

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are beginning the season of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting...of believing. We remember that God has spoken to people ever since the beginning of time. God cares for us very much. So that we might better understand God's gentle, loving, compassionate nature, God came to be with us always. But, in our hectic world, we sometimes wonder how God speaks to us, what God is saying, to whom God is speaking, and where God is speaking.

Advent is the time when God answers all these questions. Advent is the time when God captures our attention so we can be open to the One who is God's Work in human flesh: Jesus Christ, God's Son!

We believe Jesus came to us to make God's voice heard, to announce the joy that comes from knowing God's love, and to show us the love God offers to all people.

We at Holy Spirit School celebrate the love and life of Jesus among us.

The administration, faculty and staff of Holy Spirit School wish you and those you love peace and joy this Christmas season.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HIGH HONORS AND HONORS LIST

Grade 6 High Honors

Christina B.
Cole B.
Ethan D.
Jacob L.
Althea M.
Amelia S.

Dominique S.

Grade 6 Honors

Sarah D.
Stephen J.
Christian L.
Robbie M.
Logan R.
Kathryn S.



Grade 7 High Honors

Samantha B.
Kevin B.
Roan F.
Zoe F.
Isabella K.
Emily L.
Kaitlyn M.
Carrianna V.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Shayne B.
John E.
Kyla K.
Regan M.
Elizabeth M.
Mihee P.
Cassidy P.
Matthew R.
Phyllis R.
Samantha T.
Cullen U.
Sydney W.

Grade 8 High Honors

Morgan A.
Paige B.
Tammy C.
Caitlin C.
Lucas C.
Lyndsey F.
Kathleen K.
Megan M.
Heidi P.
Siobhan S.

Grade 8 Honors

Maria B.
Gus B.
Mitchell C.
Marisa C.
Nyla G.
Samantha H.
Julie L.
Rebecca L.
Karen L.
Antonio M.
Jimmy M.
Samantha R.
Michael R.
Devin W.
Robyn Y.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children have been working very hard for the upcoming Christmas Concert, which will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Children should arrive at the school at 6:15 p.m.

Dress for the concert will be "Sunday best." Girls may wear dress pants with a blouse and/or sweater. Boys should wear slacks with a dress shirt. Ties and jackets are optional. Children who are wearing costumes will be given instructions. Jeans, T-Shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, and sneakers are not appropriate. Please call if you have any questions.

We all look forward to seeing you at the concert!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAMMY

C.

We would like to congratulate **Tammy C.** as she has been accepted in to "People to People" – a student ambassador program. She will be going to Europe in the summer of 2009!

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to 2007 Holy Spirit Alumnus **Bernie K.** as he earns his eagle scout badge and helps area camp.

Camp Sundown, located in Crayville, N.Y., is a camp for children who cannot tolerate the sun. They celebrate darkness each year at this nighttime centered camp. Families may attend free of charge thanks to the effort of the camp's founder, Karen Mahar. Her daughter Katie suffers from x-p, or intolerance to the sun. Because there is no charge to attend, she has made due with standard grade appliances and an ailing kitchen. As the camp grew, there was no extra money to upgrade the kitchen until now. Bernie K., boy scout, sought for over a year to obtain donations of commercial grade appliances and an updated kitchen. All of his hard work paid off when he was able to furnish the camp kitchen with all new appliances from area businesses.

We are very proud of Bernie!

EMERGENCY GO-HOME AND DELAYED OPENINGS

Closing School Early:

The Diocese has subscribed to a communications service called *SEND WORD NOW*. In the event of an

emergency (such as early dismissal due to weather related conditions), it will notify parents of the situation. *SEND WORD NOW* contacts you at your phone and text contact points, including email.

SENDWORD NOW has proven to be a dependable, robust service, even under trying circumstances like blackouts and severe weather.

In order to get started, we have provided *SEND WORD NOW* with the names of the students and the phone numbers and email addresses that you provided to us on your Emergency Data Cards in September. The information that we have provided to them will remain private. They will not use the information for any other purpose except alerts initiated by us.

You will be notified as to what the emergency is and depending on the situation – you may be given choices as to what you would like your child(ren) to do (take the bus, go home with another family, etc.).

We will be **“testing”** the service on **Wednesday, December 3rd**! Please disregard any message that you receive. A letter should have come home explaining this procedure in your child’s backpack along with a form to fill out if there are any additions/deletions to the numbers and/or email addresses that were contacted.

Delayed Openings:

If East Greenbush is delayed one hour – our doors will open at 9am. A two hour delay – our doors will open at 10am. For the safety of your child(ren) please do not drop off your children before these times.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please review proper uniform attire as found in the Parent Handbook.

We appreciate your support from home. Part of the uniqueness of Catholic Schools is the “Uniform Look.” Let’s keep our students looking good. It is also good for their self-esteem!

BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

Parents, if you drive your children to school, please be aware that students go upstairs at 7:50. Students arriving after this time are marked tardy after their name in the New York State Attendance Register. No child should enter the building until 7:30 A.M.

CALL THE SCHOOL WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

For the safety of your child, please call the school when your child is absent. This is extremely important. If you wish to have homework and class work sent home, please call the office before 9 A.M. so that the teacher has time to prepare a packet to be sent home.

TREASURE CHEST

Mr. Rooney has a treasure chest in his office that he uses for the children when they have a “special” day. Any kind of donations of “small toys” would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BOX TOPS/LABELS

Thank you for your support of the Campbell soup labels and the General Mills cereal box top school programs. Please continue sending in your labels and box tops and please encourage relatives, friends and co-workers to help Holy Spirit meet its goal of more A. V. materials.

OFF BROADWAY SAINTS **DRAMA NEWS**

Get ready! It is coming! On December 19th students in grades 4-8 will be meeting after Prayer Service to find out the name of this year's Drama Club production.

The rehearsals will begin with auditions on January 5th.

- Monday, January 5th, 2:45-4:30 – auditions for leads only – be prepared to sing and read scripts.
- Tuesday, January 6th, 2:45-4:30 – auditions for the ensemble – groups of 4-5.
- Wednesday, January 7th, 2:45-4:00 is for callbacks and the directors will cast the play.

Rehearsals will be on Mondays. The cost is \$30 for first student, \$25 for second students and the third student is free! The performance will be **May 1st and 2nd** ! Please save the dates!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Day Care Three-Year Olds

The three's had a great month of November! We learned all about farms and farm animals, and all of the hard work that it takes to have a farm. We made muddy pigs and spotted cows, and created our own pretend farm in our classroom. We watched interesting movies about dairy farmers and baby farm animals. We also churned butter out of cream, just like real farmers. It was hard work! We enjoyed our butter on bread!

The three's got ready for Thanksgiving by learning all about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. We read stories about the Pilgrim's long journey on the Mayflower, and how

difficult their first year in America was. We learned about how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims. We made our own Pilgrim hats, Indian corn, and decorations for Thanksgiving Day. We talked about what we are thankful for. We also learned about the letters E,F, and G, the color brown, the shape square, and the number 4.

The three's are so excited for December! We will be learning about winter weather, feelings, and, of course, Christmas! As the weather gets colder, we will explore snow and ice, and everything chilly! As Christmas draws closer, we will learn about why we celebrate this special holiday. We will sing Christmas carols, and make special Christmas presents. The three's are especially excited to decorate our Christmas tree, and to make decorations for our classroom. We are looking forward to our Christmas party, and our special Christmas visitor! The three's will also be learning about the letters H, I, and J, the color green, the shape rectangle, and the number 5. Have a wonderful holiday!

Day Care Four-Year Olds

Our Thanksgiving family cookbook was a huge success! We made a pretend playdough apple pie with Ms. Andrea which was lots of fun. The fine feathered turkey projects created by Ms. Jenny were very fluffy.

In December we will prepare for the holiday season. We will decorate the tree, learn about holidays around the world, enjoy a party with a surprise guest, design and give cards to friends at Evergreen nursing home, and make lovely gifts for parents and teachers.

The letters of the month will be L,M,N, and the numbers 1,2,3. We will

begin “book groups” to prepare for the Reading Buddy program in January. We love our classroom book center!

Happy Birthday to:

Cole A.-Dec 13th

Carly C. –Dec 18th

Natalie G.-Dec 20th

Nursery News

Nursery school just keeps rhyming with a mouse that runs up the clock. We all enjoyed the story of “The Three Little Pigs”. We made houses of straw, sticks, and bricks with a pig for each house. As the big bad wolf (who looks an awful lot like nursery school kids) blew each house down, the pigs ran away. When the wolf got to the brick house, he gave up. We think he went to McDonald’s for nuggets.

We are learning Native American songs and sang them around a “fire”. We fringed our feathers to attach to hats, and we painted vests for our tabletop Natives to wear. We colored and wove together a feathery dream catcher. We had a great time painting a huge turkey and talked about all we are thankful for.

It’s coming so fast...we’re getting ready for Christmas.

Happy Birthday to:

Henry H.-Dec 22nd

Lauren D.-Dec 14th

Pre-K News

Pre-K has been learning about Native Americans. We have been sharing many stories about the way they lived. We sang native songs around the “campfire”, and created our own headdress. We sewed together a canoe and decorated it with native picture writing and made our own native paper

doll. We each made our own part to a class totem pole. What a great job one and all.

We painted a big turkey and filled him with thankful feathers and learned about Pilgrims and what their lives were like. With all this we still keep going with the alphabet. **E** has two sounds. E as in eagle, which were important to the natives too (we colored one). **E** also says E as in elephant, and in Pre-K elephants always mean Elmer the Elephant of Many Colors.

The letter **F** brought us fireflies that have a glittery glow. Mr. Rooney joined us for the story of “Jump Frog Jump”, and we read “Feet” to him. Green frogs that have big, long tongues rounded out **F** week.

We have noticed some Elves peeping in our windows. Could Christmas be far off?

Thank you one and all for your very generous gifts to our hat, mitten, and sock tree and for helping to make a great Christmas for so many children. Mrs. Farnan and I are truly blessed to be touched by you all.

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**This
year, start
sharing the
Christmas Spirit
early. Come into
Pre-K and hang a
pair of mittens, socks,
a hat, or gloves on the
tree. So when you find
yourself shopping, please
think of the community children
who could use some warmth this
season. Put yourself in the greatest
Christmas
Spirit of All,
By knowing you**

made a difference.
Dress a Tree, Dress a Child

Happy Birthday to:

Connor M.-Dec 1st

Samantha D.-Dec 5th

Emma D.-Dec 11th

Nathan H.-Jan 2nd

Zachary Z.-Jan 15th

Kindergarten News

November has been the season of Thanksgiving. Kindergarten has just finished learning about **Native Americans**. The theme began with sharing stories of the sun, the moon and how Native Americans appreciated the gifts of Mother Earth and used these gifts wisely. **Water Turtle**, a member of the Mohawk tribe, came to visit the class. She taught the children songs and stories of the beauty of the earth. The class also learned about the **Pilgrims** and how they left England to come to America to practice religion as they wished. The children learned of the first Thanksgiving and how Squanto taught the Pilgrims where to hunt, fish and plant corn.

The class is looking forward to the exciting times of December, especially the **Christmas pageant on December 18**. They know all the songs and can't wait to practice "on the stage."

Happy Birthday to:

Hannah K.-Dec 2nd

Grade 1 News

Grade One has been working very hard! Everyone is becoming an independent reader! We are working hard on our addition and subtraction facts, and we are learning about nouns, proper nouns, and verbs.

November in first grade was full of thanks as we made thankful turkeys, learned about the first thanksgiving, and talked about all of the wonderful things we have to be thankful for.

This month we are looking forward to the excitement that Christmas brings, especially the **Christmas concert and pageant on December 18th**! First grade has been practicing their songs and can't wait for you to see them perform. We are also looking forward to learning about the season of Advent. We will have an Advent calendar in our room that tells us the story of how Jesus came to be. We wish you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season!

GRADE 2 NEWS

The Second Graders would like to thank their "**Special Friends**" who came to visit our classroom last month. We hope you had as much fun as we did! The children enjoyed working with you and sharing their wonderful books that they wrote. Thank you for taking the time to make this a special day for the second graders.

The second graders are continuing to work hard! We have been learning the different parts of speech in grammar. They didn't realize there were so many! Their writing skills continue to improve with each writing assignment. Keep up the great work second grade!

In religion we are continuing to prepare for the sacrament of **Reconciliation**. We are going to be discussing the parts of the Mass. We are looking forward to becoming more active members of our parish communities. We will also be discussing the season of **Advent**. Best

wishes for a wonderful holiday season to you, from your friends in grade two.

GRADE 3 NEWS

Grade 3 had a very busy November! We shared our Pilgrim Projects with visitors from grades 1-5 and made oral presentations to our classmates. Also in the Thanksgiving spirit third grade shared a very special “feast” in their classroom. Thanks to the families for sharing food and Mrs. Rohl for helping

December will be filled with reflection and anticipation as we prepare for Christmas. We are looking forward to showing off our talent in the Musical Holiday Concert, our very first Lunch Swap, and a joy-filled holiday party before our vacation begins. Happy Christmas from all your 3rd grade friends!

Happy Birthday to:

Alexandra M.-Dec 1st

Lydia W.-Dec 3rd

Michael S.-Dec 9th

Kayleigh M.-Dec. 10th

Connor M.-Dec 10th

Erin P.-Dec 27th

GRADE 4 NEWS

Miss Glokler had a great day on November 17th at the New Teacher’s Convention. It was a fun filled day where new teachers learned to be better at what they love...teaching!

Wow! December already? Time really does fly when you’re having fun. This month the fourth graders will perform “A Christmas Carol”. The students have been working very hard, and we are all looking forward to the performance. We will begin reviewing for the New York State ELA test, which

takes place in the beginning of January. Have a blessed Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year!

Happy Birthday to:

Michaela P.-Dec 18th

GRADE 5 NEWS

Mrs. Bourdeau took part in CPR, First Aid, and Defibrillator training earlier this month.

Grade 5 wishes you a blessed Holiday Season. Merry Christmas to our Holy Spirit families.

We have just finished taking the **New York State Social Studies** test. All students should be proud of their efforts.

We have been working on Biography projects. Look for pictures around school.

In **Math** we will be working on long division. Keep studying those facts.

In **Science** we will finish up with Plants this month. Our topic in **Religion** is how Jesus is our teacher – very appropriate for this time of year.

Grade 5 will be collecting new baby items during the month of December (1st –16th). We will donate these items to CCMS Anchor in Castleton. They will give them to newborns in need in our area.

Happy Birthday to:

Reid L.-Dec 23rd

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs. Voellm

Middle School is looking forward to their dance on Friday December 12th from 7-9. Tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 in you child’s homeroom.

Advanced Math 5 and Math 6 have finished taking the Benchmark test. They are moving on with their fraction unit and ratios and percents.

Math 7 finished their Benchmark test. They will be reviewing circles and then onto probabilities.

Advanced Math 7 and Math 8 also finished their Benchmark tests. They will be working on factoring trinomials. Their next unit will be on algebraic expressions and their graphs.

Happy Birthday to:
Logan R. –Dec 2nd
Jacob L. –Dec 28th

From Mrs. Girvin
Advanced Math

During the month of November **Advanced Math 6** worked on Prime Factorization, greatest common factor, least common multiple, and fractions. They have also been reviewing for the Diocesan Math Benchmark test.

The **Integrated Algebra** class has been learning about scale factors, similar figures, dilations, Pythagorean triples, Inequalities (simple and compound) and Unified Motion problems.

From Mrs. Giabanis –7th Homeroom
Middle School Social Studies/
Grammar

Writing Workshop 8-We are building on our vocabulary knowledge through sentence writing and creative writing activities. We are continuing to prepare for the ELA exams in January by writing daily and taking practice examinations.

Advanced Literature 6- We have begun reading the The View from Saturday. We are learning to analyze,

assess, and reflect in our readers' journals and through literature circle discussions.

Social Studies 6- We are learning about Ancient Egypt through primary resources, multi media sources, and our wonderful textbook! The students are continuing to bring their wonderful energy and love of history to class each day!

Social Studies 7- We are learning about colonialism. We have covered Jamestown, the New England Colonies, Middle Colonies, and Southern Colonies. Students are enjoying studying how our modern day states along the Atlantic coast got their "start". Some students have even been sharing personal resources from their family trips to Jamestown!!!

Social Studies 8- We are currently looking at Native American groups (particularly the Sioux and the Nez Perce) in the western United States and how they were affected by settlers and the transcontinental railroad. We are looking at how they were treated by the Federal Government in the late 1800's. We are also connecting these reasons to present day treatment.

Happy Birthday to:
Samantha T. - Dec 30th
Matthew R. - Dec 28th
Kyla K. - Dec 5th

From Mrs. Kennedy
Middle School Language Arts

Literature 8- In December, students will be reading *Nothing but the Truth*. It is a documentary novel about a ninth grade boy who gets tangled in a web of lies and misunderstanding. Although most of the students do not

enjoy the protagonist, they do explore a number of important themes.

Advanced Literature 8- In December, students will finish reading *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* and will also read short stories, poems, and nonfiction pieces related to the Puritan era. Some of these pieces are difficult to interpret but it is always a very rewarding experience.

Literature 7- In December, students will read *Tuck Everlasting*. Students enjoy this novel that explores the possibility of everlasting life. They also learn much about various literary elements like personification, similes, metaphors, and imagery.

Advanced Literature 7- In December, students will finish *The Outsiders*. After an analytical essay, the students will read short stories.

Literature 6- In December, students will read short stories, as well as strengthen their reading comprehension skills. Students will also continue writing various creative and expository pieces.

Happy Birthday to:

Karen L.- Dec-6th

Lyndsey F.- Dec 10th

Lucas C.- Dec 29th

From Mr. Neubert Middle School Science

Mr. Neubert and his Eighth grade students would like to thank **Mrs.**

Jordan for taking time out of her busy schedule to come in and speak to them about Diabetes, as November is National Diabetes Month. The information that she shared with the students was very interesting.

From Mrs. Valley

Earth Science/Advanced Physical Science

During November the Earth Science class completed a unit on mapping the Earth. We learned how latitude and longitude measures are developed, and became familiar with many types of field maps. We were able to apply some of these skills by mapping our classroom temperatures. We also became familiar with the components of a contour map. We mapped the landscape of a model volcano and identified many details of a contour map “quadrangles” in Kentucky, California, Nevada, and of course, East Greenbush, New York. We have begun our next unit on Astronomy, which will take us through most of December. Presently we are studying the ancient models of our solar system. There are many new names to learn of the scientists who have progressively advanced this model.

In Physical Science we have completed a study on the states of matter. We go beyond a simple definition of the 3 states of matter to identify what is happening on an atomic or molecular bond level to cause the different states of matter. In addition, we learned how gases can be studied by watching the behavior of gas volume, temperature and pressure. The ability to predict how a system will work is one of the most valuable tools in science. Learning about Charles and Boyles gas laws showed us how you could predict gas behavior.

From Mrs. Bullock Middle School Religious Education

The eighth grade and Holy Spirit School did a wonderful job providing food for the food pantry. Many families

were helped by your donations.
Congratulations on your generosity.

As December begins, the 6th, 7th and 8th graders will start their Christmas fund raising project. We haven't yet chosen the organizations we will be supporting but we do know that we are going to be making and selling Christmas bows as we did last year. We will let you know as soon as we have decided what charities we have chosen. Please keep our bows in mind for your Christmas packages.

To observe the beginning of Advent, the eighth graders will act as readers in a short ceremony on Friday, December 5 when Father O'Brien will bless the school Advent Wreath and on Monday, December 8, the seventh grade will be participating in the liturgy celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This month the eighth graders will start visiting classrooms K through 5 and leading the students in Echo Pantomimes. During these visits the classes follow the 8th graders in reciting and acting out short stories from the Bible and lives of the saints.

The school will also be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation as we do every year in Advent.

Religion class is a special place in December because it is our job to always keep in mind, during a season when so much is diverting our attention, to keep in mind the miracle of the Incarnation and its meaning in our lives. What a gift it is to be part of this time in your children's lives.

From Mrs. Colangione **Middle School Spanish**

Grade Eight students continue to make good progress with their

speaking activities/conversations and with their written work. Each day they have been working on conversations with peer partners. They have also been doing seat and board work targeting written letters and conversations. In addition, they continue to learn more advanced grammatical concepts and to incorporate this learned material in both their written and spoken work. Within the next few weeks the students will finish their unit of study on Earning a Living. In this unit they have been learning vocabulary for numerous professions and a variety of related vocabulary. The students will also experience their first practice proficiency exam in the next few weeks.

Grade Seven students have been focusing on a variety of listening and speaking challenges. They have been listening to Spanish expressions, and then determining what they mean, and then using these expressions and others in mini dialogues. Note taking has been extensive over the past few weeks, a study skill activity that is very important for student success in Spanish and other courses. The students are doing very well with these new challenges. Additionally, the students are learning more advanced grammatical concepts and speaking, listening, and writing activities. They are finishing a unit of study on the House and will be starting a new unit focusing on Education.

Library News

It is that time of year again! The **Scholastic Book Fair** will begin on Monday, December 1st and continue throughout the week until Friday, December 5th. Please stop by and check out the great selection of books that are offered.

Music News

Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and help with the Christmas concert. I greatly appreciate the beautiful costumes I have been loaned, as well as many props. All will be returned to you soon!

The **Kindergarten** and **First Grade** students continue to rehearse their upcoming performance. We are also having fun with some turkey songs and dancing.

Grades 2-5 are all practicing together for our mini-musical. Be sure to ask your child which side of the stage they will be on for the performance, so you can get a good seat!

Grades 3 and 4 are also still hard at work on their recorders. Any at-home practicing should be encouraged. Thank you!

Several students in each middle school grade level are interested in performing in the Middle School Choir for the Christmas concert. If your child is interested, you will be getting a letter home shortly including all details. Concert dress will be the same as last year--a white blouse/shirt, and black slacks or skirt. Also, if your child sang in the Diocesan choir, thank you for all your help!

Please note, if your child is in **Handbells**, our practices end at 3:30, and I can't stay after that. Please be sure to arrive on time to pick up your child. Thank you!

Our concert is on **Thursday, Dec 18th**, at 6:30. If your child is in a costume, please have them meet me at 6:00 in the music room. All other students are to meet their teacher at 6:15 in the gym. See you then!

Physical Education News

Basketball season is set to begin in December. All the teams have been practicing and getting ready for the season. Thanks to all the coaches as they volunteer their time to our students.

Spanish News

Kindergarten and Grade One are working on warm up activities and counting. We are finishing up the "Brown Bear Book" "Oso Café". Practice the words and have fun. Keep up the good work!

Grade 2 and 3 – The students have been working with Unit of Clothes "La Ropu", practicing vocabulary words, working with handwriting and word search worksheets to reinforce the lesson. The project for this unit was to cut out pieces of clothing from magazines and make a poster. Keep up the good work!

Grade 4 and Grade 5 – The students just finished a unit on "La Casa". They did an excellent job on the exercises in the workbook, practicing vocabulary words, and working with the unit project – "draw one dream house". We just started Unit 7 "La Familia" (family) working with vocabulary words. Keep practicing the words and keep up the good work!

Technology News

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE ONE and GRADE TWO utilized the software "KidPix Deluxe 3" to illustrate things they are thankful for. They also used the internet to access Thanksgiving websites.

GRADE THREE – used the Smart Board to determine what makes a sentence. They moved words into the correct places to make a sentence. They

also used the drawing tools to illustrate their sentences.

GRADE FOUR is doing a Thanksgiving Web quest. They researched information about the ship “The Mayflower” and what happened on the First Thanksgiving.

GRADE FIVE is continuing their study of Microsoft Word. After reading the story of the First Thanksgiving, they are utilizing their word processing skills to write their version of what it would have been like if they were one of the original Pilgrims. They will include meeting Squanto and celebrating the first Thanksgiving dinner.

GRADE SIX is continuing their study of how to use search engines for research on the Internet. They also are learning about the four “NETS” for better searching: start narrow; find exact phrases, trim back the URL; and look for similar pages. This information will help them when they do research for other classes. Good job, Sixth Grade.

GRADES SEVEN is learning how to create spreadsheets using **Microsoft Excel**.

GRADE EIGHT is creating a Power Point Slide Show on Ways to Save Money. They are going to share this with the school to encourage school banking.

PARENT/SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Holy Spirit's First Annual 5K “Rally to Run” took place on Saturday November 15th at Butler Park in Averill Park. While the skies were gloomy, the rain held off and the race was a success! At approximately 12:30 pm the “Kids Fun Run” began. There were 17 racers from Holy Spirit who completed their mile and crossed the finish line with

smiles on their faces. At 1:00pm the 5K race started as the runners lined up, crossed the start line and took off!! Approximately 20 runners participated in the 5K, including runners from the community. All of the runners finished and some had exceptional times.

The age division winners were: **Grace H., Tyler S., Allison P., Donald R., Annemarie G., and Martin P.** The winner of the Kid’s Fun Run was **Lydia W.** The Male Overall Winner of the 5K was Matt C. and the Female Overall winner was **Colleen H.**

The members of the KART Committee want to thank everyone who helped to make the race a success. We could not have done it without you and what a great activity for the children of Holy Spirit! Thank you again and we look forward to having even more runners next year.

First Annual Holiday Shop

On **December 12th**, the PSA is sponsoring their first **Holiday Shop for grades K-5**. Students will have an opportunity to shop for gifts for their family at a minimal cost, and all proceeds raised will be donated to “Toys for Tots”. To make this event a success we are in need of donated handmade/craft items for men and children. All donations should be placed in the box in the school lobby.

Save the Date

The Social Committee will be hosting a **Mother/Son Game Night on Friday January 9th at 6:30 PM in the school gym**. Join us for a night of fun, games, and ice cream sundaes!!

Genevieve Catalogue Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the **Genevieve Catalogue Sale**. We offered the sale to raise funds for the faculty and staff annual Christmas Party. The catalogue sale was a big success. We appreciate the generosity and support from all those who participated and from all those that made a donation in lieu of purchasing items. Please don't forget that you can still make purchases on-line, and all additional purchases will benefit our school.

Lunch Program

Please remember to utilize our school lunch program which is provided through **Mrs. Chestera**. 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 all of the Parent School Association we would like to thank Mrs. Chestera for her hard work, dedication and support of our school and our children.**

School Banking

Please remember school banking is every Thursday. 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 please contact **Mrs. Ritz**.

The next **PSA Meeting** will be Monday December 1st at 6:45 in the School Library. All parents are invited.

