



**Holy Spirit**  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

# *Saints' Stories & News*

April 30, 2010

## GENERAL INFORMATION



### **OVER 40% OF HSES PSIA STATE PARTICIPANTS ARE MEDALISTS!**

Congratulations to all our PSIA State Tournament participants! We are very proud of our students' accomplishments at this year's state tournament. **Over 40%** of our students that competed at the state tournament on May 1 in Fort Worth came back as medalists!! Congratulations!

Sarah Lasater	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade On-Site Drawing
Kamerann Burney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Ready Writing
Alden Herrera	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ready Writing
Sam Linton	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Maps, Graphs & Charts
Trevin Kurtanich	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics



### **RED CROSS WATER SAFETY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS – MAY 6**

The PTO has generously sponsored a Red Cross Water Safety program on May 6<sup>th</sup> for all of our CEC 3-year-olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, just in time for pool season. The schedule for Thursday, May 6 is:

*CEC-3yr olds and EC:* 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the all purpose room, CEC building

*Kindergarten thru fourth grade:* 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. in the gym

*Fifth thru eighth grade:* 2:45 - 3:30 in the gym

**Thank you PTO for bringing this important program to our students!**



### **HSES ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 8:00 AM, PARISH HALL**

**HOSTED BY HSES TEACHERS AND STAFF**

**FOLLOWED BY**

**8:45 AM PTO GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Please join us as the HSES teachers and staff celebrate and recognize our wonderful parent volunteers with a breakfast at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 5, in the Parish Hall. We would like to say thank you to all the parents who have given their time and talents so generously, such as coaches, scout leaders, auction volunteers, library volunteers, Book Fair volunteers, Booster Club members, Visual and Performing Arts volunteers, Homeroom/Grade-Level Moms and their committees, Fund For Excellence Grade-Level Chairs, Famfest volunteers, MS Dance and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social organizers, PSIA coaches, PTO Board members and their committees, and every mom and dad who ever lent an extra hand in the classroom or helped with a special project, field trip, or class party, or phone committee. This event is dedicated to everyone who has helped the Holy Spirit School Community during the past year. The faculty and staff would like to show their appreciations and hope you will plan to stop by the Parish Hall on your way to the rest of your busy day.





## FINAL 2009-2010 PTO GENERAL MEETING MAY 5

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## END OF YEAR PARENTS ONLY FUN NIGHT OUT: MAY 7

Parents, you've worked hard all year; now it's time for a little fun – just for you! The PTO and Monnalisa will be hosting our final Parents Night Out on Friday, May 7 at the Monnalisa at 7 PM. Located in the Hotel Sorella CityCentre, the Monnalisa will donate ten percent of the evening's proceeds back to Holy Spirit! Grab a sitter, because this will be a great evening to relax, have a bite to eat and just enjoy yourself. We would like to extend a special thank you to David and Laurel Miller for coordinating this event. Questions? Contact Wendy Wall at [wcommunication@earthlink.net](mailto:wcommunication@earthlink.net) or 713-408-7217.



## JUNE AND JULY BIRTHDAY BLESSING, GRADES 1-8 – MAY 13

Students in grades 1-8 and faculty who will be celebrating birthdays during June and July will be recognized with a Birthday Blessing Chapel on May 13 at 8:25 AM.



## SPIRIT T-SHIRT DAY – MAY 14

Show your spirit. Wear an HSES T-shirt to school.



## SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS TO BE OFFERED MAY 15

KariAnn Lessner will hold training for Safeguarding God's Children at Holy Spirit in the Youth Room on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All parents are encouraged and all school volunteers are required to take this three-hour class. You will receive a certificate verifying that you have been trained to keep on file with the school. Certification is good for five years. If you took the class in 2004 or 2005, you are due to take the class for recertification. Contact: KariAnn Lessner 713-468-7796.



## VOLUNTEER PARENTS NEEDED TO WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

The admission office is looking for parents to **welcome new** families to the HSES community in the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. If you would like to mentor a new family, please contact Robyn LaRocca in the admission office at [rlarocca@hses.org](mailto:rlarocca@hses.org). All grades needed! **Saints Servers** will be asked to contact their assigned families over the summer and set up play dates and answer general “back-to-school”, handbook, carpool and uniform questions! You will also be asked to check in with them during the year and be available to share your wisdom and knowledge about Holy Spirit Episcopal School. Thank you so much for all you do.

### EC and LOWER SCHOOL



## EC & LS PARENT CONFERENCES MAY 10

EC and Lower School parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for May 10. Teachers have posted schedules by their classroom door. Please take a few minutes to sign up for a conference time. EC & LS students will not have school on this day. **Middle School and CEC will be in session.**





**FOURTH GRADE PARENTS AND GUESTS  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
THE FOURTH GRADE STEPPING-UP CEREMONY  
THURSDAY, MAY 20 AT 2:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

All fourth grade students will be presented with the official school patch to be worn on their MS blazer as fifth graders. A brief reception will immediately follow the ceremony.



**LAST HSES CHESS CLUB MEETING FOR 2009-2010**

The final HSES Chess Club Meeting for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on May 12 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM in room 505. Wear your Chess Club T-shirt.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**MS STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL ON MAY 10**

MS students DO attend school as usual on Monday, May 10 while the EC and Lower School parent/teacher conferences take place.



**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP TO CHICAGO – MAY 10 - 14**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take their final ECO-link trip on Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14 to Chicago, Illinois. This experience of an urban ecosystem builds upon previous experiences of Piney Woods (Camp Allen); Aquatic, Piney Woods, and Prairie (Sky Ranch); and Mountainous (Camp Recloud). This year's trip also integrates students' 8<sup>th</sup> grade studies of history, integrated chemistry and physics, life science, visual and performing arts, and algebra. Some of the experiences include a:

- visit to the Oceanarium,
- segway city tour of Chicago,
- visit to the Museum of Science and Industry,
- submarine tour,
- shoreline boat tour of Chicago's history and architecture
- trip to Six Flags with appropriate physics activities, and
- many other great sites.



**MS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – MAY 17**

MS students who have provided between 15 and 49 hours of community service this year will receive recognition and Certificates of Merit **during a middle school assembly on Monday, May 17 at 8:30 AM** in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly, which is held in the gym. Students contributing more than 49 hours of service receive presidential recognition at the evening MS Awards Program on May 27.

Two levels of community service provided at school and in the community-at-large receive Certificates of Merit:

- Red:* 15 - 29 hours  
*Blue:* 30 – 49 hours

**SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE SEMESTER EXAMS SCHEDULE**

Seventh and eighth grade semester exams take place May 20 – 25. On May 20 and 21, students take a written and oral Spanish exam during their usual class periods. On May 24 and 25, students take two 75-minute semester exams and **are dismissed at 11:30 AM**. Schedules for May 24 and 25 are indicated below.



May 24	Activities	May 25	Activities
7:00 – 8:00 AM	CEC Before-School Care	7:00 – 8:00 AM	CEC Before-School Care
8:00 – 8:20 AM	Carpool	8:00 – 8:20 AM	Carpool
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Advisory	8:20 – 8:30 AM	Advisory
8:30 – 9:45 AM	History Exams	8:30 – 9:45 AM	Language Arts Exams
9:45 – 9:55 AM	Break	9:45 – 9:55 AM	Snack Break
9:55 – 10:15 AM	Study Hall	9:55 – 10:15 AM	Study Hall
10:15 – 11:30 AM	Science Exams	10:15 – 11:30 AM	Math Exams
11:30 – 11:40 AM	Carpool	11:30 – 11:40 AM	Carpool



### CLASS OF 2010 HEADS TO HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations, HSES Class of 2010! We are very proud of your accomplishments while at Holy Spirit and wish you the best as you head to high school next year!

Jamie Nicole Bassett	St. Agnes Academy
Michael Clinton Bettencourt	Houston Christian High School
Patrick Joseph Boland	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
Adelaide Alexis Brennan-Martin	Episcopal High School
Laurel Copeland Brown	Houston Christian High School
Julia Morgan Cantu	Houston Christian High School
Nicholas William Care	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
Elizabeth Ann Daniel	Fayette Academy (TN)
Madeline Kate Davis	Houston Christian High School
Cameron Alistair Dawson	Memorial High School
Trevin Robert Kurtanich	The Kinkaid School
Asim Mubarak Manasia	Houston Christian High School
Lauren Kate McGee	Houston Christian High School
Thomas Russell Maynard	The Kinkaid School
Ariana Niki Noorian	Houston Christian High School
Shiza Said	Memorial High School
Meredith Elizabeth Wathen	St. Agnes Academy
Richard Overall Wilson IV	Houston Christian High School
Emily Faith Wissel	Stratford High School



## LIBRARY NEWS



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Reading Awards – Middle School  
Tuesday, May 18  
8:25 AM

Reading Awards – Grades K-4  
Tuesday, May 25  
8:25 AM

Friday, May 7 – the last day to check out books

Friday, May 14 – all library books due



### SUMMER READING

Summer reading letters will come home sometime during the week of May 17. These letters will explain what is required when students return to school in August. Summer reading information will also be posted on the school website.



### AUTHOR VISIT

Brandon Mull and James Dashner will be at Blue Willow Bookshop Monday, May 10, 5:00 PM. Brandon Mull is the author of the *Fablehaven* series for children. James Dashner has written the *13<sup>th</sup> Reality* series for children and *The Maze Runner* for young adults.



### NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CELEBRATION

During the month of April, Holy Spirit celebrated National Poetry Month. We collected student-written poems throughout the entire month. Enjoy our students' creativity!

#### MUSIC

By Sabrina Rumpf

The notes that I hear.  
The notes in the air.  
The notes that I share.  
The music in the air.  
But what do I hear?  
A sound that is very clear.

#### MUSIC

By Amy Bright

Thank you, thank you  
For the music.  
It's beauty to my ears.  
Rock 'n Roll, Hip Hop, Rap, Pop,  
Any kind of genre,  
I absolutely love it!



Replay, Tik Tok, She Wok, Soul Sister,  
Any kind of song.  
I absolutely love it!  
Selena Gomez, Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus,  
I absolutely love them.  
Oh, I love music!

### **HOLY SPIRIT WHAT A PLACE!!!!**

**By Mrs. Lynch**

You can see Jesus in every face.  
Smiling teachers start the day  
With a bright "Good Morning" the Liga way.  
Super smart students whose day is quite planned  
Who stop... (pause) to give a helping hand  
Holding the door for others to pass,  
Picking up books that slip from our grasp,  
Sharing their lunch when others forget,  
Wishing friends well on a standardized test,  
Including a classmate to join in the fun,  
Praising a friend for a job well done.  
All this I've seen so I know we are blessed  
Because living like Jesus **IS** the **BIG TEST**.

### **A POEM FROM ALM'S APPLES**

Hooray for our school,  
Our playground, and friends.  
Kindergarten rocks,  
On that we depend.

Wow, the school year  
Is rushing right by every day.  
We've learned how to read,  
So, hip, hip hooray!

Next year, yikes, it's first grade--  
More writing and spelling.  
Guess we will love that,  
There's no way of telling.

So wish us some luck,  
And bid us adieu!  
Summer is coming,  
For me and for you!

### **OUR PRAYER**

**By**  
**The Calico Cat Class**

On a sunny day,  
It was the month of May.  
We went outside to play.



But the sky was very gray.  
We went inside to pray,  
For the rain to go away.  
We knew we had an answer,  
When we saw a sun ray.

### **SEASONS**

**By Rylie Reid  
Second Grade**

It's Fall, it's Fall!  
It's time to play ball!  
The leaves are falling  
And birds are calling.  
Now it's Winter,  
Oh, wonderful Winter.  
I'm getting a baby brother named Nate.  
And bears hibernate.  
Spring, oh, sweet Spring.  
I love Spring so much  
I want to sing,  
Cause April showers  
Bring May flowers.  
Summer! School is out.  
Time to run about.  
Play dates rock,  
So, we talk.  
Now, the year starts over,  
And I'm in third grade!  
Hooray!!

## **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**



### **“DEAR EDWINA”**

A great big WOW goes to the cast, crew, and parents who participated in the production of “Dear Edwina” this past week. It was an outstanding success, and so many students were able to participate in the show, along with several lower school students! I want to thank you all for your perseverance, hard work, and dedication to the Visual and Performing Arts. We all spent many long hours in the Parish Hall and in room 503, and look what you accomplished! Now, my challenge is to build on this year’s success!



### **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS MONTH**

**APRIL 18-MAY 14, 2010**

Go to the link for arts on our new website, [www.hses.org](http://www.hses.org) and check out the many activities scheduled for Visual and Performing Arts Month. As always, parents are invited to all of the events listed for the month.



## ATHLETICS



It is time to reserve your spot at the action-packed

# 2010 Athletic Banquet!

The big event is **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**

Click on the link below for reservation information.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## PTO



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The PTO Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers to the 2010-2011 PTO Executive Board for approval by the members of the PTO at the General Meeting on May 5:

#### **2010/2011 PTO Executive Board:**

President - Wendy Wall  
1st VP - Courtenay McNew  
2nd VP- Anne Vachon  
3rd VP- Elaine Wertheimer  
Treasurer - Kay Lasater  
Secretary- Courtney Schultz

