



Holy Spirit

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21ST – NOVEMBER 25TH

Thanksgiving Holiday for HSES students: Monday, November 21st – Friday, November 25th

CEC will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!!

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28TH – DECEMBER 2ND

Monday, November 28:

Tuesday, November 29: Special Chapel to Honor Father Puckett 8:05 a.m. in the Nave

Wednesday, November 30: JV Boys Basketball Game vs Trafton 4:00 p.m. in the Gym

Thursday, December 1: Advent Chapel, Grades K – 8 8:05 a.m. in the Nave

Friday, December 2:

Sunday, December 4: Live Nativity at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Parents: Please join us on Tuesday, November 29th at 8:05 a.m. in the Nave, as the school community will present a special chapel in honor of Father Puckett. He and his wife, Elizabeth, will be honored with special readings and music. The choirs will lead the worship music for the morning.

CHAPELS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Parents, please mark your calendar for the chapels and special happenings in December!

Thursday, December 1st, and Tuesday, December 6th: The Middle School Theatre Arts class will present the Advent Chapels entitled, “Christmas in Genesis? How Can That Be?” These chapels will begin at 8:05 a.m.

Thursday, December 8th: The Holy Spirit Breakfast Club will present the school choirs in the club’s number one event of the year! Breakfast (\$3.00) begins at 6:45 a.m., and the school choirs take the stage at 7:15 a.m. for Christmas music and fun! Make your reservations now to join the church and school community as we prepare for the holidays. Reservations can be made by phone, 713.465.1007 to Jim Davidson, or by email to jsdavidson3@gmail.com.

Thursday, December 8th: The school chapel will begin at 10:00 a.m., and will feature the kindergarten students in “The Baby in the Manger.” This beautifully-told story of the Baby Jesus is presented each year by our kindergarten classes and you don’t want to miss it!

Friday, December 16th: The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be presented beginning at 8:05 a.m. The Showchoir and the Ensemble Choir will lead the community in music for the Christmas season.

PSIA

PSIA COACHES NEEDED!!

HSES is looking for some coaches to teach PSIA tutoring preparation classes. The goal is to empower our students to be successful at the District and State level PSIA Meets. The PSIA coaches will tutor the students through our Ready U program and will be paid!

Below is a list of the PSIA competitions that our school will participate in at the District Meet this spring. Please look over the openings and let Carrie Durham at cadurham@hses.org know if you are interested in coaching one or more of the subjects.

Ready Writing – Middle School

Mathematics – Middle School

Spelling – Middle School

Science – Middle School

Art Memory – 4th–5th grades

Storytelling – 1st–3rd grades

Listening Skills – 4th–8th grades

Impromptu Speaking – 7th–8th grades

Mathematics – 3rd–4th grades

Spelling – 2nd–4th grades

Calculator Applications – Middle School

On-site Drawing – Middle School

Music Memory – 3rd–4th grades

Dictionary Skills – 4th–8th grades

Maps, Graphs and Charts – 4th–8th grades

Modern Oratory – 7th–8th grades

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



While the “Seussical, Jr.” production is still months away, there is a lot of “back-stage” activities going on! These moms are busy making backdrops and scenery for the production. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Dottie Hogan at dbhogan@hses.org.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Christmas Revels

Thanks to the Boyd Family (Julianne and John) as HSES has been included on the *Revels* FREE list.

If you don't know about *Christmas Revels*, it will truly get you in the Christmas spirit, especially when they sing their annual rendition of the *Lord of the Dance*. *The Christmas Revels: In Celebration of the Winter Solstice* blends song, dance, and drama into seasonal celebrations that demonstrate how cultures in all times are fed by the same great river of myth, story, and song. You can read more about the program at www.revelshouston.org. If you are interested in attending, please contact Robyn LaRocca at rlarocca@hses.org by noon on Thursday, December 1st.

PREVIEW - Friday, December 9th – 7pm

UH CAMPUS – ENTRANCE 16

Wortham Theater (Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts)

8th Grade Teacher Recommendations

Signed and completed **Teacher Recommendations** for High School applications are due to Susan Walton or Robyn LaRocca by Monday, November 28th.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten Pageant News

Mark your calendars! Save the date! The wonderful presentation of the kindergarten play *The Baby in the Manger* is right around the corner...an HSES holiday tradition that you won't want to miss. Joyful sounds of Christmas are now filling the air as our kindergarten angels, shepherds, wise men, animals and Bethlehem families are joined together in song. Following are the dates for their upcoming debut.

Wednesday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. (CEC/EC/Parents attend)

Thursday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. (LS/MS/Parents attend)

Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. (Parents/Community attend)

We look forward to sharing our Christmas joy with you!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

6th Grade Field Trip



The 6th grade enjoyed their field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts to view the King Tut exhibit.

ATHLETICS

Varsity Girls' take First Place in Area Tournament



Holy Spirit's Varsity Girls' Basketball team took 1st Place in the St. Mark's Basketball Tournament last weekend. The Lady Saints beat Trafton Academy, John Cooper and St. Mark's to secure the trophy. Chinaza Ndee was awarded the 'All Tournament Player' medal for her efforts.

Way to go, Lady Saints!

ADVENT AT HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Five Senses of the Nativity - Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

There will be live animals, pita bread & hummus, music, a hay ride and much more! So bundle up the family, grab a few neighbors and come:

**Touch * Taste * Hear * Smell * See
Emmanuel... God WITH us!**

For more information, please email KariAnn Lessner at dcfm@hsechurch.org.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are a common "pesky" problem, especially amongst school-aged children, and we have had several instances of lice infestations in the past few weeks.

Please watch your child for the following symptoms:

- Please inspect your child's head for the possibility of head lice. Look for small silvery nits fixed to the hair shaft, similar in appearance to dandruff, but not easily removed.
- Where nits have hatched, live lice may be seen.
- If nits or lice are found, please call your healthcare provider regarding appropriate treatment. Your child should stay home from school until they have been treated. Children must be cleared through the school office before returning to class.
- Follow the directions for any medication carefully. Cream rinse and conditioners can decrease the effectiveness of the treatment.

During the school year, it is a good idea to check your child's head weekly, or when he or she complains of having an "itchy" scalp. Talk to your child and remind him or her not to share or borrow combs, brushes, hats or scarves. Please notify the school if your child has head lice.

PTO NEWS

The Mixed Bag orders from the PTO Fall Fundraiser have arrived and were distributed to the students on Wednesday, November 16th to bring home. Please check your orders promptly and contact Olivia Corson at odecaro@aol.com if you have any questions or discrepancies. There are a few Innisbrook items that remain on back order and not yet been shipped to us. We expect those to arrive after Thanksgiving. The PTO extends a big "thank you" to those that participated in the fundraiser.