



Holy Spirit
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Saints' Stories & News

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GENERAL INFORMATION



FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL AND SING-A-LONG, FEBRUARY 9

The Clowns, Ladybugs and Teddy Bears will have their first annual Friendship Chapel and Sing-A-Long with their parents and Middle School buddies on Tuesday, February 9th in the church. Chapel will begin at 8:25 AM, and the Sing-A-Long will begin immediately afterwards at 8:45. Come and join us as we share some of our favorite songs—and a few silly ones too!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS, FEBRUARY 25

Grades 1-8 birthday blessings will be held during the regular 8:25 AM chapel service on Thursday, February 25th.



2010 HSES AUCTION!

La Vita E Bella! Join us for a wonderful evening on Saturday, February 6th from 6:30 to midnight. Space is limited, so register now to be a part of our community as we feast and raise money for our school! The auction brochure is now online in the parent center at www.hses.org.

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 26th 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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL



5TH GRADE SOCIAL!

5th Graders: Join your classmates on Friday, February 12th from 2:30-5:00 PM in the science lab for fun, games, and food!



PARTY HEARTY DANCE!

6th-8th Grade "Party Hearty" Dance

Friday, February 12 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM

HSES Gym, \$10 admission & 1 can of "heart healthy soup"—to be donated to the Houston Food Bank
Pizza & Dancing

Please join us for an evening of heart-stopping fun!





MS PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Middle School parent-teacher conferences will take place on Monday, February 8th from 7:45 to 3:30 PM. There will be sign-up sheets in the MS entrance hallway for each teacher from Monday afternoon through Friday.

LIBRARY NEWS



ANDREA WHITE VISIT



Middle School students had the opportunity to hear author Andrea White. She gave a brief overview of her books, *Surviving Antarctica*, *Window Boy* and *Radiant Girl*. We learned that she visited the Dead Zone to research the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl while writing *Radiant Girl*. Students asked excellent questions and were excited to check out the library copies of her books.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



BLACK BOX PRODUCTION *THE TEMPEST*

The fifth and sixth grade classes are preparing for the Black Box Production of Shakespeare's, *The Tempest*. This production is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 PM, and Thursday, February 11, at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. All students in both grades will be participating in this version of one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies. Please mark your calendars now for this event, and come reacquaint yourself with the writings of Shakespeare.

If you want a video of the production, please use the order form attached to this eCommunication.



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, as well as production dates for grade-level shows with all the information you will need to write on your calendar. Check it out!

ATHLETICS



SPRING SPORTS MEETING

5th-8th grade students and parents: Come learn more about our spring junior varsity and varsity sports—baseball, softball, and track—at 3:45 PM on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd in the Parish Hall!



 **YOUTH SPORTS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

Join us in the gym on Saturday, February 12th from 10-11 AM to sign up for Youth Sports.

THANK YOU!



HEARTBEATS FOR HAITI!

On Thursday, Jan. 21, Mrs. Gardner's and Mrs. Gearhart's fourth graders conducted a 1-day service project to collect money for the people of Haiti who had been victims of a horrific earthquake. Bright and early, as carpools began, the students brought out their buckets and canvassed everyone on behalf of the Haitian people. Similar collections were received at lunch and in the afternoon. All told, the students collected \$1,000 which will be given to the Red Cross for use in its humanitarian efforts on that small Caribbean island. Thank you, Holy Spirit families, for your generosity! You are the BEST! *Submitted by Laurie Gearhart*



Photo by Genie Thompson.



RECORD BREAKING FUND FOR EXCELLENCE!

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends:

Our community's 2009 Annual **Fund for Excellence** Campaign recently concluded, and we are so grateful for your support. Your generosity was overwhelming and allowed us to raise a record-breaking **\$227,932.00!**

The success of this recent campaign is a strong reminder to all of us that our school is truly a special place. Our community showed that within us all is the strength to remain true to who we are at the core of our school. We relied on the truth of Holy Spirit's mission, and we remain dedicated to providing a warm, nurturing, and academic experience for our children.

The school is more than just an academic institution; it is a community filled with God's grace. We are blessed to have our school and to have each other.

Your contributions to this year's Fund for Excellence will go directly to the operations of our school and your generosity will be seen daily in the faces of our Holy Spirit students. Congratulations to each and every one of you for pulling together as a community and brightening the day of every child that walks through our doors.

In His Name,
Christy and Paul Lock



GUMBO NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Hello all!

I just wanted to say THANK YOU to you all! Gumbo night was such a success, and it could not have been done without all of your hard work! From set up/cooking to serving and clean up, I could not have asked for a better group to work with. Not to mention those of you with your cameras capturing the moments!

We sold \$585 in tickets this year. The receipts have not been turned in so I do not know what the event actually made, but we will see. Although we did not bring in as much money this year, I still think that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to David Miller for taking all of the left over food to The Open Door mission immediately following clean up. I know that they appreciated the thoughtfulness of our charity. Thank you Laurel and David, it was a wonderful idea!

I would also like to thank some of our 6th grade volunteers for helping throughout the afternoon and evening: Dylan Johnson, Ashli Mani, Evan Parish, Nicholas Ferguson and Matthew Fanning.

Our drawing winners: Ragin Cajin gift card - Petkas Family; Gecko Webkinz - Caroline Hanley; Gator Socks (Julianne - I forget who got those)

Again, thank you and I look forward to HSES Gumbo Night next year! Working it with you again, or joining you at a table! HA!

God bless you all for your hard work!

Connie

My only concern is that one little munchkin that kept coming back for those brownie bites... Nothing like being 2 or 3, barefoot and sticky feet double fistng sweets! Life is good at HSES!



BOXING DAY PROJECT



Above: Items donated and sorted in the gym.

Below: Shirley Downing, ED of WHAM, and a jeep full of donated items.

Friends,

I am sorry this note is coming out bit late...but, good news! During our Boxing Days project in late December, we collected over \$4,000 worth of items: winter clothing, blankets and bedrolls, etc. for the Homeless Ministry at West Houston Assistance Ministries; and children's coats and clothing, backpacks, shoes etc. for the Children's Ministry at Memorial Assistance Ministries. We also collected \$5,000 in cash which is going directly to those two organizations for unrestricted support.



I am attaching a few photos taken to give you an idea of what we collected. When spread out across 20 tables on the gymnasium floor, it didn't look that impressive...but trust me, it was a lot of work getting it all loaded up into the SUVs bringing the items to WHAM and to MAM.

BTW, from talking to Shirley Downing at WHAM, the winter coats, blankets and bedrolls were distributed before the cold blast hit us last week....so WHAM did a great job getting that stuff out on the streets quickly. They have already handed it all out...which means they can use more winter items if you have them.



Also, both WHAM and MAM are in need of regular volunteers. I can tell you from firsthand experience that it is rewarding and that you can really touch the people in our community that have great needs through these two organizations. To volunteer at WHAM, check out their website at www.whamministries.org; for MAM, go to www.maministries.org.

Blessings and thanks so much for your contributions and your volunteer time. I hope we agree to do it again in 2010...only a lot bigger and better with the experience we gained here. *Robert M. King*

LIFE AT HSES!

 **MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PROJECT—WITH HAMMERS!**



8th grade students recently learned how to find the equation of a line. As a culminating activity, they combined multiple lines to create curves through “curve stitching”—a string art activity. These will be on display next to the art room. Check them out!

 **JV BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Great job JV basketball teams! The girls were undefeated, and the boys won their final game in a dramatic overtime shootout! We look forward to seeing you play next year!



♥ HOMECOMING!!!

What a fantastic Homecoming Day—costumes, Mr. Johnson with a pie in his face, introduction of the players, our Spirit Contest (5th graders won!), alumni visitors, and two great victories from the varsity boys and girls! Many thanks go out to the Booster Club and the coaches for all of their hard work in putting these events together, and to all of the fans that came out and supported the Saints teams.





MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS (AND A TEACHER) WEARING THEIR CONVERSE!

