

# WEEKLY UPDATE

**Thursday, 1/26/12**

*Regular School Day*

**Friday 1/27/12**

**Minimum Day 12:00pm**

**Dismissal**

*11:15 am CSW Kick-Off*

*Assembly*

**Saturday 1/28/12**

**Sunday 1/29/12**

**Catholic School's Week**

**Begins**

**8:00 Pancake Breakfast**

**9:00 CSW Mass**

**Open House 10:00 am -**

**12:30 pm**

**Penny Power Begins**

**10:00am**

**Monday 1/30/12**

*Teacher Switch Day*

*Classroom Walk-throughs*

*Spellathon Sponsor Sheets Due*

*Spanish Class 3:20 pm*

**Tuesday 1/31/12**

*Class Theme Dress-up Day*

*Kindergarten Information Night*

*7:00 pm in Grade K*

**Wednesday 2/1/12**

**Minimum Day 12:00 pm**

**Dismissal**

*Blow Your Top Day*



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

**CASH CALENDAR 2011/12** - This week's \$100.00 winner is Lisa-Marie Franz, mother of Alissa Perez, Grade 7. Congratulations!! Our next \$100.00 drawing will be on Monday, January 30, 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 sponsor sheets are due on Monday, January 30th.

**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.

**BASIC FUND APPLICATIONS** - Applications for financial aide through the BASIC fund are now available in the school office and online at basicfund.org. The BASIC Fund scholarships are for families with children entering Catholic school for the first time. So if you have a new Kindergartener or sibling applying for the fall, you may qualify. If you are already receiving scholarship funds through BASIC, renewal forms will be sent to you in March, you do not need to fill out a new application unless you have a new student applying for the fall. Please call the school office if you have any questions regarding the BASIC Fund.



**Power of One student presentation.**

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**FATHER MATHEW'S 25TH JUBILEE** - Please join us as we gather with gratitude to God in celebration of our Pastor's Priestly Silver Jubilee! All parishioners are cordially invited to the 25th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, February 18, 2012. Please plan to attend the 5:00 pm Mass followed by dinner (seating for the first 500) and an evening of celebration in the Parish Center.

Parish Gift to Father Mat - We are preparing a parish gift for Fr. Mathew to honor his special anniversary. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the gift please send your donation to the office "Attn. Fr. Mat's 25th Anniv." noted on the envelope. Thank you!

**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. **The due date for posters has been changed to Friday at 8:00am to Mrs. Drabin.** We look forward to seeing your great creations.

**ATTENTION PARENTS** - Keep your eyes open for a booklet of postcards that your child will bring home today. By completing this booklet, you will be helping our school meet its goal of earning funds toward new I-Pads for student use. Thank you for supporting our school.

**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!

**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](mailto: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

**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!

**CRAB FEED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Parent help is needed to make our 11th Annual Crab Feed/Auction successful. Please see the flyer after this update for more information.

**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](http://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](mailto:track@holyspiritcyo.com) if you have any questions. **Go Spartans!**

**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**

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**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!!

**ALLERGY SUPPORT GROUP** - Please see the flyer after this Update regarding a new Allergy Support Group at Holy Spirit. Meetings will begin next month at the De Sousa House. See the flyer for more details.

**GALILEO SUMMER PROGRAM** - Information flyers about the 2012 Galileo Summer Camps are now available in our information center in the school hallway. Programs are for Grades pre-K through 8th grade.

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents and Students of Holy Spirit School,

The theme this year for Catholic Schools across the nation is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service." I look forward to seeing you during the celebration this weekend and throughout Catholic Schools Week, January 29 – February 3. Please print and post the CSW activities sheet following this update so you can join in this week of celebration.

As we begin this celebration of Catholic Schools Week at Holy Spirit School let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide and fill us with the gifts of the Spirit ~ Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord/Wonder and Awe in God.

At Holy Spirit School:

Our AIM is to strengthen each student's faith life and value system to enable them to participate responsibly in society while reflecting Catholic principles of peace and justice.

Our HOPE is that all students will choose to act upon these principles to assure peace and justice for all people throughout the world.

Our PRAYER is that all students will be motivated to center their lives in Jesus as committed Christian members of society.

We are blessed with very dedicated and committed faculty and staff; school liturgies that have the students involved in these great celebrations; a wonderful technology made possible by the generosity and hard work of parents, parishioners and other school friends through fund raising; a widely used Extended Care Program that serves students before and after school; great parental involvement; and students who are willing to work hard to achieve their goals.

Congratulations to all the students, parents, faculty and staff who continue the tradition that began here at Holy Spirit School over 50 years ago!

May God bless you and may you give to others what you have received.

"For we have received not to keep but to share." ...Mother Teresa

Blessings,

*Susan C. Buchanan*

*Harmony~Belief~Achiever~Responsibility~Developer~*