

**THOUGHTS FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL**

Everyone wants school to end until the end is in sight. Then comes the realization that our child(ren) will be home for nine weeks. Certainly, summer is a fine time for family gatherings, for vacations, for just relaxing. But our children face the reality entitled, “the curve of forgetting” which reflects the forgetting of knowledge and skills which have been gained during the academic year.

I recommend that families prepare in June the summer academic activities which their children will be expected to complete. Providing books to be read and grade level workbooks to be completed is a start. Expecting your child to read the daily newspaper is most appropriate. Lastly, playing board or card games is an academic activity, especially for primary age children. The “curve of forgetting” will not be steep if these types of family expectations are set.

And let’s not forget to also maintain our religious and spiritual activities of weekly Mass, and prayer before meals. Both academic and religious practices depend on developing habits which support these topics.

To recognize our graduates and their contributions to our school, I thank and congratulate:

**Ryan A.  
Samantha B.  
Shayne B.  
Kevin B.  
Zachary D.  
John E.  
Roan F.  
Zoe F.  
Andrea K.  
Isabella K.**

**Emily L.  
Regan M.  
Elizabeth M.  
Kaitlyn M.  
Mihee P.  
Cassidy P.  
Timothy P.  
Phyllis R.  
Tyler S.  
Cullen U.  
Carrianna V.  
Sydney W.**

Our graduation banquet will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> and the graduation Liturgy on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Robbie Kushner wrote, “*Why did God create Human Beings? So that they could contribute the one thing that His creation lacked – the art of freely choosing goodness...*” So let’s do just that these summer months.



**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**

**Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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. 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. Groff 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 19-23 Bugs & Blossoms**

**Aug. 9-13 Circus Crafts**

**Aug. 23-27 Alien Art**

**Music Makers Workshop: Mrs. Leverone and Mrs. Williams** are offering 2 three day workshops of musical fun! The workshop will have puppet theater, dancing, singing, games, playing musical instruments, musical instrument craft and it also includes a snack and juice. The cost is \$50.00 and the workshop is for children Nursery – Grade 3 and will be held from 9 until noon. The sessions are as follows:

**June 28-30**

**July 6-8**

## **SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE**

The last day of school banking is **Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

## **SPIRIT CHAIRS**

The Student Council is continuing on a project to provide red and white “spirit” chairs with our school logo and school name on the cushion and back. These chairs will be used for basketball games. The chairs will also be used for those individuals who bid and win front row seats for all of our school events. These sturdy chairs come with an 8-10 year warranty. On the back side of the chairs, visible to all, is an area for dedication notes if so desired by the donor. The details are as follows:

1. There will be a total of 32 chairs available to be donated. We just received our first shipment of 10 chairs!! So, there are only 22 left!! Don't lose out!
2. The cost for one chair is \$140.00
3. An additional charge will be incurred by the donator if she/he wants to acknowledge his/her donation.
  - a) a sticky tag for the back can be purchased for an additional \$5.00.

Our gym will certainly have a new attractive look and some very comfortable seats!!

Please contact Ms. Colangione, student council advisor if you want to support our Student Council and our entire school by buying or contributing money towards the purchase of a chair(s). If you have any questions or want more details, please feel free to call, as well.

### **SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2010-2011**

Please note that the supply lists for the 2010-2011 school year can be found at the end of the newsletter (before the calendars).

### **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 got ready for Mother's Day. We took home our marigold plants to give to our mothers. We had a "sense"ational time exploring our 5 senses through many different activities. Then we

learned about animals and where they live. We made and sorted many different animals based on where they live. 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:**

**Kayla M. – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Evan A. – June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Marcellus M. – June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Aayan R. – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Madeline M. – July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Samantha N. – July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Ethan K. – August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Lauryn J. – August 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **DAYCARE 4 YEAR OLD NEWS**

##### **Holy Spirit Summer Program –**

**June 28- August 6 for Grades K-5.**

**The hours are 8-4. Part time or full time. A few spaces available. Contact Ms. Patti or Ms. Dawn at 477-5529.**

Graduation is here! We can't believe how quickly the school year passed! We had a wonderful time learning, growing, and playing together. We wish to send many hugs and warm thank you's to Ms. Dawn, our principals Mr. Rooney and Mr. Gould, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Katie and all of our teachers, Ms. Mary Lou, Mr. Paul and Mr. Dave. Ms. Patti is holding her tears for graduation

but she is finding this hard to do! She will miss her class of PERSONALITY!!

Ms. Patti and Ms. Jenny would like to wish Ms. Brandi much luck in the future. We will miss her bright smile, warm sense of humor, huggly and bubbly personality and most of all her kind heart! Ms. Brandi's loving spirit took care of many little hearts. She is always our morning sunshine! Adieu and God bless Ms. Brandi!

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Logan B. – June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lauren A. – June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jake B. – June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cole C. – June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Julian D. – June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Alexis P. – July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Juliana U. – August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Laney B. – August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Max A. – August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS**

Nursery is ending the school year on a great note. We have formed a group of cooperative, enthusiastic learners. We have formed great friendships, enjoyed each others company, and looked forward to playing with our friends.

Thank you to all our families for the gift of your child. We have learned much from each other and wish you a wonderful summer.

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Megan R. – June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sophia S. – June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Emma H. – June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Anna S. – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**PRE-K NEWS**

The Pre-K students have grown into future Kindergarteners. We have

cut, colored and eaten our way through the alphabet with all the zest a child has to give. We are very grateful for all your time, patience, and smiles throughout this year. We wish you peace and joy. The children and their families have been a great gift to us. Thank you.

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Jillian – June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Cameran – June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Katie – June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lucas – June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christopher – June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Chase – June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brendan – June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jagger – June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Julia – July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Billy – July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Natalie – July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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 19 is fast approaching. The class is looking

forward to sharing a musical tale about dinosaurs.

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Nicholas S. – June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tobey C. – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Kayla E. – June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Emma H. – July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Anthony B. – July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Emma C. – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Evan W. – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Lily S. – July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Jordan G. – August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**GRADE 1 NEWS**

This has been such an exciting year in First Grade! We are all independent 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 already grown into your frogs! We wonder if the rest of our tadpoles will turn into frogs by the end of the school year.

This month we will also continue working on money, 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 to our room parents 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 this school year. Your kindness was greatly appreciated!

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

**Matthew S. – June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Gabe L. – June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Makayla M. – June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Nikita G. – June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Renee P. – August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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 your children for First Eucharist and May Crowning. Both of the celebrations were wonderful! We couldn't have done it without your help! A special thanks to Mrs. Insull, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Mann, and Mrs. VanApeldoorn for organizing the reception following May Crowning. We would also like to thank the Stahlman family for all of the beautiful flowers! We appreciate your generosity!

It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close! We are currently learning how to write friendly letters. Be sure to check your mailbox, some of your may be receiving a letter from one of the second graders. We are also continuing to work on using correct grammar and punctuation in our writing.

Keep up the great work second graders!

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Colby F. – June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Bridget P. – July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Thomas S. – July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Russell S. – July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sarah I. – August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Jaden H. – August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**GRADE 3 NEWS**

How quickly the school year has flown by! During our last few weeks together we will be busy with state

reports/presentations, expand on some important math concepts, travel through the Maine wilderness with Matt and Alean (“The Sign of the Beaver” by Elizabeth Spears), and consider ways to keep Jesus in our lives during the summer months.

Third graders would like to thank all of the family members who helped out or contributed to all our activities and parties. We would especially like to thank all the wonderful people who took time out of their busy work schedules to come to our classroom to talk about careers and life experiences! We really enjoyed hearing about some of the many opportunities we will have in the future. Thank you to: Mr. Savage, Mr. Preston, Mr. VanDerbeck, Dr. Heeps, Mr. Lahr, Mr. Fleischer, Mr. Geiger, Mr. Utter, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs Young-Lucarelli, Dr. Howard, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Basile.

Third grade wishes all our friends a safe and happy summer!

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Sarah L. – June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Emma S. – June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Katarina S. – July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sebastian G. – July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Ronan C. – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Michael R. – August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**MaryClare V. – August 6<sup>th</sup>**

**GRADE 4 NEWS**

**Mrs. Antalek** will attend a seminar over the summer on Differentiate Instruction in the classroom.

Fourth grade is excited to be attending a trip to the Martin Van Buren National Historic site on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We are also looking forward to our Poet’s Luncheon! We have some wonderful poets in our class.

Let’s enjoy the last few weeks of school together. Do not forget the written part of our state Science test is Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the warm weather!

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Adam W. – June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Cora R. – June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**David Y. – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Kay V. – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Josh C. – July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Jenna P. – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mike K. – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**GRADE 5 NEWS**

What a great trip we had to Nature’s Classroom. Grade 5 would like to thank our chaperones, Mrs. Coughlin, Mrs. Manny, Mr. McFerran, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Szemplinski.

All students did a great job on the State Fair projects. Our next unit is on our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere. We will have a presentation on Mexico from the Scotia-Glenville Museum.

In Science, we will end our year with a unit on Snails. We will start this unit after Memorial Day.

Our Reading Unit is Unexpected Happenings. Keep studying for those weekly Spelling and Reading tests. Also, remember to keep reading and doing the weekly log. Some students have not completed the minimum 25 book requirement.

In Religion, we will end our year working on Sacrament projects. Thanks for all your support.

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Andrea B. – July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Bradon M. – August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Griffing C. – August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Bryn F. – August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jack P. – August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mary Rose P.– August 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Middle School had a wonderful night celebrating their academic achievements and success at honors night. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders also had a fantastic trip to the Bronx Zoo. It is hard to believe we are planning for final exams.

#### **Middle School Final Exam Schedule:**

Please see last page before calendar for the schedule.

#### **From Mrs. Voellm**

The middle school math classes have finished the NYS State math test. They are all busy working on their end of the year projects which include a presentation, power point and board game. A few titles of games are: brain busters, Jud's restaurant, mathopoly, math rugby, and jungle math. The students have taken many different concepts they have learned throughout the year and used their creative minds to share these ideas with their classmates.

**Happy Birthday to:**  
**Judy N. – June 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **From Mrs. Kennedy** **Middle School English**

##### **Eighth Grade Homeroom**

**News-** On Thursday, June 10 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade video full of memories, and listen to Sister Monica of Catholic Central High School share advice with them

about their futures. On Tuesday, June 22 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 2010 and wish them well!

#### **Advanced Literature 6-**

Students will be finishing novels in their literature circles. Then we will begin review for their final exam, which consists of a comprehensive essay analyzing the major works we have read this year.

**Literature 7-** Both classes will be finishing their research papers on their Greek gods/goddesses. Then we will begin review for their final exam, which consists of a comprehensive essay analyzing the major works we have read this year.

**Literature 8-** Both classes will be finishing their unit on Shakespeare. Then we will begin review for their final exam, which consists of a comprehensive essay analyzing the major works we have read this year.

#### **Happy Birthday to:**

**John E.- June 22**  
**Cullen U.- July 1**  
**Samantha B.- July 25**  
**Sydney W.- July 26**  
**Mihee P. August 26**

#### **From Mr. Mahoney** **Middle School Science**

**Science 6 Earth Science:** We have just begun our last chapter, atmosphere and weather. We will build a weather station and take readings of our local weather!

**Science 6 and 7 Life Science:** We will be finishing our unit on human body systems with reproduction, endocrinology, and the immune system.

For our final project we will build an Army of the Immune System!

**Science 7 Physical Sciences:**

Students are working on their Bronx Zoology reports. Students will also be designing and conducting their own experiments, time permitting.

**Science 8 Physical Sciences:** We are completing preparations for the NYS Assessment. I'm proud of my students' hard work and dedication to excellence. I expect everyone will do well.

Congratulations to all students for working hard and progressing to the next level

**From Mrs. Giabanis**  
**Middle School**

**Social Studies and Literature**

**Literature 6-** We have just begun reading Don't You Know There's a War On?, by Avi. Students are enjoying 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 14th and June 15th. Having completed our NYS Curriculum we will working on NYS Practice Exams, DBQ's, and reviewing material taught during 7th and 8th grade Social Studies.

**Happy Birthday to:**

**Lucy R. – June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Althea M. – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Christian L. – August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**From Mrs. Colangione**  
**Middle School Spanish**

The **grade 6** students are presently studying a unit on Leisure and Recreational Activities. This unit of study provides many expressions and individual vocabulary words directly connected to every day reports and activities. Since our students are engaged in the same similar activities, we're learning the Spanish equivalent quite quickly and having fun at the same time. The students are beginning to focus on writing brief paragraphs and will be doing likewise with mini dialogues with each other. They love to talk!!! (in Spanish) Keep up the great work!

The **grade 7** students are working quite frequently on creating dialogue with classmates. They are enjoying this opportunity and are doing quite well with using the target language. In addition to their verbal work, they continue to expand their knowledge of vocabulary and their writing skills. The students have just finished a unit of study on Meal Taking and are presently studying shopping. This unit has a

wealth of vocabulary which can be used on a daily basis by the students. In addition, the students continue to learn more advanced structural concepts targeting grammar and writing.

The students in **Grade 8** continue to grow with their ability to speak, write, and read the target language. Every day in class they develop dialogues both written and verbal. They are always developing their usage of the new vocabulary and grammar structure so that their level of communication, written and spoken becomes more advanced. Through dialogues, descriptions, brief paragraphs and other activities the students focus on their listening and reading skills as well. Through the Spanish magazine, "Ahora", the students have the opportunity to learn about Spanish culture and get an excellent feel for the social interests in Spanish, which are very similar to ours.

**From Mrs. Valley**  
**Grade 8 Regents Earth Science and Integrated Algebra**

In Earth Science during May we completed a unit on weathering, erosion, and deposition of the earth's crust. At this point of the year, we see how our different topics are interrelated in many ways. Our previous 'weather' and 'water in the ground' units added to our understanding of weathering and erosion of the earth's crust. We have moved on to study the earth's crustal activity, which introduces the mechanics of earthquakes and volcanoes; this study of the earth's crust completes the picture of the rock cycle. We will wrap up the year reviewing the geologic history of the earth and reviewing for the New York State Regents exam.

In Integrated Algebra, we completed a chapter on radical equations and one on quadratic equations. Even though it was a daunting task at first, students memorized the quadratic formula within forty-eight hours of first setting eyes on it! During June, we are mixing in review for the New York Regents exam with our last chapter on rational expressions and functions. We will be out in the sun for the summer before we can repeat the quadratic formula twice!

**From Mrs. Leverone**  
**Middle School Religion**

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates! They have shown tremendous growth this year, academically, socially, and spiritually. We will conclude the year by finishing and presenting one final biography of a saint. They will say one last good bye to their 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade prayer partners and our Kindergarten Reading Buddies.

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** will take a day trip to visit the Auriesville Shrine of the Marytrs on Thursday, June 3.

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** commemorated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) by viewing and reviewing the classic Catholic film entitled "The Miracle of our Lady of Fatima.

Each class will conclude with an in class final notebook quiz. All preparation will take place during class time.

**Random Thought:** "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."  
-- Winston Churchill

**June Saints to remember:**

- 1- St. Justin
- 13- St. Anthony of Padua (“The Wonder-Worker”)
- 24- The Birth of John the Baptist
- 29- St. Peter and St. Paul (Peter, “The Rock” and our first pope; Paul the great apostle)

**From Mrs. Stone**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Workshop**

Mrs. Stone completes a three year period of discernment on June 13 when she makes a formal commitment as an Associate of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. This ceremony is both a Mass and celebration for the community and for the three lay women who have chosen this path. It requires Associates to follow the charism of the C.S.J. community and to work and pray with the sisters.

The Writing Workshop is working on the last major piece of writing for the year. It will involve thinking and writing about the impact Holy Spirit has had on them and what they think their legacy will be here.

Additionally, we have been speaking, listening and thinking critically in order to be able to write about the massive oil spill off our coast. This type of writing requires both knowledge and an informed opinion. In each case two different types of writing will be our culmination for the year.

**ART NEWS**

Pre-K students created a hot air balloon this past week with bingo dabbers in many colors. The children drew a passenger inside the balloon’s basket.

Kindergarten students this week made a spring nest with three baby birds.

We drew a colorful sunset behind our blue birds.

Grade One students are making a torn paper collage of a baby duck in a rain shower. One half of a coffee filter will make an umbrella over the duck’s head.

The students in Grade Two have just completed a collage of the chalice and host to commemorate their First Communion. We created a colorful halo effect in oil pastels around the host and cup.

Grade Three is currently working on a third grade mural. Our subject matter covers all aspects of life in the third grade from the planets to cabbage plants. We’ve each done a sketch and we will work these drawings up in oil pastel in the hallway outside of grade three.

Grade Four is beginning their version of Picasso’s “Girl in a Mirror”. We are now working up a sloppy copy of the lady’s face Picasso style.

The students in Grade Five are starting our own version of Monet’s Japanese bridge. It will feature a bridge fashioned from a paper plate mounted over a pond with water lilies and cat tails in a crayon water color resist.

Grade Six has begun cave art creations on paper bags. Our cave bears, woolly mammoths and saber toothed tigers will be sketched in pencil and traced over with a twig from the backyard dipped in black paint.

Grade Seven students continue working on their dream art surreal creations. These clever pieces are sure to be a hit at the school art show.

Grade Eight students are working on tessellations in the style of MC Escher. These colorful repeating patterns feature marker and crayons.

The school wide art show will be hanging in the gym for the Spring Concert. Please come and see what clever artists your children are.

The Holy Spirit Young Oil Painters will be exhibiting at the East Greenbush Library for the month of June. Our art will be hanging in the 4 glass cases in the lobby.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **Grade 5 & Grade 4**

Are testing their library skills

With library jeopardy

-they can't seem to get their fill!

**Grade 3** celebrated their Reading Olympics Win

With a Pizza Party fun

They are using the library online catalog proficiently, each student, every one.

**Grade 2** is reviewing all

The great library things they've learned

We playing games that help us to review

And reading books, old and new

**Kindergarten and Grade 1** students are making art

To match our stories each week

**With Mrs. Piperata's help—Isn't she sweet?**

My **Teddy Bear** Friends are wrapping up the year

With books that make us giggle, laugh and cheer!

**Grades 6 & 7** are wrapping up the year, reading and discussing books

**Grade 8** has finished their research papers—let's all cheer!

The librarians from the East Greenbush Library will be coming to Holy Spirit School to showcase their summer reading programs on Thursday, June 3.

Thank you for another fantastic year!

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I would like to especially thank our wonderful library volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy: Mrs. Coughlin, Mrs. DiMura, Mrs. Lahr and Mrs. Gabriel.

Thank you!

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer.

Take some time to visit your public library!

Keep Reading!!!

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### **MUSIC NEWS**

The Spring Concert is right around the corner! I've actually started thinking of it as the Summer Concert this year, since it's in June. The kids have some great songs ready to sing for you. It is going to be an end-of-the-year celebration. Letters have been sent home regarding various props and/or costumes that your child was asked to bring in. Please contact me if you have any questions.

The concert is on June 4<sup>th</sup> and it begins at 6:30. Please have your child arrive at 6:15. They will meet their teacher in the gym at that time. Concert dress is summer casual. Hawaiian shirts, bright colors, and fun prints will work perfectly.

Both our Beginning and Advanced Handbell groups will be performing. This means that if your child is in Handbells as a Fourth or Fifth grader, they WILL be in the concert, even though the groups that sing are only K-3. Thank you so much for your support of our program throughout the school year!

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

As this school year comes to an end I would like to thank the Holy Spirit School staff and families for welcoming me into your lives and for having a great

first year with me as the physical education teacher. I have come to know your children inside and outside of the classroom and they truly all are special. We have all grown a great deal and will continue as we begin next year.

This month we will review the units covered this year. These units include: soccer, basketball, health and fitness, cooperative games, handball, volleyball, rhythm and dance, ultimate Frisbee, and track. We will have fun and increase the knowledge of all learners.

The students have improved in every area of physical education. They have an understanding of the history of games, the rules of games, how their bodies are performing the movements and what health benefits will be had as a result of dedication to sports. I truly do thank everyone and have a safe and happy summer.

### **TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

**KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 1** are using the website <http://www.abcya.com> to find games and activities that are in alignment with the Kindergarten and First Grade curriculum. This website is free. It is also available for grades 3-5.

**GRADE 2 & 3** Students have been learning how to be safe online. We have discussed the rules of Internet Safety. We watched the videos on the website <http://netsmartzkids.com>. We learned never to give names or other personal information online and to only share our passwords with our parents.

**GRADE 4** Students have been creating a Power Point Slide Show about a famous New Yorker. They are also learning how to cite their sources correctly for their Bibliography.

**GRADE 5** Students have been working on their State Power Point Slide Show which was presented to parents during the Fifth Grade State Fair on May 27, 2010.

**GRADE 6** Students are working on their Ancient Civilization Brochures. This is a Social Studies and Technology project.

**GRADE 7** created a Bio-Cube about an important Civil War figure. They then printed them and they will hang in the Seventh Grade room.

**GRADE 8** completed their movies by inserting the videos that were taken of them in their Cap & Gowns.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!!**

### **PARENT/SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE**

#### **Save the Dates!!!!**

Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM:  
**Holy Spirit's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 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! For more information please call the school office or send an e-mail [holyspiritgolf@nycap.rr.com](mailto:holyspiritgolf@nycap.rr.com).

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, **Tri-City Valleycats Game:** Let's all meet at the ballpark for a great night of Valleycats baseball and an awesome fireworks display! All proceeds raised from this event will go towards the cost of the faculty and staff Christmas party and gifts in the 2010-2011 school year! Every family who sells 10 or more

tickets to the game will be entered into a raffle to win an Ipod Touch or a Kindle! For more information please e-mail [hsgametickets@yahoo.com](mailto:hsgametickets@yahoo.com).

Wednesday June 23rd 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!

Enter our next drawing for a chance to win a Webkinz sheepdog or a family out-of-uniform pass. Turn in 5 Box Tops and/or Campbell's soup labels in a small bag labeled with your family name and grade(s). Submit your entries to the container in the school lobby – there's no limit to the number of entries you can submit. All entries must be received by Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **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!!!!

**The next PSA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7th at 6:45 PM in the Rectory. All parents are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Patti Patwell at 479-3016 or e-mail her at [Pattipatwell@aol.com](mailto:Pattipatwell@aol.com).**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**

<b>MONDAY JUNE 14th</b>	<b>TUESDAY JUNE 15th</b>	<b>WED. JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>FRIDAY June 18th</b>	<b>MONDAY JUNE 21st</b>	<b>Tuesday June 22nd</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies test 8- 10:00	SPANISH FINAL 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7th 8:15-9:45  8 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies test 8-10:00	LIT FINAL 6 <sup>th</sup> -8th 8:15-9:45	GRAMMAR FINAL 8:15-9:45 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>  8 <sup>th</sup> Grade graduation practice(8:15- 9:45)		SPANISH Proficiency 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE 8:00	EARTH SCIENCE REGENTS 8:20
Religion Final 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> 8:15  Spanish review for 8 <sup>th</sup> 10:15- 11:15	SCIENCE FINAL 6 <sup>th</sup> - 7th 10:15-11:45  Earth Science Review/Math 8 Exam (Voellm)	MATH FINAL 6 <sup>th</sup> - 7th 10:15-11:45 Advanced Math Review/ Spanish review for 8th	SOCIAL STUDIES FINAL 10:15-11:45 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>  Spanish Review for 8 <sup>th</sup> 10:15- 11:45		Grad. Practice	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade graduation practice 1:00-2:20	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 12:00	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 12:00 DISMISSAL	EARLY DISMISSAL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL 12:00 DISMISSAL	Adv Math Regents 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 11:20 arrival time		
REVIEW CLASSES for 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>  Science and Spanish			Advanced Math Review and Lunch			

## Holy Spirit School 2010-2011 Supply List (K-5)

### Kindergarten

1 backpack\*  
2 boxes Crayola Crayons (24 ct) (1 Sept., 1 Jan)  
1 box family size tissues  
2 boxes Crayola Washable markers (1 Sept., 1 Jan)  
10 glue sticks  
1 Blunt Edge Fiskars scissors  
1 folder (no Trapper Keepers)  
2 marble composition notebooks  
2 containers of hand wipes (1 Sept., 1 Jan)  
2 large erasers  
1 complete change of clothes in a Ziploc bag\*

### Grade 1

1 backpack\*  
1 box crayons  
6 glue sticks  
1 Fiskars scissors  
2 family size boxes of tissues  
12 #2 pencils (sharpened)  
soft pencil box (no hard boxes please)  
1 metric/standard ruler  
6 2-pocket folders  
1 box markers  
2 marble composition notebooks  
2 large erasers  
1 coloring book (to be shared)  
1 bottle of hand sanitizer  
1 container of wipes (Wet Ones)  
\$5 for Scholastic News\*

### Grade 2

1 backpack\*  
3 glue sticks  
1 Fiskars scissors  
12 #2 pencils  
3 marble composition notebooks  
4 2-pocket folders (different colors)  
2 large erasers  
1 metric/standard ruler  
1 bottle of hand sanitizer  
1 box markers  
1 box crayons  
2 family size boxes of tissues  
1 container of wipes (Wet Ones)  
soft pencil box  
\$5 for Scholastic News\*

### Grade 3

1 backpack (no duffle bags)\*  
1 large box crayons (48 or 64 ct)  
4 glue sticks  
1 Fiskars scissors  
1 box #2 pencils  
3 family size boxes of tissues  
6 marble composition notebooks  
erasers  
6 2-pocket folders  
1 loose-leaf binder with wide ruled paper  
1 wide lined ruler w/ metric & standard  
1 box markers or colored pencils  
1 pencil box (no bags please)  
1 container of wipes (Wet Ones)

### Grade 4

1 backpack\*  
Holy Spirit Assignment pad  
40 #2 pencils (20 in Sept., 20 in Jan)  
1 pair of scissors  
1 box markers; 1 box crayons  
4 spiral 1 subject notebooks  
4 ½ inch binders  
1 red folder  
1 non red folder  
2 glue sticks  
2 packages of wide rule loose-leaf  
1 hard plastic pencil box  
1 college dictionary  
1 package Clorox wipes  
1 bottle of hand sanitizer  
\$5 for Scholastic News\*  
1 metric/standard ruler  
2 family size boxes of tissues  
(No individual pencil sharpeners)

### Grade 5

1 backpack\*  
Holy Spirit Assignment pad  
3 one subject notebooks  
1 marble composition notebook  
5 2-pocket folders  
3 packages of loose-leaf paper  
1 box colored pencils; 1 box crayons  
1 box markers  
1 white school glue  
1 scissors  
10 black or blue pens  
15 #2 pencils  
1 package of pencil cap erasers  
1 metric/standard ruler  
3 family size boxes of tissues  
1 binder (1 inch)  
dictionary  
2 black sharpies  
\$5 for Scholastic News\*

\*Not included in Holy Spirit School Store price listing. Must be purchased by families.

## Holy Spirit School 2010-2011 Supply List (6-8)

### Middle School (6-8)

Holy Spirit Assignment pad  
3 family size boxes of tissues  
pens (blue and black)  
pencils  
Flash (thumb) drive  
1 bottle of hand sanitizer  
accordian folder

### Literature

2 packets of loose-leaf paper  
1 folder  
3 ring binder

### Grammar

2 spiral notebooks  
1 folder

### Social Studies

red tabs and dividers  
3 ring binder  
2 pocket folders w/ 3 holes  
5 packets of loose-leaf paper  
highlighters  
blue pens

### Spanish

3 ring binder  
folder with pockets for binder  
paper  
Spanish/English dictionary  
1 spiral notebook

### Math

3 ring binder  
tabbed dividers  
box of 100 pencils  
Scientific Calculator (gr 7 & 8)\*

### Science

1 subject spiral notebook  
paper  
2 pocket folders  
graph paper  
1 black marble notebook

### Religion

3 subject spiral notebook  
colored pencils or markers  
1 folder  
Bible to be used at home\*  
Rosary for the month of October/May\*

### Earth Science

1 2 ½ " binder with strong closure  
25 sheets loose leaf  
1 pkg. 10 colored pencils

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