

**THOUGHTS FROM THE
PRINCIPAL**

Dear Holy Spirit Families;

June is here already! Now it's time to look at outcomes and the results of our work together.

Our Catholic Identity at Holy Spirit is very strong. The month of May strengthened this even more with the beautiful celebration of First Eucharist and the May crowning. While second grade was the focus of both of those events, all of our students received compliments for their reverent and respectful behavior at the Ascension Thursday Mass that we celebrated together. Thanks for a wonderful year of faith formation and prayer to all of our teachers and parents. Special thanks to **Kelly L. and Heather Mulchahy**, who enrich our liturgies with the sound of music. A sincere thank you to a wonderful teacher and person – **Mrs. Teddi Bullock**, who will be retiring from her position as religion teacher in the middle school. Her kind, meaningful instruction has deepened the faith of our young people. Our best wishes to this special member of the Holy Spirit family!

A special congratulations, of course, goes to our eighth grade graduates and their families. As they move on to high school, they take with them all they have acquired here at Holy Spirit. Hopefully, these are a fine set of academic skills, a strong foundation in their faith and a sense of hope for the future, grounded in the knowledge that they are deeply valued. All the best now and always!

We thank God for all our generous families who have contributed their time, care, support and funding to

make the Holy Spirit School year possible. We thank those who volunteered in so many ways through the year with a special thanks to our PSA and School Board members, who provide guidance and a year filled with special memories.

We acknowledge gratefully the dedicated service of our teachers, teaching assistants, custodial and cafeteria staff, who give their best to our children every day. They provide quality instruction and support coupled with care that is reflective of home.

Have a very happy and safe summer. Stop in if you are in the neighborhood. The door is always open.

God bless you,

Roger Rooney

PS: Thank you for making my first year wonderful. I feel at home.



A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walking with God means... walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love, respect, and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer, every day and in every situation.

Talking with God means... praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions, expressing your sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk with God every day. Amen.

FAMILY/SCHOOL PICNIC

Monday, June 22nd

Our annual end-of-the-year picnic is always an enjoyable event for all of our Kindergarten through Grade 8 parents and children. In order that we continue this fun and safe atmosphere, may we mention the following:

1. We will all meet at the East Greenbush Town Park at 10:00 a.m., **except for Grade 8 students who are required to take the NYS Spanish Proficiency exam.** Grade 8 students may join the picnic after their exam.
Transportation for the Grade 8 students is the responsibility of their parents. Parents or a parent designee will be responsible for the supervision of their children.
2. We will use the lower pavilion.
3. No water balloons, bikes, or skateboards.
4. **DO NOT GO NEAR THE LAKE OR STREAM. (No swimming or wading in the lake or stream.)**
5. Mr. Beste will provide some organized games.
6. More information to follow from the P.S.A. Steering Committee about lunch and entertainment.
7. **NO WALKING IN THE WOODS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS AT HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

Forms for all the following camps are available in the office.

Art Workshops: Mrs. Cahill and Mrs. Williams will be holding their summer art workshops once again. The cost is \$85.00 per child and the workshops are for children K-4 and they are held from 9 until noon. The schedule is as follows:

July 20-24 Artsy Animals

Aug. 10-14 Signs of Summer

Aug. 24-28 Story Book Art

Music Makers Workshop: Mrs. Leverone and Mrs. Williams are offering a weeklong workshop of musical fun! The workshop will have dancing, puppet theater, games, playing musical instruments, musical instrument craft and it also includes a snack and juice. The cost is \$75.00 and the workshop is for children Pre-K – 4 and will be held **July 13-17** from 9 until noon.

Books and Cooks – A Summer Reading and Eating Adventure: Mrs. Chestara and Mrs. Williams are offering an opportunity for your child to make great food and read great books. The dates are June 29, June 30, July 1, July 9 and July 10 from 9 am till noon. The cost is \$20 per class or \$85 for all 5 days. Sign up for 5 days and still enjoy your 4th of July weekend. Please make checks payable to Mary Lou Chestara with the words “Books and Cooks” and the days chosen in the memo. Registration forms can be returned to the kitchen or school office by June 24th.

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

The last day of school banking is **Thursday, June 4th**. I would like to thank everyone who participated in school banking this year. Please note that you may continue to bank on your own during the summer. Just go to any First Niagara Bank and give them your account number along with your deposit.

Anyone who would like to open an account still can. Please see **Mrs. Ritz** in the computer lab for an application.

CLASSROOM NEWS

DAYCARE 3 YEAR OLD NEWS

May brought plenty of warm weather, outside play, and fun to the Three's classroom! In the beginning of May we got ready for Mother's Day. We took home our sunflower plants to give to our mothers. Then we learned about animals and where they live. We made and sorted many different animals based on where they live. Then we explored our five senses through many different activities. Finally, we finished our alphabet with the letters X, Y, and Z!

June is an exciting month for the Three's. We are getting ready for Father's Day, and reviewing all of our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We will discuss summer safety like wearing sunscreen when we go outside. Most excitingly, we are getting ready for graduation! We have been practicing our songs for a long time, and we can't wait to get on the stage and perform for our parents! Have a great summer everyone!

Happy Birthday to:

Logan B. – June 5th

Lauren A. – June 13th

Jake B. – June 19th

Cole C. – June 24th

Julian D. – June 29th

DAYCARE 4 YEAR OLD NEWS

Graduation?!? Where did the year go? The children are very excited about graduation and the teachers are sad to see them to. Big thank you's to all of the teddy bear day care teachers, Ms. Dawn, Mrs. Leverone, Mr. Beste, Ms. Mary Lou, Ms. Monica, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Dave, and Mr. Paul, the fifth grade reading buddies and Bucky the bear for making the school year exciting, challenging, safe, fun, educational, and successful! The children will miss their teddy bear friends but are looking forward to their next big step – Kindergarten! Good luck and lots of hugs to the children and their families! Ms. Patti and Ms. Jenny will miss them

Happy Birthday to:

Ella L. – June 11th

Anna Z. – June 12th

Ryan L. – June 19th

Luke D. – July 22nd

Jordan G. – August 19th

Leila B. – August 19th

NURSERY NEWS

Nursery School has worked very hard for our graduation. We have a few surprises in store for you.

Thank you to all of our families for a very wonderful year of nursery school. We'll see all next year.

Congratulations to **Jagger G.** He has a new baby sister, **Gianna Christine** who was born on May 14th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jillian P. – June 1st

Cameran B. – June 12th

Lucas K. – June 20th
Chase H. – June 25th
Jagger G. – June 25th
Zachary H. – July 13th
Natalie H. – July 26th

PRE-K NEWS

Totally T. with terrific triceratops masks, tigers, and turtles. We read a big book called “I Can’t Get My Turtle to Move!” U makes a very strange sound – uuug. We use it in the word umbrella. A real erupting volcano was made with baking soda and vinegar. We did a fantastic job coloring the 4 layers of the earth crust, mantle, outercore, and innercore.

Water cycle helped us learn about the letter W. A cycle happens over and over again. X, Y, and Z will end our school year, and we are very busy practicing graduation. Mrs. Farran and I would like to thank each and every family for the gift of your child. What a joy they were to have in school. We all have truly learned much from each other.

Congratulations to **Anna P.** She has a new baby brother, **Andrew Thomas**, was born on May 6th.

Happy Birthday to:

Tobey C. – June 16th
Anna P. – July 7th
Lily S. – July 21st
Brenna S. – August 4th
Corinne C. – August 26th
Johnny B. – August 17th

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten’s reading and writing skills are blossoming just like the beautiful gardens outside. They are using their knowledge of sight vocabulary and letter sounds to develop their reading skills. The class eagerly

reads the morning message and most are reading the “mystery sentence”. The class is learning to write telling and asking sentences too.

The class is learning about seeds and plants. They have planted vegetables and flowers and are eagerly waiting for the plants to sprout.

The Kindergarten store will soon be open for business. The children will be using pennies, nickels and dimes to purchase items from the store. Due to lunchtime snack the children are very familiar with quarters.

Graduation on June 20 is fast approaching. The class is looking forward to sharing a musical tale about dinosaurs.

Congratulations to Nikita G. and her family. **Gianna** was born on May 14. She is beautiful, just like Nikita.

Happy Birthday to:

Matthew S. – June 5th
Gabe L. – June 7th
Makayla M. – June 11th
Nikita G. – June 24th
Kayla E. – June 29th
Evan W. – July 14th
Aodhan H. – July 24th
Renee P. – August 8th

GRADE 1 NEWS

This has been such an exciting year in First Grade! We are all readers and writers, and are looking forward to the challenges of Second Grade!

As the school year comes to an end we will continue to observe our plants and tadpoles! We can’t believe how big our sunflower plants are already. We are also excited because some of our tadpoles have started to grow front and back legs! We wonder if

any of our tadpoles will turn into frogs by the end of the school year.

This month we will also continue working on time and adding two digit numbers! We might even get to do a little bit of work with fractions!

We would like to say a special thank you to our room mothers, **Mrs. Silvernail, Mrs. Gabriel, and Mrs. Hromada** for coordinating all of our classroom parties. We would also like to say thank you to all of the families who have helped out in various ways with classroom activities this school year. Your kindness was greatly appreciated!

Have a happy, safe, and restful summer! Remember to keep reading!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Bridget P. – July 5th

Russell S. – July 19th

Thomas S. – July 19th

Sarah I.– August 9th

Jaden H. – August 16th

GRADE 2 NEWS

I would like to thank the second grade families for all of their help and support throughout the month of May. I appreciate all of your hard work in helping to prepare the children for First Eucharist and May Crowning. Both of these celebrations were wonderful experiences for the second graders. A special thanks to Mrs. Lahr and Mrs. Colgan for organizing the reception following May Crowning.

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end! The children have made tremendous progress since September. They continue to work very hard on their reading and writing. They are also beginning to do their assignments in cursive. Keep up the great work second grade!

Happy Birthday to:

Sarah L. – June 11th

Emma S. – June 13th

Katarina S.– July 8th

Sebastian G. – July 9th

Ronan C. – July 10th

Michael R. – August 3rd

Emma H. – August 31st

GRADE 3 NEWS

We cannot believe how quickly the school year has flown by! During our last month together we will keep very busy with our Body Unit and state Reports. We also have one final book report to present. Upon the completion of our reading book, we will read together The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth G. Spear, and journey through the Maine woods with Matt and Atlean. Third Graders will continue to expand their minds with math concepts, and consider ways to keep Jesus in their lives over the summer months. Thank you to all who helped or contributed to another terrific third grade year!

Happy Birthday to

Adam W. – June 2nd

Cora R. – June 10th

Kay V. – July 10th

David Y. – July 10th

Josh C. – July 14th

Jenna P. – August 1st

Mike K. – August 4th

GRADE 4 NEWS

Miss Glokler is finishing her Master as a Literacy Specialist this summer. She is very excited to be finishing her final course to receive this special degree.

As fourth grade comes to a close we are reminded of all the knowledge we have gained over the past year.

This year the students learned about migration, adaptation, life cycle, and life span during the whale unit.

We discovered artifacts while we became archaeologists in social studies. Then we had an artifact museum.

The students learned to become better friends of Jesus in our religion classes and community building workshops.

I am so proud of how hard the students have worked and how much they have grown as life long learners. I wish my students the best of luck in fifth grade and all of their future endeavors!

Happy Birthday to:

Andrea B. – July 26th

Bradon M. – August 5th

Griffin C. – August 10th

Bryn F. – August 20th

Jack P. – August 25th

Mary Rose P. – August 25th

GRADE 5 NEWS

Grade 5 had a great time at Nature's Classroom. Thank you again to our chaperones Mr. Beste, Mrs. Millington, Mr. Englund, and Mr. Farrar and Mrs. Pulver for bringing our gear.

The State Fair was a huge success. I am very proud of the student efforts. Next we will be learning about our neighbors in Canada, Mexico, and Central America.

In Science we will finish our year off with the study of different biomes. We will be doing group projects and sharing with the class.

We will also be doing group projects in Religion. The groups will

study one sacrament in detail and present to the class.

In math we will finish the year up with algebra and geometry review.

Good luck to our 8th graders. God bless you as you enter high school.

Happy Birthday to:

Phillip P. – May 13th

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

6th and 7th graders had a great time in Boston on May 20th. They especially liked the whale watch.

Honors night was a great way to congratulate all of our honor students. They work very hard for these accomplishments.

Middle School Final Exam Schedule:

Please see last page before calendar for the schedule.

From Mrs. Voellm

Advanced Math 5 and Math 6 have finished their power point projects and are getting ready to review for their final exam.

Math 7 have finished their unit on "math in the real world". They are continuing on with Math 8 geometry learning about angles and polynomials. They will soon be reviewing for their final exam.

Advanced Math 7 and Math 8 have completed their unit on factoring and are working on slope and equations. They will soon be reviewing for their final exam.

Happy Birthday to:

Lucy R. – June 21st
Christian L.– August 23rd

Advanced Math

Mrs. Girvin

Advanced Math 6 students finished up a unit on probability. They learned about sample space, tree diagrams, counting principle and compound events. Currently the students are working on graphing.

Integrated Algebra students have learned about Venn Diagrams, permutations, combinations and other areas of probability. The past week has been spent on reviewing radicals, word problems, and various ways to display data. The children are getting ready to take the Integrated Algebra Regents on June 19th.

From Mrs. Kennedy
Middle School English

The eighth graders enjoyed their class trip at Camp Chingachgook in Lake George, NY. The students participated in a number of teambuilding exercises that challenged them to trust themselves and others, such as a high ropes course, canoeing, and a trust walk. This trip challenged themselves in many ways, and will provide lasting memories for years to come.

On Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30, the students will enjoy their banquet at Michael's banquet house in Latham, NY. There they will enjoy a feast, receive their class gifts, watch their 8th grade video full of memories, and listen to **Fr. Paul Butler** share advice with them about their futures. On Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30, the students will officially graduate from Holy Spirit School in the church. Afterwards, there will be a

reception for the families. We will miss the Class of 2009 and wish them well!

Literature 6-8 - All classes will be wrapping up their units on poetry this month. As a culminating activity, the students will write their own poems, and we will write a class poem. Then we will begin reviewing for the final exam. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning with my students this year. I am blessed to teach such creative and intelligent young adults!

Happy Birthday to:

Julie L. – June 2nd
Antonio M. – June 5th
Marisa C.– June 6th
Samantha H. – June 13th
Megan M. – June 14th
Michael R. – June 28th
Evan P.– July 2nd
Siobhan S. – July 5th
Nyla G.– July 7th
Kathleen K. – August 1st
Caitlin C. – August 11th
Maria B. – August 17th
Gus B. – August 24th

From Mr. Neubert
Middle School Science

The 8th grade Physical Science students recently completed the NYS 8th Grade Science Assessment. Congratulations, I'm sure everybody did really well. For the rest of the year students are building Rube Goldberg machines. Each team selected a task as a goal for their machine. They then designed a machine (given certain parameters) that would be capable of completing their task. After the design, students are building and testing machines. Trial tests for the machines will be taking place within the next

week. It is a very exciting time in 8th grade science!

The **7th grade Advanced physical** science class is currently finishing a unit on waves and the electromagnetic spectrum. We will be learning about sound, light and electricity before finals. Hopefully we'll have time to explore and build circuits before finals.

Science 7 and Adv. Science 6–Life Science classes have been learning about human biology. Each class has been broken into different teams and assigned a system of the human body to study. The team was then responsible for teaching their classmates by preparing a presentation, teaching an activity, and giving a quiz to reinforce what was taught. So far the 'Human Body Quest' has been quite exciting and educational for all students. We are in the position to finish our Unit on human biology and then begin preparing for Finals Week.

The **Earth Science grade 6** class has been studying weather and the atmosphere. We're currently working on clouds and precipitation and getting ready to learn about weather forecasting. Hopefully we'll have time to touch on astronomy a little before finals.

From Mrs. Giabanis
Middle School
Social Studies, Grammar and
Literature

Writing Workshop 8- We are currently working on Document Based Questions, focusing most of our attention on the constructed response questions. We are looking closely at historical documents, pictures, and excerpts from primary and secondary resources. The students are asking many

wonderful questions and doing a great job analyzing!!!

Advanced Literature 6-

We have just finished our Avi unit. We are looking at two historical fiction books by the author, Avi. The books are Don't You Know There's A War On?, and The Secret School. Students are enjoyed learning about the different characters and showing their understanding through class discussion, various assignments, and literature circles.

Social Studies 6- We have begun our end of the year Ancient Civilization Travel Guide project! Each student has been assigned a civilization from the ones we have studied during the year and will create a travel guide to present to the class. The students are continuing to bring their insightful questions, wonderful energy, and love of history to class each day!

Social Studies 7- We are learning about the period of time leading up to the Civil War. By understanding the different paths that the North and South took during the early 1800's we can better understand the causes of the Civil War. We are also looking at the roles industrialization and agriculture played in shaping our nation.

Social Studies 8- We are currently reviewing for the New York State 8th grade Assessment given on June 2nd and June 3rd. Having completed our NYS Curriculum we will be working on NYS Practice Exams, DBQ's, and working out of our Sharpen Up Review Books.

Happy Birthday to:
John E. – June 22nd
Cullen U. – July 1st
Samantha B. – July 25th

Sydney W. – July 26th
Mihee P. – August 26th

From Mrs. Colangione
Middle School Spanish

The **grade 6** students continue to build on their vocabulary foundation. They have been studying a variety of topics including a unit on music and three great Spanish musicians, the seasons and weather, and days and months of the year, including some Roman mythology. The students are presently studying “shopping” which encompasses vocabulary and phrases which we would use when at the mall or at a supermarket. They also continue to work on and develop their speaking and writing skills learning to use the target language with increasing use and with correct sentences and phrases.

The **grade 7** students have been working on their speaking skills by creating dialogues with peer partners on a regular basis. These dialogues focus on a variety of life-like situations. The students are having fun with the language and topics, and are making significant progress with their speaking skills.

Also, the grade 7 students have recently completed a unit of study on health and welfare which included common every day vocabulary and special phrases regarding health. They are presently studying an interesting and fun unit on travel. In addition to studying speaking and listening skills, vocabulary, special phrases, and more advanced grammar concepts, they are doing more writing by creating letters and conversations.

The **grade 8** students have been doing several different speaking activities daily focusing on their

communication skills with Spanish. Mixed in with their activities is the challenge of using advanced grammar concepts, appropriate vocabulary, and good listening skills. The students are using the target language on a regular basis when writing letters and situational conversations. All in all, the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are being developed to their fullest in preparation for future study and for the New York State proficiency exam.

From Mrs. Valley
Grade 8 Advanced Science

May has been an active month. We’ve been busy preparing for and completing the NYS Grade 8 Science Test. Great job 8th grade!!! Result will be sent home to parents by June 12. At the same time, we’ve also moved full swing into reviewing for the Earth Science Regents Exam, which will be held in June. In addition, we’ve completed a unit on Weathering, Erosion and Deposition, and will finish our next to last unit on The Earth’s Crust within a week. Fortunately, the 8th grade also made time for their annual class trip, this year to Camp Chingachgook. The weather was great and I’m sure many great memories were made. We will miss you next year! Time for the last big effort from now through June 17 finishing our Earth Science curriculum. It’s been a great year!

ART NEWS

Pre-K For the letter “W” we crayoned a half paper plate to look like a yummy slice of watermelon. How many seeds should we draw?

Kindergarten Painting a lucky lady bug will be our next project for

Kindergarten. We will be using tempera paints and printing her spots with a bottle cap.

Grade One has begun a drawing project featuring an aquarium complete with a castle, green plants, and of course some cool fish. We are working with crayons, oil pastels, and a little glitter.

Grade Two is making a scene in watercolors and crayon of a lily pond. We will be adding an origami turtle and some paper flowers.

Grade Three is finishing up an underwater scene with a fish cut out. The cut out shows waves of tempera paint that we painted last week. Above our fish are deep sea plants and animals.

Grade Four has started a spider in her web project n markers and crayon. Children choose between 2 different styles of web.

Grade Five is working on a tempera painting featuring a zebra's head on a striped background. Our work is being painted with 2 sets of complementary colors.

Grade Six is making Pointillism post cards which feature just about any subject from ice cream to dragons. Using markers we will try some optical blending. Yellow and blue dots viewed from a distance will create a green hue. Red and yellow dots will blend for form orange.

Grade Seven is in the middle of a Surrealism project. These dreamlike watercolor paintings feature animals raining down from the sky. We are mimicking Renee Magritte's painting Golconde where several men in bowler hats rain down on a city.

Grade Eight is painting a black backdrop behind sketches of large blossoms as seen in the works of Georgia O'Keefe. Our flowers are

accented with pastel chalks for a lovely soft effect.

Special Announcement
During the first week of June the artwork of the children of Holy Spirit will be on display in the gym. Every child K-8 is represented.

LIBRARY NEWS

Spring has brought flowers anew, in library it is time to look back and review.

We're reviewing book parts in grades 1, 2 and 3.

Remembering and using all of our library vocabulary.

In grades 5 and 4 we are working towards a more

In-depth understanding of the library.

Reviewing how to find resources we need to use

And the fiction books we want to peruse. Students grades 3 and up have learned about the catalog online

And are proficient in using this system to find

Books of fiction and books of fact.

Grades 6 and 7 completed Literature Circles with tact.

Grade 8 finished their research papers with style,

Their effort and execution took their papers the extra mile.

Kindergarteners and Teddy Bear Friends Have begun reading summer time stories.

We are nearing the end,

So what I need to say dear friends

Is keep reading over the summer!

MUSIC NEWS

I would like to thank all the

parents who had children perform in our My Planet, Your Planet concert. The children gave a wonderful performance. I was proud of all of them!

The **Kindergarten** class is going to begin a fun unit on square dancing. We sing upbeat songs and do a lot of moving. We are also going to begin practicing for our graduation performance. I can't believe it's that time already!

The **First Grade** class is also going to be square dancing. These students got a taste of it last year and really enjoyed it. The First Graders will also be trying out our handbells soon, since they will be able to participate in our Handbell Choir next year, if they choose.

The **Second Grade** class has worked so hard in music class, rehearsing for our concert and May Crowning. We are going to now enjoy some lighthearted songs such as "I Think My School's A Spaceship," and a very interesting rendition of "There's A Hole In The Bucket!"

The **Third and Fourth Grade** classes are still playing the recorder. Please be sure your child doesn't misplace the recorder over the summer, because we will play them next year as well. The Fourth Grade class just completed their own compositions, where they created their own words to a rhythmic pattern I provided. The results were entertaining and creative!

The **Fifth Grade** class has been singing solo parts and small ensemble parts. They have beautiful voices, and I hope to have many of them join our Middle School Choir next year, so they can still participate in our concerts.

The **Middle School** students have the option of singing at our Eighth

Grade graduation ceremony. Rehearsals will be during school. I already have several students interested in performing. If your child is going to perform, you will receive additional information shortly.

The **Handbell Choir** did a great job at the concert, and we celebrated with an ice cream party! Thank you for all your support throughout the year. I hope to see the handbell students return next year for more playing. I enjoyed teaching them all!

Have a wonderful summer!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Grades K-3 will end the school year working on Frisbee, lacrosse and striking skills. They will also participate in a variety of outdoor games. Grades 4-8 will begin a unit on flag football and complete their 3rd round of fitness testing for the year.

Family "Get Moving Night" is on **Friday, June 5th from 6:30-8:30** at school. The **Golf Tournament** is on **Friday, June 12th**.

SPANISH NEWS

Kindergarten children are almost done with the Spanish alphabet book. We are wrapping up the school year practicing colors, numbers, body parts and previously learned words. Keep up the good work and have a great summer!

Grade One has finished the unit of family. Students enjoyed talking about their families. We are closing the school year with review activities, such as colors, days of the week and numbers. I wish everyone a great summer!

Grades Two and Three students have been working with Spanish commands, teaching the words and

practicing them. We wrap up the lesson with work paper sheets. We are also working with action words – teaching the children how to use their simple sentences, hoping they practice them during the summer. Have a great vacation!

Grades Four and Five students have been working with the unit of days and months and working with vocabulary words and exercises in the book. We are going to try to finish the rest of the book to complete the school year. I wish everyone a great summer vacation and I will see you back in September!

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE

TWO accessed the website:

<http://professorgarfield.org> where they had cartoon characters help them with reading skills. They also made Mother's Day Cards using Kid Pix.

GRADE THREE is using Power Point to create a slide show about a book they have read. They included slides depicting the main characters, the setting and the theme. This is the first time they used Power Point and were very excited about it.

GRADE FOUR is learning how to use the microphone to record their voices and insert them into a Power Point Slide Show. They love hearing their own voices on the slide show.

GRADE FIVE did a great job on their Grammar Slide Show. They are now doing research for their State Fair. They are creating a Power Point Slide about their state. They will demonstrate these at the Grade 5 State Fair on Friday.

GRADE SIX is doing a travel brochure for Social Studies class using Microsoft Publisher. They are also

creating a flier about Holy Spirit School. In this flier, they will include information and pictures about our school. These fliers will be sent to area parishes to encourage students to enroll in Holy Spirit School.

GRADES SEVEN is creating a brochure about Holy Spirit School. They are including information about the many activities that we have at Holy Spirit. These brochures will be sent to area parishes to publicize Holy Spirit School

GRADE EIGHT is having a great time with Microsoft Movie Maker. They are creating movies about their years at Holy Spirit School. Once they have created these movies I will burn them to a CD and they will have them as a keepsake of their years at Holy Spirit.

I would like to congratulate the **Holy Spirit Class of 2009**, and wish everyone a Happy Summer!

PARENT/SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE

Save the Dates!!!!

Friday, June 5th 6:30 - 8:30PM: Family Get Moving Night
Let's get our families together for a great night of athletic activity and nutritious refreshments!

Friday, June 12th: Holy Spirit Golf Classic at Winding Brook Country Club. Join us for a fun day of golf and terrific prizes! ! Bring some friends, family members or coworkers and support our school while having a great day on the golf course!

Monday June 22nd 10 AM: The Annual School Picnic at the East Greenbush Town Park Let's welcome

summer with a great day at the park. Flyers will be going home in early June asking for volunteers to cook on the grills and asking for donations of food and beverages. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Box Tops and Labels for Education

The PSA would like to encourage all families to clip Box Tops and Campbell's soup labels and submit them to school. Holy Spirit will receive 10 cents for each Box Top. For each soup label, the school receives points that can be redeemed for school supplies and equipment. Please clip Box Tops and Campbell's soup labels to make a difference for our school!

Last month we held another "Box Tops Raffle", and this time we raffled off some movie passes –

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS - THE BALLI FAMILY!

Also many thanks to **Tanya L.** for organizing the raffles and submitting the Box Tops and soup labels on behalf of the school!

Lunch Program

Please remember to utilize our school lunch program which is provided through Mary Lou Chestara. The program needs your support in order to be successful. The lunches are nutritious and a variety of sandwiches and meals are offered at a great price. Please consider ordering lunch for your children through this program. On behalf of the Parent School Association we would like to thank Mary Lou for her hard work dedication and support of our school and our children. Thanks for another great school year Mary Lou!!!!

School Banking

Please remember **Thursday is School Banking Day.** The drop box is located in the school lobby. The banking program is a good way to teach our children the value of money and how to properly handle it. If you wish to open a new account for your child or have any questions **please contact Heidi F., or Mrs. Ritz.**

Next PSA Meeting – Monday June 1st

The next PSA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1st at 6:45 PM in the School Library. All parents are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Patti P. at 479-3016 or e-mail her at Pattipatwell@aol.com.