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Our Mission

The Holy Spirit Catholic School Family honors the dignity of each person and provides a strong foundation for life-long learning in the framework of a Catholic faith community

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Family,

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, and our students have transitioned into another exciting school year. We have experienced many accomplishments and memorable moments since the beginning of the school year. One of the high school highlights is the celebration of *Homecoming Week*, which was filled with school spirit and pride. I am always proud of our students, but this year I was most impressed with the level of cooperation, the character displayed, and the dedication to Catholic Social Services. During the week, the students in the high school decorated the gym with food items based on the class color. As always, the students exceeded expectations, filling the shelves of Catholic Social Services to overflowing. This is certainly a reflection of the values you have instilled.

We are always happy to partner with Sister Carol and Catholic Social Services. This year she invited Holy Spirit families to participate in the raffle of four tickets for The University of Alabama homecoming game against Ole Miss. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Holy Spirit Catholic School and Catholic Social Services. The drawing for the raffle will take place on Monday, October 4. Thank you for your participation and commitment to community service.

May the blessings of Jesus be with everyone in the Holy Spirit family.

Sr. Elaine

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Spotlight

PTO Is Working For Your Kids

FunRun Boosterthon is the PTO fundraiser. It will be held on October 13th with pre-school through 8 grade participating in the run. Parents are invited to help cheer on the children!! Please help the children secure sponsors!! All of the proceeds go directly back into the school in one of two ways: technology in the classrooms (smartboards) and providing funds for the transportation of teachers and staff to the National Catholic Educational Association Annual Conference (NCEA) in April. The Boosterthon Fun Run program is a healthy alternative to traditional product sales to raise much-needed funds for our school and many others across America. The program also promotes Fitness, Leadership, and Character.



Teacher Snack Assignments

Thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up to help on future events & thanks to those who have already volunteered.



Monday, October 18, is a fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese. Each student will get a certificate for free tokens & faculty with school badge will eat for free.

Elementary Classroom Halloween Parties will be October 29 from 2:00-2:45



10/6 Grace Anne Lake Victoria Lavender Amy Chambley Mary Wall Christian Williams

10/13 Michael Reeder Savannah Reier Cody Fletcher Reid Rickett Lura Tiller 10/20 Jacob Simon Catherine Spence Spikey Howard Jessica Ewing Julia Marshall

10/27 Anna Calhoun Mary Catherine Chambliss Patrick McCaffrey John Almond Avery Berry



2010-2011 PTO Officers

Alison Holt—President
Mara Jones—Vice President
Karen Lathram—Secretary
Greta Davis—Treasurer
Shonna Smith & Heather Reilly—Room Parent
Coordinators



Around Campus

5th Grade Students Help Put Books in the Hands of Kids Who Need Them- Simply by Reading Themselves.

Fifth graders in Miss Austin's classroom are helping other children while they help themselves this school year by participating in **Scholastic Book Clubs'** *ClassroomsCare* program, a philanthropy-based literacy campaign designed to teach children about the joys and importance of reading and giving and to encourage them to read everyday to lead better lives.

This fall, each student is challenged to read 10 books and, in turn, Scholastic Book Clubs, a division of Scholastic, the global children's publishing and media company, will donate one million new books to disadvantaged children nationwide.

Through this year's ClassroomsCare program, called "The United States of Reading," participating classrooms are reading for charities in their home states. More than one million books will be distributed locally through three national charity partners whose shared mission is to help put books in the hands of the hardest to reach and neediest children: Reach out and Read, Save the Children, and the Pajama Program.

"I believe this is a wonderful program! It offers both students and teacher an opportunity to celebrate the importance of reading and to demonstrate our spirit of service and sharing," said Miss Austin.



For more than 60 years, Scholastic Book Clubs have provided monthly catalogues offering top quality books and reading materials from all publishers to teachers in pre-school through junior high. Scholastic Book Clubs reach over one million teachers each month, providing the most sought-after titles at affordable prices for children in classrooms nationwide.

Scrip Tuition Incentive Program



For all families not participating in our current Tuition Incentive Program, please consider enrolling now. We are in our 3rd year and have had great success! Several families have surpassed the \$1000 earnings mark for the past two years. This means that families have reduced their tuition total by the amounts they have earned simply by ordering the prepaid gift cards to do their grocery shopping, clothing shopping, gas purchases, traveling expenses, etc. Please visit the Holy Spirit website for complete information of how to enroll and the details for this program. Any questions should be sent to Alisa Kincaid at holyspiritscrip@bellsouth.net.

Holy Spirit Goes To D.C.

Preparations have begun for the annual 10th grade trip to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. The trip is scheduled for February 6-11, 2011. Deposits are due October 1, 2010, and final payments are due December 15.







Around Campus

Soccer News

The Holy Spirit Titan Varsity teams, boys and girls, are currently selling Boston Butts for \$30 for the UA Homecoming week. If you would like to purchase one, please see a varsity soccer player or contact Alisa Kincaid at alisakincaid@bellsouth.net. All orders and payments are due in by Oct. 8th and the orders will be delivered by soccer players the afternoon of Oct. 15th - - - just in time for your UA Tailgating!!!



Belk Charity Sale Event coupons are now available through our varsity soccer players. The Belk Charity Sale will be held Nov. 6th from 6 am to 10 am and your ticket allows you entrance to the special sale. Charity Sale prices are only available during these hours. Your ticket is also a \$5 coupon for your first purchase during the event. For the first 100 customers in the door the morning of Nov. 6th, Belk will be giving away free Belk Gift Cards!!! Get a start on your Christmas Shopping with this event!

6th Annual Tee Off for Titans Golf Tournament

This annual event is hosted by the Varsity Golf teams and Varsity Soccer teams.

This event will be held on Monday, November 15th, at the Capstone Club in Brookwood. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am with a Shot Gun start at 12:00 noon. Registration is \$125 per player, or \$500 per team. Registration forms will be in the high school office, or you may contact Alisa Kincaid at alisakincaid@bellsouth.net. For anyone interested in hole sponsporships at \$100 each, please contact Alisa.





Holy Spirit Athletic Sign Sponsorships for Athletic Fields

Please take a look at our brand new 8 foot by 10 foot Wall of Sponsors at the football/soccer field!!! Our Booster Club has begun a new program of showcasing our local businesses who have offered their support of our student athletes. The individual signs are stainless steel with vinyl logos. If you are interested in selling the signs to local sponsors, each sign is \$200 per year, OR for \$300 the business can elect to have signs placed on 2 different fields for the year! We will have signs located at the football/soccer field, baseball field, and softball field. Be sure to patronize and thank our local sponsors! For more information or forms, please contact Alisa Kincaid or

Cheri Sisson.

Child Safety

The school does not provide supervision during athletic events. Parents are responsible for their children during these events.

Bring the entire family and come be a part of the **Titan Spirit!** Our athletic teams' schedules are listed on the website. Holy Spirit student athletes always appreciate our great fan support. **Varsity Girls Volleyball is 19-3.**

Varsity Coed Cross Country times continue to improve with Alex Enns and Sean Perry finishing in the top ten.

Varsity Boys Football is 3-2. Middle School Boys Football 1-3.

GO TITANS!



Campus Ministry

Running of the Silver Rose

On Thursday, September 24, 2010, Holy Spirit Catholic High School had the honor and privilege of hosting the 2010 Knights of Columbus Running of the Silver Rose. To prepare the students for the visit, Sr Ellen, fcJ, visited each class to give them a mini-lesson on sacramentals, The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Juan Diego, and the history of the Running of the Silver Rose.

Every year since 1960, the Squires, the youth branch of the Knights of Columbus, have hosted an international running of the Silver Rose. The rose is reminiscent of the roses picked by Juan Diego at the instruction of Our Lady of Guadalupe which he carried in his tilma to the Franciscan Bishop Zumárraga of Mexico. When he opened his tilma to give the bishop the roses, there also appeared the famous image of Our Lady. If you want to read more about the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe you can find a clear article in PDF format at this site. http://www.bridegroompress.com/snippets/guadhandout.pdf



Marian Cook holds the Silver Rose

Students from The 7th, 8th and 11th grades visited the rose which was on display in the chapel at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Each student had an opportunity to view the rose – one of three traveling from Canada to Mexico – and/or hold the rose before spending some time praying the rosary together for life. Each student also wrote a prayer intention on the back of a rose shaped note and placed the prayer near the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the main church.

From here the rose will visit other churches in Alabama on its way to Laredo, Texas, where it will meet the two other roses and then be carried by the Squires over the International Bridge into Mexico for their continued journey of peace.

Students were impressed with the experience, and were grateful for the opportunity to play hosts to the peace rose on its journey. Regan Washington, an 8th grader said, "It was cool. I really liked the rose. It was really pretty. I think that it is cool that it traveled through all of North America, and stopped here at Holy Spirit and that it is going to cross the International Bridge into Mexico. It was inspiring to see how the Knights cared for the rose and how we had to wear gloves to touch it."

"I would have liked to learn more from the Knights about the rose," said Hadley Christian, grade 11. "But having them there in their uniforms standing guard for the Silver Rose, reminded me of the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier when we visited Washington, DC last year."

An enthusiastic seventh grade liked the following: "the rose was pure Mexican Silver and how big it was;" "the rose is modeled after a real peace rose;" "the Knights had cool uniforms;" "Our Lady of Guadalupe story especially the part about the black ribbon near her hands that is an Aztec symbol for a woman who is pregnant;" "we're grateful for the gift of the rosary we received from the Knights."

To read more about the Running of the Silver Roses you may want to visit this web site http://www.runningoftherose.org/en/index.html

One Family





PreSchool

Their future begins here!

Fall has finally arrived! Hopefully, there is some cool, crisp weather just around the corner! Cool weather brings thoughts of autumn leaves, pumpkins, hayrides and scarecrows. The preschool teachers are planning loads of exciting activities for October. Your children won't even realize that they are learning while they are having so much fun!

We would like to welcome Heather Reilly and Rhonda Petruccelli to the preschool staff. Mrs. Reilly is working in the three-year old class with Mrs. McCullough. Mrs. Petruccelli is working with Mrs. 3. Are you parking in an area that is not a Thompson in the four-year old class. Both have children here at Holy Spirit. We are so very excited to have them join us at the preschool.

This school year has been the best year! Children are arriving on time, bringing backpacks daily, and meeting deadlines. You are such responsible parents and are doing an excellent job setting an example for your children. You may not realize how much your children imitate you, but at this young age, you are their role models. Keep up the good work!

Pet Food Drive

To honor St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, the preschool will collect dog and cat food from October 4-8 to be donated to the Humane Society of West Alabama.

Reminders

With cooler weather approaching, we will need a cool weather change of clothes (complete with socks and underwear). Put these in a zip-lock bag with your child's name on it. These clothes do not need to be new or matching-just something we can change your child into if they have an accident. The children will go out daily to play unless it is wet or extremely cold. They will need a jacket or sweater on chilly mornings. Please make sure all jackets and sweaters have your child's name in them.



Parking Lot Safety Quiz:

- 1. Are you driving too fast because you are running late?
- Are you texting or talking on your cell phone while driving?
- designated parking space?
- Are you leaving your car running while you drop off or pick up your child?
- 5. Are you allowing your child to run ahead of you as you walk to and from your vehicle?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please review the Parent/Student Handbook regarding safety. If someone other than yourself brings or picks up your child, please review these safety measures with them. The protection and safety of our preschoolers is of utmost importance. Thank you for your cooperation in this serious matter.





CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Elementary



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As we enter the month of October, let us remember that this is the month of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary. Here at school, we will be praying the Rosary with our students and teaching them the significance of this special devotion. Please try to share this special part of our Catholic faith with your family at home. Also, please try to join us for Mass on Thursdays each week. Our classes are doing a beautiful job preparing the liturgy. We love it when you come and celebrate with us!



Young Leaders

Christian Giggie and Alex Smith, 6th graders, recently attended the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Together with students from across the United States, they had the opportunity to study the traditions of leadership in American history while developing their own leadership skills. We are proud of these young leaders and how they represented our school.



Friday, October 8, marks the end of the first quarter of school. Please help your child by reminding him/her to work hard to complete assignments and study for tests as the quarter comes to a close. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, October 13, and Parent Conferences are scheduled for October 14 and 15. There will be an Elementary School Art Exhibit during report card conferences. The exhibit will be in the Elementary Library.



Alex Smith and Christian Giggie

Recycling at **Holy Spirit Elementary** School has taken off

In the month of August, we recycled approximately 130 pounds of plastic, 200 pounds of newspaper 70 pounds of office paper and 12 pounds of aluminum cans and earned money for our school. We have recently joined the drink pouch brigade which involves collecting Capri Sun and Honest Kids drink pouches. This project pays our school \$0.02 per drink pouch. We are very excited to begin this project. Not only do we earn money for our school, but we are keeping these pouches out of the landfills. If you use these products at home, please rinse them and bring them to school. We are proud to be going green!!!!



We are in the process of updating our substitute list for the elementary school. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs. Corona at 553-9630.





Bucket Tip "Prevent Bucket



All day long, we are either filling up or dipping into each other's buckets by what we say and what we do. A bucket filler is a loving, caring person who says or does nice things that makes others feel special. A bucket dipper says or does mean things to make others feel bad. When you're a bucket filler, you make your home, your school, and your neighborhood better places to be. Bucket filling makes everyone feel good!

Middle School

Alum Shares His Story

Holy Spirit Alum Chris Scalla, a 2008 Holy Spirit High School graduate currently serving as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marines, returned for a brief visit in late September to the middle school. At Mrs. Burke's



invitation, Chris visited the 8th grade and talked about his life as a soldier in Afghanistan. Chris made sure to mention that he uses the math he learned in school and that history is now his favorite subject. Mrs. Burke was surprised to learn that he plans to become a high school history teacher when his tour of duty with the Marines ends!

Civil Rights

Eighth graders will be traveling to Birmingham to the Civil Rights Institute as the culmination of their study of civil rights. They will also visit the 16th Street Baptist Church. They should be well prepared to select the topic for their research papers which they will be writing during the second nine weeks in English class.

Several parents participated in a panel discussion in order to help students understand the Civil Rights



Movement. Parents were invited to share personal stories about their recollections of the civil rights movement.

Middle School Scholar Bowl

Ten middle school scholar bowl students competed in Arab on Saturday, September 25, at the Alabama Scholatic Competition Association's kick off "fun meet." Students had an opportunity to learn the rules and practice their buzzer skills to begin the scholar bowl season. Team members were: Cully Clark, Leah Clark, John Collins, David Fonseca, Michael Miller, Joe Guarisco, Kyle DeGreen, Luis Lopez, Kiersten Schellhammer, and Vic Poole. Out of the twelve rounds played by Holy Spirit students, they won nine! Mrs. Burke commented that this year's scholar bowl team promises to be very strong. Students scored over 300 points in several rounds. This is very unusual this early in the year.



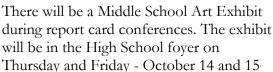
First Quarter Report Cards

Middle School Scholar Bowl Team

Middle school report cards will be distributed to parents at conferences on October 14 and 15. Please check the blue folders for conference schedules.



Middle School Art Exhibit





The Parable Lady has been seen around campus lately. She and Mrs. Burke are great friends and have known each other for many years. We enjoy having her here.



High School

On Higher Ground

September was a busy month for the students and faculty of Holy Spirit Middle and High School! A major event was Homecoming Week during the week of September 14 through the 17. Students in the high school demonstrated their creativity by designing costumes for the "dress up" days during the week and showed their class and school spirit on Color Day (Thursday) and Spirit Day



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(Friday). I'm sure you noticed the decorations on the school when you drove by on those days. The whole campus participated in the pep rally where the Homecoming Court and the King and Queen were introduced, and everyone watched the parade. The cheerleaders, dance line, and elementary spirit squad led the parade to the delight of the pre-school and elementary students who lined the sidewalks to see the floats and wave at the members

of the homecoming court. The Titan football team provided excitement at the game, coming from a 19 point deficit to score three times in the fourth quarter to defeat the Keith Black Bears 20 – 19. High school students celebrated the victory at the homecoming dance held at the school. Thanks to Mr. Herren, the

student council sponsor, and to all the teachers, parents, and students who helped make Homecoming, 2010, such a memorable week.



Providing Guidance Is A Top Priority



Edie, Charli & Christopher Kyser

I have been visiting senior classrooms since August discussing topics such as college application processes, essays, resumes, scholarships, ACT/SAT and college visits. We have also talked about career paths and majors offered at specific colleges. I have been working on implementing a new program called "career cruising" that will hopefully elevate the level at which we can self-evaluate our interests. For listings of colleges/dates, please go to Holy Spirit's website and click under guidance. You will find a listing for college visits along with scholarship offerings and any test dates. Scheduled to speak with the students is the Coordinator from Counseling and Information Services at the University of Alabama about college financial aid. The coordinator has agreed to answer any questions a parent may have. I would be happy to put you in contact with her.

A tour has been scheduled for all seniors at The University of Alabama on October 12th at 10:00 a.m. We will have a bus tour given by an alumni Capstone representative. A representative from Making it Count will speak to our 9th and 10th graders about making their grades count from 9th grade on. They also will talk about choosing a college and how colleges select students. The 11th and 12th graders will hear from Making it Count also. Their emphasis will be on College and Career.

I have planned some professional development this year to enhance my knowledge and serve my students and parents better. I will be traveling to some college campuses to reinforce networks with admissions counselors and financial aid officers. In addition I will be attending conferences on a wide variety of topics. I am currently serving on the Diocesan Bullying Committee.

First Quarter Report Cards

One Family

will be given to high school students on Tuesday, October 12. Parents who wish to schedule conferences with high school teachers may do so by calling the school (553-5606) to arrange a conference time Thursday, October 14, or Friday, October 15, from 1:00 – 4:00.



Something To Talk About

All The World's A Stage

6th Grade Student *Emily McGuire* was selected to play the role of Colin Craven in the Tuscaloosa Community Theater production of The Secret Garden, to be performed at the Bean Brown Theater October 22 -31st.

AMEA Elementary Choral Festival

Congratulations to the following fifth grade students who will represent Holy Spirit's Choir at the Alabama Music Educators Association Elementary Choral Festival, which will be held at Samford University on Friday, October 1st: Kate Berta, Mary Grappe, Sydney Lake, Mary Beth Lake, Candice Keogh, Sailey Nichols, Peyton Goodbread, McKenna Marino, Olivia Melton, and Sydney Colburn.



Mrs. McClendon is proud to announce that the elementary choir has grown to a whopping 54 members, which is more than 50% of the fifth and sixth grade class! In addition, the high school liturgical choir has just under 40 members. It's never too late to start choir. Contact Mrs. McClendon for more information.

Just A Girl And Her Horse

Congratulations to **Reid Rickett**, a senior, who recently competed in the Maclay Regionals in St. Louis, Missouri. Reid and her horse, Dan, competed in the equitation class. This class consisted of a jumping phase and a equitation phase. She placed 13th overall and is hoping for a chance to compete at Nationals in Syracuse, New York. Good Luck Reid! We will be cheering for you.



Reid Rickett and Dan (Godspeed)



Emily McGuire



Congrats to Mrs. McClendon

Anne McClendon recently completed her Ed.S degree (Education Specialist) in Elementary Education/ Educational Leadership from the University of West Alabama.



Allison Kapera and The Harbin Family

UA Teen Volunteer

Congratulations to **Allison Kapera**, a junior, for being awarded The Allison Harbin Teen Volunteer Award from the RISE Program at The University of Alabama. Allison has volunteered at RISE for two summers under the direction of Judy Leonard in the five-year old program and has choreographed the dance recital for graduation.

Allison continues to volunteer at RISE and is dedicated to the children and their program.



Something To Talk About

National Merit Semi-Finalists Named

Congratulations to seniors Sean Perry and Patrick Woodbury who were named as National Merit Semi-finalists! Sean and Patrick were among 16, 000 semi-finalists selected from the more than 1.5 million entrants in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and represent less than 1% of the high school students in Alabama. The students were recognized prior to the homecoming football game and were awarded plaques to recognize their achievement. We are very proud of these young men, and we wish them well as they continue their participation in the

National Merit Scholarship Program.



Sean Perry

Patrick Woodbury

Academics Go National

The Holy Spirit Varsity Academic team consisting of Captain Joseph Latham, Ian Ramdeen, Jonathan Hess and Satchell Watts-Kerr recently competed in the fourth annual William Rufus King Memorial Tournament the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The team finished preliminary rounds with a 7-2 record and locked in a three-way tie for second place. Both losses came on the last question of the match. After the ensuing tiebreaker rounds, the team finished the overall tournament in third place and was the only team on the day to have beaten first place D.A.R. High School. Senior Ian Ramdeen was the Titan's high scorer and made the All Tournament Team. Additionally, this tournament was a qualifier for the National Academic Quiz Tournament (NAQT) National Tournament, and the Titans, for the first time in school history, qualified for nationals.

Commitment

Fred Klug, our Dean of Students, has made a two-year commitment as a Companion in Mission to the Faithful Companions of Jesus. FCJ Companions in Mission are men and women who make a public commitment to live, within the context of their daily lives, the charism and spirituality of The Sisters Faithful Companions of Jesus. We congratulate him on his desire to spread the Gospel One Family and service to others.



Sr. Helen Kempel, fc] and Fred Klug, CiM

Duke TIP

Thirteen seventh graders (that is 29% of the class) have qualified to participate in the highly selective Duke University Talent Identification Program 7th Grade Talent Search. Students qualify by excellent performance on their last standardized test. Students are: Douglas Billiot, Mary Catherine Chambliss, Alex Brooks, Ben Dever, Vivian Elebash, David Fonseca, Grace Ann Lake, Madelyn Link, Lily Rogers, Luke Smith, Catherine Spence, Kameron Swift, and Tatianna Zambrano.

PSAT/NMSQT

Students in grades 9 through 11 will take the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 13. Please be sure that your child comes to school rested, fed, and with the necessary supplies for the test. Information and practice booklets were sent home with students in September. Please contact Mrs. Kyser if you have any questions...

Calendar

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Frí	Sat
					1 Financial Aid Presentation For juniors and seniors	2
3	Pet Blessing 8:15 FUNRun PepRally Pre 10:30 Elem 1:30 High School Make up pictures	5 Volleyball Senior Night	6	7 Campus Mass 8:15	8 End of 1st Quarter	9
10	11	Report Cards Home for High School Class Mass 8 gr	13 Boosterthon FUNRun PK-8 PSAT/NMSQT for 9-11 grades	14 Elem Mass 6-M Class Mass 11 gr 1:00 Dismissal Middle/Elem Sch	1:00 Dismissal ool Report Cards	16
17	18 Fall Break Holiday	19 High School Mass	Josten's Ring assembly for juniors	21 Elem Mass 5-A	22 Football Senior Night	23
24/31	Pre/Elem Picture Make-up Day	26 Class Mass 7 gr	Josten's Ring order for juniors	28 Elem Mass 4-R Class Mass 8 gr	Spirit T-shirt Day Elem Halloween Parties 2:00-2:45	30

Where Family Matters!



