

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Weekly Newsletter
Nov. 3, 2011



Dear Parents:

Many, many thanks to the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and the kids from EDGE who coordinated with our staff and PTC to create a wonderful Halloween-y evening of safe fun and entertainment for the children last Friday night. This was a new collaboration of efforts and a highly successful one we hope will be repeated for years to come. The turnout was spectacular...far more than expected!

The cafeteria was packed with families hungry for hot dogs, homemade chili, and a potato bar (our thanks to Chef Rich) and the school playground was filled with 27 candy-laden vehicles for the popular "Trunk or Treat" activity. The gym was transformed into a festive carnival complete with face painting, games, and a cupcake walk. I appreciate all the hard work (and creativity) that goes into preparing this night of fun, and especially want to thank those who brought in candy that was divided among the "trunks" to help defray costs.

I also want to acknowledge and thank Diana Shipley, Debby Belcher, Macy Winter, and Jennifer Jechart for taking their 1st-3rd graders to the Veteran's Hospital and Highland Hills to sing holiday songs to the residents on Halloween day. As part of our school's mission to provide service to the community, it has been a rewarding, longtime tradition...over 20 years...to visit hospitals and convalescent homes during the holidays with lively musical presentations.

Keep reading to your wonderful kids!

Mrs. Corgiat

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Can you believe that we are almost done with our first trimester of school?? The last day of the first trimester is Nov. 18. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 21 and Tuesday, Nov. 22. If you need a particular time for your conference please contact Miss Polly no later than **Nov. 9** so that it can be scheduled. Getting the time you need after this date may be hard to do, so email or call Miss Polly today!

School will not be in session the whole week of Nov. 21 - 25, 2011. Childcare will be available on Nov. 21 and 22 for those students who make arrangements with Miss Lisa.

WAY TO GO!!!!

We sold 111 raffle tickets!!! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket or sold one. The success of this raffle is so important to our school budget - so thank you, thank you, thank you! The lucky winners of the first drawing were: \$400 - Fred Smith; \$200 - Richard & Cathy Brey and \$100 - Polly & Kerry Hennessy. Good luck to all our ticket holders!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Due to many requests received by the church office, there will be one more *Safe Environment Training* session this fall. It is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center (church office building). If you have not attended this training but plan on volunteering in your child's classroom, you **need** to attend. Another training session isn't scheduled until next spring. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Polly in the school office.

OPERATION WISHBOOK

Operation Wishbook is a community-based volunteer project designed to place new paperback or hardback books in the hands of less fortunate children for Christmas. The desire to read is not born in children—parents, caregivers and teachers plant it there. Children need to be read to at an early age. It is important for young children to hear the sounds of language. Imagination and vocabulary develop rapidly during read aloud times. Children of all ages need to be exposed to quality literature. Research shows that children who read or have been read to at home stand a better chance of success in school and in life. What better way to increase literacy than to have books in the home to read!

The **Operation Wishbook** drive is a chance for underprivileged children to receive books during the holiday season. You can help promote literacy in our community by dropping off new books in the collection boxes in our school now through December 4th.

A convenient and inexpensive opportunity for purchasing a new book for this wonderful cause would be through student classroom book orders...many great books are only 95¢! Book purchases are tax deductible too. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Books are a gift that can be opened again and again.

JUST A REMINDER

Students are required to wear their red school sweaters to Mass from now until May 1. Also, shorts cannot be worn again until April 1.

CRISP FALL DAYS

With the cool fall days comes the need for sweaters and jackets. **Please, please** make sure your child's name is on their belongings. Our lost and found box is already growing!

COMMUNITY NEWS

2011 FOOTBALL CHALLENGE - PUNT, PASS & KICK

Don't forget the PP&K football challenge is today beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Holt Arena. Boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 8th are invited to compete. Registration can be completed before competing.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013!

Members of Holy Spirit Catholic Community's LIFE TEEN group are going to Rio de Janeiro in 2013 to be a part of the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the world. At the end of WYD in Madrid this year, Pope Benedict XVI announced Rio to be the venue for the next World Youth Day. LIFE TEEN youth are selling Christmas wreaths to help fundraise the \$3000 each participant needs to attend this life-changing event. So please, if you plan on hanging a wreath this year, buy it from our LIFE TEEN group. Orders can be made at the parish office, 232-1196, just ask for Dave. Place your order by **November 8**. They will be delivered to your house the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support and prayers.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 13 - Second grade to host coffee hour after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Nov. 18 - End of first trimester

Nov. 21 & 22- Parent Teacher Conferences for kindergarten - 8th grades

Nov. 23 - 25 - No School. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Dec. 2 - School Christmas Program @ 7:00 p.m.