

For those with us last year at this time, you probably remember that the weather was super frigid, unpredictable, and stunned everyone! Knock on wood, the temperatures so far have been almost balmy, but please pray for those with horribly inclement weather struggling on the east coast.

Our staff and I are shifting full force into “dinner-auction” mode! The dinner/auction is set for Saturday, February 10, with a colorful, fun Mardi Gras party theme. The theme was selected due to the timing of Ash Wednesday the following week on the 14<sup>th</sup>...yep, Valentine’s Day. Guaranteed to be a blast!

The next PTC General meeting focusing on preparing for this major event is NEXT Thursday night, January 11, starting at 6pm in the cafeteria. PTC has planned a baked potato and chili bar dinner for you and your family complete with all the trimmings from 6pm to 6:30pm. The business meeting starts at 6:30pm until about 7:00pm. The kids will be entertained in the gym with a movie after dinner.

This is a **really, really important**, actually imperative, meeting for you to attend as it’s the final preparation meeting for our auction. HSCS depends heavily on the financial success of this event and I know you are highly invested in the financial component as well. I would like to address **why** this is the most critical fundraiser of the school year and how specifically the generated money is used.

Being a tuition-based institution, we must generate all our operational funds. We do highly appreciate the subsidy given us by our church, generous donations to assist our scholarship, extracurricular, or specific academic funds such as Lego Robotics or student Chromebooks. We receive no other outside or public funding, only reimbursements from government agencies assisting qualified lower income families or children with learning difficulties. In a nutshell, funds for operating expenses are continually an issue!

We do a lot with very little financial wiggle room. There is always the need for new textbooks and teaching essentials, building maintenance, broken this and replacement for that, and the list

goes on, not taking into account personnel salaries, core curriculum and special programs that set us above and beyond the other schools in our community. Our school’s reputation is stellar throughout the community. We are very proud of our current students and those who have graduated from Holy Spirit and now are successful in high school, college and beyond.

You send your child to Holy Spirit because of our complete commitment to your child... spiritually, socially, physically, and of course academically. Our budget is tight but balanced. This adult-only event helps lighten our financial load. It’s an evening of fun, friendship, food, diverse live and silent auction items to bid on all to benefit our wonderful school.

Please plan now to come to the meeting next Thursday to meet new people, and mingle with your friends and family. Your suggestions to improve the event are also highly welcomed...always looking for fresh, new ideas! Again, thank you for your continued support, and we will be sending more details to come.

Keep reading to your amazing children!  
*Mrs. Corgiat*

## After Christmas Sale

### Otis Meyer Cookie Dough - \$14.00 per tub!

Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to have a tub of cookies in your freezer for those emergencies when you need cookies QUICK! Many flavors available. Stop by the office to pick some up.

### NOVENA

Did you remember to join the school staff in praying the Novena for the month of January? Not sure what a Novena is? A Novena is nine (9) days of prayer to begin the first day of each month or to be said at the same time every hour for NINE consecutive hours in just one day. It’s never too late to start – you can even start today☺. How to say the Novena is at the end of today’s newsletter.

### JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school or childcare**

**19 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester**

**26 - 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester grades released for grades 4 – 8**

**29 - Professional Development – Early Release – Students released at 1:00 p.m.**

## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

With today being so cold it only seems right that we should remind you of HSCS's policy in regards to *Emergency School Closures* due to inclement weather. Here are just a few clarifications on emergency closures:

- We close school when School District 25 decides to close. They notify us and then we notify you. We will notify you by email and/or text for those who have signed up to allow this through FastDirect. We will also try and get it on the local TV and radio stations.
- We **WILL** do late starts if School District 25 does them. What this means is that we will open the school doors at 10:00 a.m. and will begin school at 10:15 a.m. **THIS INCLUDES CHILDCARE! Four year old a.m. PRE-K will be cancelled for that day.** We understand that this is an inconvenience for many of you, but we want everyone to be able to arrive to school safely including our staff. So, please have alternate plans in case this happens.

## "KISS AND GO" LANE

Just a friendly reminder that the "Kiss and Go" lane in front of the main school entrance is set up for you to safely drop off your child or children onto the sidewalk and then continue on your way. It is not a parking spot... even for a minute...in an effort to keep the traffic line flowing easily along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. With all of the construction we understand that dropping off and picking up students has become very complicated but if we try and maintain this "Kiss and Go" no parking zone maybe it will help. The zone is painted yellow and is directly in front of the school.

It's all about keeping the students safe, so we really need everyone's help in making it work! Thank you!

## News from the *Boxtop Lady* (Norma Turnbeaugh)

### Boxtops for Education

We've raised \$515.70 from *Boxtops for Education* already this year. We're doing great but still a long way from our goal of \$1,500. Don't forget to clip and send in your Boxtops. Remember, for every 10 your child turns in, they will get an entry into the drawings for great prizes including an *Amazon FireTablet* at the end of the year. Also, don't forget to download the *Boxtops for Education* app and earn extra Boxtops for your purchases. Right now Walmart is offering **50** additional Boxtops for every 5 Boxtop items you buy when you use the app. It's an easy way to earn an additional \$5.00 for your child's classroom. The app can be found by searching for the Boxtops for Education App in your app store.

### Coca-Cola Codes

We're now collecting Coke product codes for the school. These codes are worth money that will be used to help the PE, Art and Music classes purchase needed supplies. The codes can be found on all Coke products, including Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Dasani Water, Powerade, Minute Maid, Barq's Root Beer, Fresca and Seagram's Ginger Ale. Codes are inside the cap on bottles and on the inside of cardboard 12, 20 or 24 packs. Students can turn the caps or the code from inside the box in with their Boxtops for Education. These caps and codes will count toward the 10 Boxtops they need in order to get an entry into the drawing. So start saving those codes and send them in!

### PIANO TEACHER

Sheryl Richards, one of our summer child care teachers, has openings in her beginning piano lessons for children ages 6 – 12 years old. If interested please contact her at 208-232-4918.

## Novena for Holy Spirit Catholic School

***Intentions requested for...grace of leadership, strength for staff, parents, families and patrons, and increased enrollment for Holy Spirit Catholic School.***

***Nine (9) days of prayer to begin the first day of each month or to be said at the same time every hour for NINE consecutive hours in just one day.***

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, and through the intercession of Mary, Your holy Mother, I seek and ask that my prayer for the grace of leadership, strength for our families and patrons, and increased enrollment be granted for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Say one **Our Father**...one **Hail Mary**...one **Glory is to the Father**.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly if I say to you, ask anything of the Father in My name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, and through the intercession of Mary, Your holy Mother, I seek and ask that my prayer for the grace of leadership, strength for our families and patrons, and increased enrollment for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Say one **Our Father**...one **Hail Mary**...one **Glory is to the Father**.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly if I say to you, heaven and earth shall pass away but my word will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words, and through intercession of Mary, Your holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted for the grace of leadership, strength for our families and patrons, and increased enrollment for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Say one **Our Father**...one **Hail Mary**...one **Glory be to the Father**.

Mark 11:22-25 – Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. I assure you that whoever tells this hill to get up and throw itself into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. For this reason I tell you: When you pray and asked for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given whatever you ask for. And when you stand and pray, forgive anything you may have against anyone, so that your Father in Heaven will forgive the wrongs you have done." And close in prayer ...**Hail, Holy Queen**.

**Our Father** - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary** - Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Doxology (Glory be)** - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Hail, Holy Queen** - Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, the children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this land of exile. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; lead us home at last and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.