



Holy Spirit  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

# *Saints' Stories & News*

February 12, 2010

## GENERAL INFORMATION



### **FEBRUARY 17 TH, ASH WEDNESDAY LUNCH SCHEDULE CHANGES**

The service for Ash Wednesday will be held at 12:00 noon for grades 1-8 in the main sanctuary. There will be an adjusted lunch schedule for these grades.

Grades 1-4 will eat at 11:15 in their classrooms

Grades 5-8 will eat at 11:25 in the gym

Full day EC, Lunch Pals, and K will eat at their normal time (12:00) and locations. (No changes)



### **SPECIAL LUNCH MENU FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday, February 17th, the lunch menu will consist of **only the hot entry item**. This will be: Popcorn Shrimp, fresh vegetable, and fruit. There will not be additional items available on this day.



### **THE SERVICE**

Discuss the significance of this service with your child in advance. There are two times students can go up to the altar. The first is to receive the ashes and the second is to receive communion. Parents, let your child's teacher know if you do not want your child to receive ashes. Students who are not participating in the ashes will remain in the pews while the rest of the class goes to up to the priest to receive them. All students will go to the altar for the sacrament or to be blessed during the Eucharist. Parents are invited and encouraged to join the school and church communities as we begin the season of Lent together.



### **SPIRIT DAY, FRIDAY, FEB. 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Student may wear a HSES Spirit with their regular uniform on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Grades 1-8 Birthday Blessings will be held during the regular 8:25 AM chapel service on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.



### **THE TALENT SHOW!**

Please join us on **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** from **6-9 PM** for a night of comedy, music, and more!

K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are welcome to attend, and we hope to have some great performances! Performer signup sheets are available in the hall by Mrs. Hogan's room—one per group.

Please bring a monetary donation to raise money for our friends in Haiti. Email Barton Ballard [bjballard@hses.org](mailto:bjballard@hses.org) with questions.





## LA VITA E BELLA; “LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL”

A big Thank You to the Holy Spirit Community Auction committee and to everyone who helped make this one of the best and most successful auctions ever! The **La Vita e Bella; “Life is Beautiful”** auction was a fun event with a record crowd that raised much needed funds for our school/church community and we thank everyone who participated!

There are a few items that did not sell that are for purchase until next week:

**Several spots left for the “Messy Fest” with Mr. Ballard, Mrs. Gwydir and Ms. Thompson to be held in May.** Send in \$25 by the end of next week to reserve a spot for your child if you missed it at the auction. Also, the following weeks are still available for purchase for the **Birthday Marquee**: Sept. 6, 2010; Sept. 13, 2010; Sept. 20, 2010; Oct. 11, 2010; Oct. 25, 2010; Nov. 29, 2010; March 7, 2011; April 4, 2011; April 11, 2011. Each week is available for \$100 on a first come first serve basis. Please send in your money by the end of next week.

Finally, Thank You to all of our wonderful auction sponsors: Hanley Bros. Auto Specialists, Rosemary Buckle M.D. and Orthopedic Associates, Shaw’s Jewelry, Bratton Pools, Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists, Pappas Steakhouse, Parker Uniforms, and James Avery. Please offer your thanks by patronizing these businesses whenever possible!

## LOWER SCHOOL



### RODEO ROUND UP

Yee Haw!! The Scottie Dogs, Dolphins and Goldfish are getting ready to kick up their heels for their annual Rodeo Round Up. Following is the information you need to saddle up and join them:

When: Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Where: The Parish Hall

Duds: Boots, jeans, country skirts, cowboy hats, bandanas

The program will last about 20 minutes. Feel free to join in on the fun and gussy up in your country garb. Ya’ll come on over and help us raise the barn!

## LIBRARY NEWS



### LIBRARY PAGES

During the month of February we will be celebrating Groundhog Day, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day, and Mardi Gras. National Tooth Fairy Day is February 28. Books will be on display for students to check out and read more about each of these events. For some fun facts about our first president, visit [www.washingtonpublishers.com/Washingtonia/george\\_washington\\_trivia.htm](http://www.washingtonpublishers.com/Washingtonia/george_washington_trivia.htm).

Holy Spirit students selected *Someone Named Eva* as their favorite Bluebonnet book. *Help Me, Mr. Mut* was the runner up. Students made campaign posters and gave campaign speeches for their favorite book. *Help Me, Mr. Mut* was the statewide winner, receiving 31,933 votes out of a total of 191,090 students voting.

Kindergarten students begin the *Read Together Grow Together* reading program this month. All reading folders will be due Monday, March 1. Please note that *Reading is Magic* for grades 1 and 2 as well as the Bluebonnet reading program for grades 3 and 4 end March 31. The Accelerated Reader program closes April 16.

Blue Willow Bookshop will be hosting Mo Willems, author of *Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, at Meadow Wood Elementary on Wednesday, February 17, 5:00 P.M. He will read from two of his new books, *Cat the Cat, Who is That?* and *Let’s Say Hi to Friends Who Fly*. Please don’t miss this opportunity to hear this fun speaker. You can learn more about Mo Willems at <http://www.mowillems.com/>.



## TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### DOODLE4GOOGLE STUDENT DESIGN CONTEST



The 2010 [Doodle4Google](#) logo design contest is in full swing and we would like to encourage all interested students to take part in the fun! [Doodle4Google](#) is an annual competition that is open to students in grades K-12 and this year's theme is: "If I could do anything, I would...." Each school has a limit of 6 entries, so we are looking for our best doodlers! If your child has expressed an interest in participating, or if you have identified artistic ability in your child, please encourage them to give it try. Doodle submissions along with the [parent consent form](#) may be turned to Mrs. Dupre or Ms. Robinson anytime *before* March 10th in order to qualify for the [Technology Booster Award](#) . You can find all of the details on the [Doodle4Google website](#).  
Happy Doodling!



## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



### "THE TEMPEST"

Mrs. Hogan sends a large "Thank You" to all of the fifth and sixth grade students who participated in the Shakespeare play, "The Tempest", on February 10 and 11. The students, some of whom had never been on stage before, rehearsed every day for a week, plus an "all-day rehearsal", in order to prepare for this show. I am hopeful that some of our students caught the 'acting bug', and will continue in our shows during their time at HSES.

An extra large "Thank You" goes to the parents who helped with staging, scenery, costumes, food, and their time they gave to be at the rehearsals. The Visual and Performing Arts Department could not do these productions without our wonderful and thoughtful parents.



### VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS LINK

Parents, please go to the HSES website, click on 'Homework,' and you will be able to go to the link for the *Visual and Performing Arts*. Here you will find all the latest pertaining to the choirs and their performances, production dates for grade level shows with all the information you will need to fill your calendar. Check it out! We have two more shows – "Dear Edwina", our Broadway Junior Production, and "Lemonade", our First and Second grade musical. We are always on the lookout for parents to jump in and help! Don't be shy! Contact Mrs. Hogan today!!

## PTO



### PTO FAMILY FUN NIGHT – FEBRUARY 19, 5:30-9:00 PM

Get ready parents for a relaxing family night out. This month we will once again visit Fuddruckers at 10500 Town and Country Way. The last Fun Night at Fuddruckers was such a huge success that we have reserved the back room so everyone can sit together. Questions? Contact Wendy Wall at [wcommunication@earthlink.net](mailto:wcommunication@earthlink.net) or 713.408.7217.





### CRYSTAL AWARDS DINNER – MARCH 5

The PTO is in the process of pulling together tables for the Crystal Awards. The 17th annual Crystal Awards Gala is scheduled for March 5 at the Hyatt Regency Houston, 1200 Louisiana St. The event, “An Evening to Honor Teachers — Our Shining Stars,” will recognize our own Mrs. Haddad, along with five other outstanding educators selected from *eight* Gulf Coast counties and 46 Spring Branch Independent School District Teachers of the Year. If you are interested in joining in the evening’s festivities, please contact Julieanne Mani at [atassie18@aol.com](mailto:atassie18@aol.com). Prices for the tables for the evening start at \$1,500, with individual seats costing \$150. Cocktails begin at 6:30 PM and dinner starts at 8 PM.



### GARAGE SALE

The PTO is already getting ready for its annual garage sale, which will be held on April 10 at the school. As you clean out, we will be happy to accept your gently used items. To arrange for a drop off, contact Wendy Wall at 713.408.7217 or [wcommunication@earthlink.net](mailto:wcommunication@earthlink.net).



### PTO BOARD NOMINATIONS

It’s that time of year. The PTO Board is looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of PTO leadership positions for 2010-2011 school year. Positions are available to serve on the PTO Board, chair one of our many special events, or serve as an EC class or LS/MS grade-level chairperson. We encourage working parents to take this opportunity to participate as well. There are many positions that do not require you to be present at the school. If you are interested or have any questions, contact any member of the board or PTO President, Julieanne Mani at [atassie18@aol.com](mailto:atassie18@aol.com).

## LIFE AT HSES!

### DID YOU SEE *THE TEMPEST*?!



Great job 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, their advisors, and a special thank you to Mrs. Hogan for all of her hard work and dedication to making this a great event!



## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!



On Friday, January 10, both kindergarten classes celebrated the “100<sup>th</sup> Day of School.” The students brought in their collections of 100 items to school. Collections of stars, pretzels, stickers, pennies, cereal pieces, foam shapes, candies, etc. displayed on posters will decorate our hallway. Come see the wonderful original collections. The children are proud to be 100 days smarter!

## FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL





### 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS



Mr. Liga's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students get ready to present their science projects.

### GUMBO NIGHT!



**VALENTINES DAY ART!**



**THE AUCTION!**



