



Holy Spirit
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Saints' Stories & News

April 1, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 6-9: CTP4 Testing, Grades 5 - 8
- April 6-9: Garage Sale Drop-off, during AM carpool
- April 8: HSES Annual golf Tournament
 - 8:25 AM: Grades 1-8, 3rd quarter Reading Awards
- April 10: PTO Annual Garage Sale
- April 12-16: SAT Testing, Grades 2-4
- April 22: 2:00 PM *Dear Edwina*, MS musical
- April 23: HSES Spirit T-shirt Day
 - 2:00 PM *Dear Edwina*, MS musical
 - 7:00 PM *Dear Edwina*, MS musical
- April 24: 7:00 PM *Dear Edwina*, MS musical
- April 26-30: Summer Reading Book Fair
- April 27: April & May Birthday Chapel, grades 1-8
- April 28: 10:00 AM *Lemonade*, grade 1 & 2 musical
- April 29: 2:00 PM *Lemonade*, grade 1 & 2 musical
 - 7:00 PM *Lemonade*, grade 1& 2 musical
- May 1: PSIA State Meet in Fort Worth

Our New Website!!!

Don't forget to check out the news articles and pictures on our new website at www.hses.org.



1st & 2nd GRADE MUSICAL: *LEMONADE!*

The 1st & 2nd grade students are excited to present their spring musical *Lemonade*, about a frenzied group of fairytale characters who are having a "bad day", but who, with the help of Mother Goose, discover how they can make the most out of life's ups and downs. This fun-filled collection of dialog and songs is sure to make you smile as you catch the joy and enthusiasm of our young actors and actresses. Plan on being a part of the excitement on one or all of the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 28th at 10:00 AM
- Thursday, April 29th at 2 PM and 7:00 PM

All performances will be held in Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!



FOURTH ANNUAL HSES GOLF TOURNAMENT, APRIL 8 AT THE PINE FOREST COUNTRY CLUB- BENEFITTING THE HSES BOOSTER CLUB

This is the Booster Club's one big fundraising event. If you are a golfer, you will not want to miss out on the fun, food and prizes. There is still time to reserve your spot. Registration materials are included with this e-communication. For additional tournament information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Tina Linton at TLinton@lgc.com or Robyn LaRocca, 713-468-5138.





PSIA DISTRICT 10A TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all our PSIA District 10A participants! We are very proud of our students' accomplishments at this year's district tournament. All students who placed first and second place in their competitions will have the opportunity to compete at the state tournament on May 1 in Fort Worth. Best of luck!

Rank & Name

CREATIVE WRITING: 2nd

6. Katherine Lunam

DICTIONARY SKILLS: 4th

5. Christopher Miller

6. Julia Lasater

LISTENING SKILLS: 6th, 7th & 8th

6. Sam Linton

MAPS, GRAPHS, & CHARTS: 7th

1. Sam Linton

6. David Guefen

MAPS, GRAPHS, & CHARTS: 8th

2. Trevin Kurtanich

MATHEMATICS: 4th

2. Julia Lasater

MATHEMATICS: 5th

2. Val Alarcon

4. Chinaza Ndee

MATHEMATICS: 7th

4. Sam Linton

MATHEMATICS: 8th

3. 1st. Alt. Trevin Kurtanich

NUMBER SENSE: 4th & 5th

4. Julia Lasater

NUMBER SENSE: 6th, 7th & 8th

5. Trevin Kurtanich

ON-SITE DRAWING: 6th

2. Sarah Lasater

POETRY INTERPRETATION: 4th

6. Mickey White

READY WRITING: 3rd

2. Kamerann Burney

5. Lily Roberts

Rank & Name

READY WRITING: 5th

1. Kevin McGee

2. Katie Fusillo

4. Chinaza Ndee

READY WRITING: 6th

1. Sarah Lasater

2. Ashli Mani

READY WRITING: 7th

1. Alden Herrera

4. Anna Lee Carothers

READY WRITING: 8th

6. Emily Wissel

SCIENCE: 8th

5. Trevin Kurtanich

SPELLING: 2nd

5. Hanna Jun

SPELLING: 3rd

6. Jack Yeung

SPELLING: 4th

5. Julia Lasater

SPELLING: 5th

2. Chinaza Ndee

3. 1st. Alt. Connor Smith

STORYTELLING: 2nd

1. Rylie Reid

3. 2nd Alt Giancarlo Matassa

6. Mary Rachel Schlidt

STORYTELLING: 3rd

3. 2nd Alt Grace Gogola

4. David Guerrero

VOCABULARY: 5th

3. 1st. Alt. Katie Fusillo

VOCABULARY: 6th

3. 1st. Alt. Connor Smith



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Romans 12: 9-13

Let love be genuine... Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer, contribute to the needs of saints, and seek to show hospitality.

Thank you to the entire Holy School Community for your recent generous support of the Maundy Thursday Friendship Soup Project. Teaching our children to be other centered is a joint project between home, school, and church. We appreciate your efforts to help us be the service-oriented school that we wish to become.





PTO ANNUAL GARAGE SALE, APRIL 10

The PTO is gearing up for its annual garage sale to be held on April 10 in the school gym. It is time to clean out your closets and garages. The PTO will be happy to accept your gently used items. General drop off at the school will be available during morning carpool from Tuesday-Friday, April 6-9. The PTO is still in need of volunteers to help sort items for the big day. If you are interesting in helping with the Garage Sale or to arrange for an advance drop off, contact Wendy Wall at 713.408.7217 or wcommunication@earthlink.net.



STANDARDIZED TESTING IN MIDDLE SCHOOL APRIL 6 - 9

Holy Spirit fifth- through eighth-grade students will take the Comprehensive Testing Program (CTP 4) during the week of April 6. To help minimize your children's test anxiety, we recommend the following:

- Be sure your children arrive **no later than 8:10 AM** each day. This provides enough time for your students to be seated before the 8:20 AM tardy bell without rushing. **Late students will not be allowed into their classrooms during testing.**
- Ensure your children get plenty of rest each night. To help in this regard, no homework, quizzes or tests will be assigned and no major projects will be due during this week.
- Provide your children a breakfast that is high in protein and low in sugar each morning.
- Have your children bring a healthy snack and a bottle of water (or purchase during snack break) each day.
- Reassure your children that this testing is just one of many ways the school assesses everyone's progress.

When we receive the results of this battery of tests, we will schedule meetings with MS parents during which we will explain how to interpret the scores, as well as distribute individual student's results to their parents.



STANDARDIZED TESTING IN LOWER SCHOOL APRIL 12 - 16

Holy Spirit will be giving the SAT in **Grades 2-4** the following week, April 12 - 16. To help your children minimize any test anxiety, we recommend the following:

- Be sure your children get to school **no later than 8:10 AM** each day. This provides enough time for your students to be seated before the 8:20 AM tardy bell without rushing. **Late students will not be allowed into their classrooms during testing.**
- Ensure your children get plenty of rest each night. To help in this regard, no homework, quizzes or tests will be assigned and no major projects will be due during this week.
- Provide your children a breakfast that is high in protein and low in sugar each morning.
- Have your children bring a healthy (non-messy) snack and a bottle of water for the break during testing each day.
- Reassure your child that this testing is just one of the many ways the school assesses everyone's progress.

When we receive the results of this battery of tests, we will schedule meetings with LS parents during which we will explain how to interpret the scores, as well as distribute individual student's results to their parents.

LIBRARY NEWS



DATES TO REMEMBER

Third quarter reading awards will be held on Thursday, April 8 at 8:25 AM. Everyone is invited to attend.



Summer Reading Book Fair will take place in the library April 26 – 30. You will have the opportunity to look at the 2010/2011 Lone Star, Bluebonnet, and 2X2 books. This is a great time to select summer reading books. All purchases help our school library.

Accelerated Reader ends April 16. Students working to earn the 2X2 medallion, Bluebonnet trophy, Lone Star trophy or an Accelerated Reader trophy must complete all AR tests by this date.

Read Together, Grow Together reading program for Kindergarten ends April 30.



CELEBRATIONS

April is National Poetry Month. HSES will celebrate by having a student read a poem to begin each morning announcement during this month. We will also ask students to submit poems to be considered for printing in the newsletter.

National Library Week is April 11 – 17. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. During regularly scheduled library classes, HSES students will have the opportunity to listen to books that celebrate the contribution of libraries.

TV Turnoff Week is April 19 – 25. This is an opportunity for the entire family to turn off the TV at the end of the day and read together.



AUTHOR VISITS

Blue Willow Bookshop is hosting Erin Hunter, author of *The Warriors* series, Friday, April 16, 5:00 PM at Spring Forest Middle School. She will discuss and sign her latest book in the series, ***Warriors: Omen of the Stars #2: Fading Echoes***. All Blue Willow Bookshop events are free and open to the public. In order to go through the signing line and meet Erin Hunter, you must purchase **Fading Echoes** from Blue Willow Bookshop. Our HSES library will feature Erin Hunter during the entire month of April. We will encourage students to explore her books and website, <http://www.warriorcats.com/warriorshell.html>.

An incredible book convention for teens will take place Saturday, April 10, 10:00 AM at Alief Taylor High School, 7555 Howell Sugar Land Road. Ten authors will be on hand to talk with teens about their work and books of all kinds. For more information about the line up and plans for the day, visit the convention's website: www.teenbookcon.org.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



DEAR EDWINA

APRIL 22, 23, 24, 2010

Mark your calendars now for the Middle School Production of *Dear Edwina*, Thursday, April 22, at 2:00 PM, Friday, April 23, at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM, and Saturday, April 24, at 7:00 PM.

Dear Edwina is set in lovely downtown Paw Paw, Michigan, USA. It's a beautiful summer Sunday in Paw Paw, Michigan, and Edwina and her friends are preparing for the Spoonapple Repertory Theatre's latest performance. Every Sunday afternoon from the Spoonapple's garage, there is plenty of singing and dancing, and plenty of drama. The audience will even be involved! Practice your hula!!!

Seating is "dinner show" style for the evening performances on Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24. Please contact marycourtney122@sbcglobal.net, or loriburney@comcast.net for information regarding seating arrangements. Saturday night's show for the audience is dress-up Hawaiian style. Dig through your closet and find those island shirts, white slacks, and Panama hats.



Students and parents are encouraged to buy ads for the *Dear Edwina* playbill. Student ads are \$1.00 each and parent ads are priced from \$20.00 for ¼ page to \$45.00 for a full page ad. Business ads and prices have been distributed to the business community. Ad sheets for students can be found outside room 503. If you would like to place a business ad, please refer to marycourtney122@sbcglobal.net.

See you at the show!!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The Spring Induction Ceremony for new members was held Tuesday in Parish Hall. The purpose of this national organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, develop character, and encourage citizenship in the students of Holy Spirit Episcopal School. The NJHS is very active throughout the school year. To be initially considered for membership, the candidate must be a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student who has attended HSES for the equivalent of at least one full semester during the current school year and earned a grade average of at least a 90% GPA. Students meeting these qualifications are notified by the chapter advisor in early February and provided with information about the selection process. Additional criteria, as set forth by the national organization, are used by the NJHS Faculty Council for decisions regarding membership invitation.



Congratulations to our new members!

Casey Craft
David Guefen
Maneill Parekh
Sarah Lasater
Emma Wertheimer

BOX TOPS—Keep Saving Those Box Tops for Education

The final Box Tops pick up will be April 23. Box tops received after April 23rd will be added to the fall 2010 box tops. So far NJHS has counted and mailed \$346.00 worth of box tops this year.

NJHS REQUEST: When gathering box tops, please place them in plastic zipper bags in groups of 50. Larger denominations should be placed in separate bags. The old papers that were used in the past, where you tape them down, are no longer useful; so if you still have any sheets lying around, please throw them away and start using plastic zipper bags. You may find that your tape lasts longer. ☺

Please label the bags with your name, grade and homeroom/advisory teacher's name. It helps to keep better records. Next year there will be a single receptacle for box tops in a convenient location to be determined at a later date.

ECO-PHONES

NJHS has shipped 4 boxes of cartridges and phones this year and our total earnings were \$47.45. The company accepts: cell phones, laptops, inkjet cartridges, MP3 players, digital cameras, video cameras, handheld game systems, GPS devices, radar detectors, and E-Book readers, as well as gold, silver, and platinum jewelry. The receptacle is located in the office copy room in a basket on top of the teachers' mailboxes or room 609.

RECYCLING

Please drive slowly and carefully and look for the Navy T-shirt-wearing NJHS members around the school on Fridays. They must cross the carpool line to reach the recycling bins—we appreciate your support.

Thank you—NJHS Secretary, Meredith Wathen



Tech @ HSES

It's that time again! Middle School students participated in the **Visual and Performing Arts design contest** where students were asked to create an original design to be featured during Visual and Performing Arts month. This year's participants were: *Stephanie Lucena-2nd Place*, *Shizya Said-3rd Place (tie)*, *Alden Herrera-3rd Place (tie)*, *Hayley Schultz-3rd Place (tie)*, *Maneill Parekh*, *Tobi Oguntona*, *Sam Linton*, *David Guefen*, *Ashli Mani*, and *Graham Doll*. The first place winner was **Andres N.** Andres' design will be featured on all forthcoming *Visual and Performing Arts* publications and placed on the design "wall of fame" located next to the Lower School lab. Students will also be able to purchase t-shirts that may be worn on Fridays during Visual and Performing Arts month. Stay tuned for more details! A special thanks to the *Visual and Performing Arts Council* who sponsored this year's prizes which include: 1st place- \$50 Best Buy gift card; 2nd place- \$25 Best Buy gift card; 3rd place- \$10 iTunes gift card. All participants will receive a Baskin Robbins gift certificate.



Visual and Performing Arts 2010 by Andres N., 8th Grade

Control-click on this link see the article located on our new website about [Middle School Graphic Design \(technology/art\) students sharing their originally designed children's books with Lower School students](#)

