

WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday, 2/2/12

Groundhog Day

Free Dress w/donation to Delaney

Thomas Fundraiser

Buddy Lunch

Talent Show 1:00pm in Gym

Parent Club Meeting 7:00pm in

Small Hall

Friday 2/3/12

RED & WHITE DAY

10:40am Penny Power Ends

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Spirit Rally in Gym

Filipino Class 3:10pm

Saturday 2/4/12

Sunday 2/5/12

Super Bowl



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

Monday 2/6/12

Book Fair Begins Today

Spanish Class 3:20pm

Tuesday 2/7/12

Regular School Day

Wednesday 2/8/12

Holy Spirit Science Fair in Gym

2:20pm Dismissal

Book Fair Family Night

CASH CALENDAR 2011/12 - This week's \$100.00 winner is Mrs. Julita Luty, mother of Jared, Grade 8. Congratulations!! Our next \$100.00 drawing will be on Monday, February 6, 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 were due on Monday, January 30th. If you haven't already done so, please turn them in tomorrow!

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



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questions regarding the BASIC Fund.

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!

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@cndo.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

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

TAKE YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO...REGISTER TODAY. 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!!

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,

I would like to thank the teachers, staff and Student Council for all the time and preparation that went into the planning and celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It is a wonderful week for all! Our Open House went well. We had a number of new faces visiting Holy Spirit School and Preschool for the first time. Please let anyone you know who would be interested in a Catholic school to call and arrange to visit. You are our best PR!

Thank you to our School Board and our Parent Club Members for all of their support and dedication to Holy Spirit School.

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Our next Parent Club meeting is this Thursday, February 2 in the Small Hall. Please plan to attend and celebrate CSW. Dr. Joy Lopez will be our presenter on Digital Citizenship.

Students will have their throats blessed on Friday, February 3, the feast of St. Blaise, after the First Friday Mass at 11:00 AM. Please join us to celebrate First Friday Mass and the last day of CSW. It is RED & WHITE day. The students will be wearing these special colors to Mass.

It is so great to see so many new and exciting things going on at Holy Spirit School!

“Everything starts from prayer. Without asking God for love, we cannot possess love and still less are we able to give it to others.”
~Mother Teresa~

Blessings,

Susan C. Buchanan

Harmony~Belief~Achiever~Responsibility~Developer~