

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
Nov. 17, 2011



Dear Parents:

Happy Thanksgiving! I so enjoy taking time this holiday season to truly thank God for all the gifts He has bestowed upon our great school...amazing students, families, pastoral and parish support...and He continues to watch over us every day!

Mother Nature, on the other hand, has blessed us as well with an over abundance of leaves this fall. The windy conditions have left piles and piles of leaves on our playground, in the bushes, and under the picnic benches. If you are in need of service hours, please consider raking and bagging those leaves before the snow hits. It would be a great service to the school and highly appreciated.

Keep reading to your wonderful kids!

Mrs. Corgiat

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- **Nov. 19** - Middle school students to compete in the *Lego/Robotics* competition in ISU's Student Union Ballroom. The competition begins at 9:00 a.m. with the robotics competition beginning at 11:45 a.m. All are invited to attend and support our students.
- **Nov. 21 & 22** - Parent Teacher Conferences. No school. Please contact the school office if you are unsure of when your scheduled appointment is.
- **Nov. 23 - 25** - Thanksgiving Break. No school or childcare.
- **Nov. 29** - The students from St. John's Campus will be here to sell their "Fair Trade Chocolate" in the main school hallway. They have advent calendars (\$8.00) and chocolate bars (\$2.50-\$5.00) available. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas, learn about fair trade, and enjoy a guilt-free treat! Proceeds benefit the students of St. John's and co-op farmers in Ghana.
- **Dec. 2** - Student Christmas Program in the Bistline Theater in the Stephen's Performing Art Center. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Students need to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. dressed in their holiday finery. This program runs in conjunction with the Festival of Trees. Tickets will be available in the school office on Monday, Nov. 28. If you cannot afford a ticket, complimentary tickets are also available.
- **Dec. 5** - Last day to donate books toward *Operation Wishbook*.
- **Dec. 8** - Last day to order Holy Spirit Logo - Spirit clothes. If you or your child needs a new sweatshirt, t-shirt etc., we will be sending in one more order before next spring. See order form at the end of this newsletter.

SNOW DAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Now that the weather is becoming colder and the snow is sure to fall, remember that we close school and childcare for the entire day if School District 25 closes. It is highly recommended on those snowy days to listen to a local radio station or television station to see what School District 25 is doing. Follow the directive for S.D. #25, since usually, the local stations will not mention Holy Spirit. But be aware that if we close, we close ALL day, no late starts!

MYSTIC MONK COFFEE

Treat your guests or better yet, yourselves, to some delicious *Mystic Monk* coffee this Thanksgiving holiday. This year we have lots of different flavors of coffee and brews from mild to espresso available. Check it out in the main school hallway! Cost is \$13.00 per package. All proceeds benefit the Lego/Robotics program.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to those parents who have cooperated this past week by adhering to the "open and closed" times for our school day. It really helps the staff to be able to prepare for their days when given this time and is truly appreciated!

EXTRA COOKIE DOUGH AVAILABLE

We have the following tubs of "goodies" left over from the cookie dough fundraiser available for purchase:

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| 3 Pretzels | 3 Brownie Rounds |
| 3 Carnival Cookies | 2 Rainbow Chocolate Crispy Cookies |
| 3 Peanut Butter Cookies | 1 Cranberry Oatmeal Cookies |
| 2 Butter Sugar Cookies | 1 Strawberry Shortcake Cookies |
| 1 Pink Cookie | |
| 2 Triple Chocolate Chunk Cookies | |
| 4 Chocolate Chip Cookies | |
| 2 Reduced Fat Chocolate Chip Cookie | |

Each item is available for \$15.00 and will be sold on a "first come, first served" basis.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

***For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.*** Mary Fairchild



