

WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, 1/19/12

*FAME
Kindergarten - Sing the Site Words
6:30 pm*

Saturday 1/21/12

Sunday 1/22/12

Friday 1/20/12

*SF 49'er Free Dress
Day(Again!)
TREAT DAY
Filipino Class 3:10 pm*

Monday 1/23/12

Spanish Class 3:20 pm

Tuesday 1/24/12

8th Grade Graduation Pictures

Wednesday 1/25/12

2:20 pm Dismissal



**REMINDER: 5 MPH HOUR SPEED LIMIT IN
SCHOOL PARKING AT ALL TIMES!!**

RED, WHITE, AND GOLD FREE DRESS: We will have red, white, and gold free dress this Friday, January 20 to support the 49ers in the playoffs. Free dress rules apply. Clothing should be neat and appropriate for school, not too baggy or too tight. Go 49ers!!!

CASH CALENDAR 2011/12 - This week's \$100.00 winner is Mr. Jeff Surdilla, father of Madeline, Gr. 2 & Abigail, Gr. K. Congratulations!! Our next \$100.00 drawing will be on Monday, January 23, 2012.

CASH FOR CLASS - Currently, Holy Spirit School is in third place in the Cash for Class contest. Please continue to save all receipts from the Fremont Hub and turn them in at the school office or in the Cash for Class container located on top of the information center in the school lobby. Thanks for all your support!

SPELL-A-THON - Spell-a-thon packets have been sent home to each child. The packet contains an instructional letter, sponsor sheet and spelling word lists for your child's grade. Please keep the letter on hand because it has a list of specific due dates. All spelling tests will be given during Catholic Schools Week.

FACE APPLICATIONS - FACE applications are now available in the school office. If you would like to apply for financial aide for the coming school year you may pick up an application in the office, or you can go online and download an application. If you want to be considered for any type of financial aide next year, you must apply for FACE first. Also, if you have applied before, you must re-apply each year. Please call the school office if you have any questions regarding financial aide.

HOLY SPIRIT STUDENT TAKES THE STAGE! We have a star among us at our



Students during the prayer service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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school! Our very own Max Souza will be performing in StarStruck Theatre's presentation of **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**. Gather the family together and go see the musical production of this classic novel at the Ohlone College Jackson Theatre, January 6th - 22nd. This is StarStruck Theatre's 17th season of children's theatre in Fremont and their production of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer is filled with invigorating choreography, toe-tapping live music, and dazzling sets and costumes. Tickets and show information are available at www.starstrucktheatre.org.

TREAT DAY - Treat Day is this Friday, January 20th sponsored by the 4th grade. All treats are \$.25 and will be sold at recess and lunch. 4th grade, don't forget your items or a \$25.00 donation. Everyone, don't forget your quarters!!

FAMILY POSTER CONTEST: The Bully-Free Action Team, a committee of the School Board, is sponsoring a family poster contest about promoting a positive environment. Please see the flyer for all details. Posters are due to Mrs. Drabin by next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing your great creations.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - To kick off Catholic Schools Week, the Holy Spirit Parent Club is hosting a pancake breakfast in the Small Hall on Sunday, January 29th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our menu will include all the pancakes you can eat, plus three pieces of bacon or sausage. Adults \$5.00, seniors \$4.00 and children under ten years, \$3.00. A bowl of fruit, orange juice, coffee or tea is included. Come join us before or after Mass.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST STILL IN NEED OF SOME VOLUNTEERS - There are a few shifts during our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 29th, 2012 that need to be filled. Please see the flyer attached to this Update for volunteer information and call today if you can help. Thank you.

BULLY-FREE ACTION TEAM - The Bully-Free Action Team encourages you all to mark your calendars for the upcoming Parent Club meeting on *Thursday, February 2nd. Guest speaker, Dr. Joy Lopez, (former science and computer teacher at Holy Spirit School)*, will be joining us to speak about what we call Digital Citizenship. Don't miss it!

SAVE THE DATE FOR HSS CRAB FEED & AUCTION - MARCH 10, 2012! Holy Spirit School's biggest fundraising event of the year is just around the corner! Start planning your groups of 8 or more people now to get reserved seating. Tickets will be \$40 per person and will go on sale during Catholic Schools Week Open House (Jan. 29th). Stay tuned for more info!

SCIENCE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Our Holy Spirit School Science Fair on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 is looking for volunteers. First, we are in need of judges. No Science background necessary. The only requirement is that you are NOT a parent of our 7th or 8th grade students. Complete instructions for judging and a rubric for point awarding will be supplied. Judges will be needed from 8:30am-12noon but are invited to stay for the entire fair. Second, we are in need of help with setting up & cleaning up tables, chairs & projects in the gym. Morning volunteers are needed from 8-9:30am and afternoon volunteers are needed from 1:30-3pm. Parent hours will be credited for all who volunteer. If you are available and interested, please contact Mrs. Yvette Cardenas (ycardenas@csdo.org or send a note through the school office). Your time and service is greatly appreciated. A general invitation goes out to everyone to come and visit the fair at leisure. Thank you

WOMEN OF JOY AND POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER...Pillars of the Catholic Church - Come, women of all ages, and join us for an unforgettable evening of prayer, praise, peace, Spirit power and the gentle presence of our loving God! We will walk together, on our heart's journey of faith, gathered as ONE: Women of Compassion, Grace, Wisdom and Joy. New forms of prayer will be shared and singing will fill the night! Come, let us shine, and dance in the Light!

*Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

*DeSousa House, Holy Spirit Church

*Guest speaker - Sr. Rebecca Shinas, OP

Bring a friend. Free will offering requested. Holy Spirit Women's Fellowship

HOLY SPIRIT CYO BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 2012 - Grades K-8 - Come join the Holy Spirit track & field team! Run for fun. Run for your health, mind and spirit! Practice begins on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, for Gr. K - 2nd at Holy Spirit track, and on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, for 3rd - 8th grades at American HS. Track meets will be held on Sunday afternoons, starting mid-March through the beginning of May. Kids can participate in sprints, distance runs, relays, jumping and throwing events. Running experience is not required. Our focus will be on participation, achieving your personal best, and good sportsmanship. Sign-ups will be on Thursday, Jan. 26th (6:00pm-8:00pm) and on Friday, Jan. 27th (3:00 pm-5:00pm) at the Holy Spirit Gym. A "Holy Spirit Player Application Form" can be printed from the CYO website at "www.holyspiritcyo.com" and dropped off at the rectory (Attn: CYO track & Field) if you cannot come to sign-ups. Registration forms must be filled out by parents before a child can practice. The fee is \$65.00 with a \$10 discount for siblings, payable to "Holy Spirit CYO" (Spartan T-shirt included.) Please contact Valerie at track@holyspiritcyo.com in you have any questions. **Go Spartans!**

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TAKE YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO... The 7th Annual Catch the Spirit 2 mile Family Fun Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, **March 31st** at Quarry Lakes in Fremont at 9:30 AM. It offers the perfect opportunity to experience all the same attributes of the larger formally organized races: a real start/finish line, bib numbers, an awards ceremony, an official race T-Shirt, plus great post-race refreshments waiting for you at the finish line! All of this while maintaining a family, fun, and exercising theme. Last year's Catch the Spirit Family Fun Walk/Run was an overwhelming success. We had **over 300 registered** participants and profited over \$8,000 for our school. This year, if you refer at least 10 participants to register, you will receive a **FREE parking pass**. So encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to join. Make sure you have them include your name on the registration form!!

REMINDER: The Holy Spirit Class with the MOST registered participants will WIN a PIZZA or ICE CREAM party!! HELP your class win by registering TODAY!!

Registration will begin Sunday, January 29th during Open House in the Small Hall. The First 30 participation forms will get \$5 OFF!! Don't forget to stop by the registration table to sign up to SAVE!!

FAMILY FUN WALK/RUN EVENT SPONSOR NEEDED!!! As we gear up for the **March 31st Family Fun Walk/Run** we are looking for 2012 event sponsors to help make this an even more successful school event than last year. Please consider sponsoring at any level, **Spirit Sponsors - \$150; Bronze - \$300; Silver - \$500; Gold - \$1,000 and above.** We will highlight your business in Fun/Run publicity, T-Shirts and at the event. This is a great opportunity to promote your services to over 200 students and their families. This event cannot succeed without event sponsors!! If you are interested, PLEASE let Rosey L. (510-790-8354) or Lucia P. (791-2655) know by Friday, March 2nd.

REMINDER: If you, or your family, encourage an event sponsor, you will receive a **FREE \$10 gift card** to Starbucks!!

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents and Students of Holy Spirit School,

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th. The Pancake Breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM, Mass is at 9:00 AM, followed by the Open House both at Holy Spirit School and Preschool until 12:30 PM. We hope to see you all there and bring a new family to visit our school.

The teachers and staff are continuing the work on the WCEA document for our self-study. We have our pre-visit from our visiting team on February 9. Please keep us in your prayers as we complete this work.

Next week your child will bring home an envelope from Computers for Education on Wednesday, January 25th, with post cards to be filled out by them and returned to school on Thursday, January 26th. These cards are not used for anything but this promotion. There is no obligation to buy anything. The school will get \$.50 per card returned to school, if all cards are returned that would be \$5.50 per child. The funds earned will be used to purchase iPads for use by the students. Please help us by filling out and returning the post cards to school.

God of all, we give thanks for all our students present and past and the contributions they have made to this community. May they be blessed for all that they do. May they be encouraged to continue to share their gifts and talents. Let them be supported as they risk, as they give, as they grow. Amen.

From 500 Prayers for Catholic Schools...

Blessings,

Susan C. Buchanan

Harmony~Belief~Achiever~Responsibility~Developer~