



Holy Spirit
Catholic School

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I hope everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving! God truly blesses us here at Holy Spirit!



We quickly turn focus to another wonderful celebration this week with tomorrow night's Christmas Gala Concert. It is sure to be more than sensational! Diana Shipley has again unleashed her mega talents with a variety of lively seasonal song and hymns, adding the always popular conventional and unconventional percussion instruments. Madison Folkman, our new middle school music teacher, teams with Diana to blend the beautiful voices of our older youth.

I am super excited to invite all of you to this performance in the magnificent Grand Hall at the Stephens Performing Arts Center on the ISU campus. We ask that the children arrive at 7:10 p.m. in their "Sunday best" attire (**please no Santa hats**). Staff and teachers will be in the rotunda area for drop off and to manage "crowd control" as well as possible. It is a beautiful, bustling event so please be patient with the commotion and be sure to make contact with your child's teacher at the drop off for safety reasons.

What a treat for these kids to be on stage at such an exceptional venue, and for those in attendance to enjoy a comfortable, truly magical experience. We hope you are planning to come not just in support of our school's amazing music program but also to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

*Keep reading to your children,
Mrs. Corgiat*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DETAILS

- Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.
- Tickets are available in the school office or at the Stephen Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost: adults - \$5, kids 5 to 17 - \$3, seniors - \$3, kids 4 and under are free or a family pass (immediate family members) is \$15. If you cannot afford a ticket please contact the school office.

GREAT STOCKING STUFFER

Christmas is right around the corner and to help with your gift giving needs we have ordered some special denomination SCRIP gift cards that are great for stocking stuffers or last minute gifts. These special denomination cards are not on your regular order form since they are not offered year round, and it is unlikely that we will be able to reorder more once we sell out. To order just write them in on the empty spaces on our current SCRIP order form, and we will fill the orders and send them home. Special cards are as listed: Amazon - \$10.00, Applebee's - \$10.00, Barnes and Noble - \$5.00, Panera - \$5.00, Red Lobster - \$10.00, Starbucks - \$5.00, and Target - \$10.00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL CLOTHES DRIVE

The Middle School Student Council is collecting clean, warm, used clothing and outerwear for families in need from Dec. 1-13. Donations will be delivered to Aid For Friends on Dec. 14th.

HOLIDAY CHILD CARE REMINDER

Just a reminder to sign up for child care if you need it for the following days: Wednesday, Dec. 20 through Friday, Dec. 22 and, Wednesday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Dec. 29. If you do not sign up and we do not have at least 10 students signed up, we will close those days! Thanks, Sister Paul Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

For the next two weeks, our school will have a different Mass schedule. We are celebrating the regular Wednesday morning 8:30 am Masses on December 6th and 13th. Additionally our pastor, Father Henry, wishes the school to add **two** very special 8:30am Masses that honor the Blessed Mother: Friday, December 8th celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation) and Tuesday, December 12th celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe. The children will be attending all four Masses that have also been publicized in the parish bulletin. School staff and students are preparing the liturgy and music for each of these Masses. Please note that students are expected to wear proper Mass attire. Everyone is invited!



Holy Spirit Catholic School Celebration of Knowledge

Congratulations to our first trimester "Celebration of Knowledge" students! We

honor students in 4th through 8th grades who earned at least a 3.5+ grade point average.

4th Grade: James Bertin, Pilot Bulak, Josh Chan, Kelsie Chapman, Mia Chavez, Corban Christensen, Saffron French, Jake Larsen, Talon Lattin, Allen Melton, Allison Miller, Chijioke Njoku, Ellie O'Neill, Cohen Sanford, Avel Taft, Nicholas Weick, Sydnee Wilcox; **5th Grade:** Mia Delilo, Tavie Delilo, Aiden Evans, Nora Melick, Ezza-Bella Navarro, Jack Dylan Walsh, Alexis Wells; **6th Grade:** Paloma Austin, Jason Chapman, Leo Christensen, Elena Freile, Mila Gabiola, Aaron Herdt, Ayva Krosch, Payton Lattin, Isona Lachhwani, Isaiah Leonard, Dita Masak, Grace Mickelson, Sydney Scott, Addison Shaw; **7th Grade:** Lauren Aasand, Quincy Appiah, Riley Fehringer, Braden Magnuson, Marko Milovanovic, Adriene Perry, Dalton Rasmussen, Conner Rich, Natalie Schoen, Norah Scott, Taylor Smith; **8th Grade:** Eric Anderson, JJ Anderson, Sarah Hiller, John Kaiser, Athena Klos, Lily Maheras, Danil Marsh, Lucy Melick, Carmen Mendez, and Mavity Shaw.

We are very proud of our students who have worked so hard to reach this prominent achievement by continuing to set high expectations and goals for themselves.



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HAT DAY IS BACK!

Students will be allowed to wear a hat to school on Tuesday's for just \$1.00 per Tuesday! Money can be given to your child's teacher and will be collected at the end of the day. **This is not "crazy" hat day.** Money will be used to help pay for referees for the middle school basketball games.

"STONE SOUP"

Student Council is pleased to announce the results of the Stone Soup Food Drive conducted in November. Through your generosity, 508 items were donated! Thank you so very much! The food and other non-perishable items were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul to help fill their pantry for the Thanksgiving food distribution giving to those less fortunate. "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me." --Jesus Christ (Matthew 20:45)

ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL

The results for the Student Council 2017-2018 elections are in!

- ❖ President: Mukudzei Traore (5th grade)
- ❖ Vice President: Josh Chan (4th grade)
- ❖ Treasurer: Elizar Rosales (3rd grade)

Representatives rounding out the team are Nora Melick (5th), Jada Shultz (4th), Jillian Henderson (3rd), Gordon McReynolds (2nd), Luke McReynolds (2nd), Anna Bertin (2nd), Felicity Shaw (1st) and Mason Melton (1st).

Congratulations! A superb group to help lead our school!

NOVEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to November raffle winners: \$100 – Margaret Prince, \$200 – Nicole Chopski and \$400 – James Law.

ADVENT

Advent is a [season](#) observed in many [Christian churches](#) as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the [Nativity of Jesus](#) at [Christmas](#). The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". Practices associated with Advent include keeping an [Advent calendar](#), lighting an [Advent wreath](#), and praying an Advent daily devotional.

When lighting an Advent wreath, a candle is lit each week for four weeks to celebrate a different theme which to focus on in preparation of Christmas. This Sunday, Dec. 3, is the first Sunday of Advent with the weekly focus on **HOPE**. This candle is purple and it stands for the promises God keeps to us.

Have a blessed season of preparing!

AND.....



HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS MARKET

**December 5th – 7th 8:30 a.m. to 2:45
p.m.**

December 8th 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Holy Spirit PTC is happy to announce that we will be having a Christmas Market this year. Your student can come to school and shop for all the special people in their lives from a wide variety of great gifts that are sure to please. Did we mention that...

EACH ITEM IS ONLY \$2.00!

this means your student can buy for Mom, Dad, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, your beloved family pets, and all those dear to them without spending a fortune. We have a wide variety of gifts to choose from and we feel confident that they will be able to find something for everyone on their shopping list.

December 5th is our official preview” day, but children who come with money to spend will be allowed to shop that day. Parents are also welcome to stop by and see what this event is all about. If you are available, volunteers are needed to help this event run smoothly. To volunteer please contact: Megan Stover @ Meg.t.stover@gmail.com or Rebecca Rodriguez @ rebeccareneerodriguez@hotmail.com

We are asking each family to please donate 1 large pack of gift wrap tissue paper that can be turned in in each classroom. All purchased gifts will go home with your student on Friday, Dec. 8.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY FUN

Breakfast with St. Nicholas – Dec. 2, 2017 from 9 am – 11:00 am in St. Anthony’s Hall. Come join us and have breakfast with Saint Nicholas. Come and learn the true history of Santa Claus! Everyone is invited to attend the event. Cost will be \$4 a person or \$15.00 a family. This is a fundraiser for Confirmation students to attend the Idaho Catholic Youth Conference. Sponsors are: Knights of Columbus 892, Quest and JAM.



JESUS IS THE REASON – Youth Advent retreat with Fr. Javier Hinojosa, Friday, Dec. 8, 2017 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Chapel.