



Holy Spirit

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND – JANUARY 6TH

Monday, January 2:	School Holiday; HSES and CEC closed
Tuesday, January 3:	Professional Development Day HSES Closed; CEC Open (for babies and toddlers only)
Wednesday, January 4:	School resumes
Thursday, January 5:	Chapel, Grades K – 8 8:05 a.m. in the Nave
Friday, January 6:	Report Cards Issued

IMPORTANT NEWS

Use of HSES Gym and Athletic Field

For liability reasons, only approved activities related to Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, HSES or HSES Youth Sports may have access to our athletic facilities. All use of the HSES Gym or Athletic Field for non-regularly scheduled school events needs to be approved by Ranelle Johnson. Please send your use request to Mrs. Johnson at rcjohnson@hses.org. If you need to use either the Gym or the Athletic Field for a church-related event, please send your request to Gardner Headrick at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; his e-mail is admin@hsechurch.org. Mike Fendley should be contacted for facility requests for HSES Youth Sports; his e-mail is fendleys@sbcglobal.net. The calendar use request form can be found on the HSES website. We appreciate your help as good stewards of our facilities.

PTO NEWS

The PTO would like to wish all of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Community a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be safe and have fun!

FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

Fund for Excellence Update

The Five Week Fund for Excellence campaign was a huge success. A big thank you to all those who donated or pledged. We have exceeded our goal of \$175,000 and are close to reaching \$200,000 before Christmas! Just a reminder, if you want your donation to be considered for the 2011 tax year, it must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2011.

There are only four families, in grades K-8 who have not pledged or donated to the FFE this year....if YOU have not, please consider doing so. We would love to have 100% participation for grant requirements and foundation requests. Contact Brooke Frank-Director of Development for information on the Fund for Excellence at: bbfrank@hses.org

AUCTION NEWS

The Holy Spirit Community Auction is around the corner!

You should have received your Save the Date card by now. The big event will take place on February 4, 2012! Mark your calendar and arrange your babysitters now - - this is going to be a fantastic evening.

We have acquired some terrific auction items, but still need more. If you have season tickets to the Astros, the Rockets, the Aeros, the Texans, or a college team, or if you own a vacation home, time share, fabulous art, service, or any other fabulous item that would help raise money, please consider donating it for our silent or live auction. Contact Christine Paige- Acquisitions Chair (crpaige@comcast.net) or Brooke Frank (bbfrank@hses.org) for information on donating.

Sissy Gregory Pictures are available for the auction again. These black and white 11 X 14 photographs have been a HSES auction tradition for 10 years now. This year the number of photos will be limited to 30, so sign up now. The sign up sheet is at the front desk with Ms. Lona.

CEC NEWS

Kittens & Butterflies -- Come see what to look *forward* to in Pre-K3!

Please make note of the **Fast Forward** presentation on **Tuesday, January 10th at 8:00 am** in the **Library**. This presentation will introduce you to Holy Spirit Episcopal School's Pre-K programs, with an emphasis on Pre-K3. Mrs. Cindy Northington will cover schedules and curriculum objectives. As the Pre-K3 program fills very quickly, we encourage you to attend in order to answer your questions on the Early Childhood Pre-K3 program and the admission process for Pre-K3.

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

PreK4 Parents -- Come see what to look *forward* to in Kindergarten!

Please make note of the **Fast Forward** presentation on **Wednesday, January 11th at 8:00 am** in the **Library**. This presentation will introduce you to Holy Spirit Episcopal School's Kindergarten program and your child's entry into Lower School. The Kindergarten curriculum and daily schedules will be discussed.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

4th Grade Parents -- Come see what to look *forward* to in Middle School & 5th Grade!

Please join us for a **Fast Forward** presentation on **Thursday, January 12th at 8:00 am** in the **Library**. This presentation will introduce you to Holy Spirit Episcopal School's Middle School, with an emphasis on 5th Grade. Mrs. Susan Walton, Head of Middle School, will cover core curriculum, schedules, electives, outdoor education, athletics and theater arts.

SCOUTING AT HSES

The HSES Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies went caroling through Fonn Villas on Monday, December 12th. The girls sang their little hearts out with their lyrics of cheer this holiday season. The girls also gave thanks to the kind neighbors who donated canned food to the Houston Food Bank. Thank you to those parents who joined us, and especially to Anna, Emma, Sofia, Alysya, Aurora, CayCay, Dafne, Emmaline, Maddie, Seba, Athena Grace, Audrey and Eleanor, and our special guests Julia and Claudia. We missed Rebecca, Bella and Nicole, who could not join us, but know that you were there in spirit with us.

Merry Christmas to All and to All a Great Season!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS in Action Jan 14, 2012

Start the new year off right joining HSEC volunteers in our service and fellowship group, ACTS in Action. Each quarter, we gather for a Saturday service work day, focusing on different non-profits serving those in need. Our first service day for the year offers both an Outreach and Inreach opportunity.

Please join us from 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. as we support **Habitat for Humanity** in its vision of a decent place to live for everyone. We will help build a home in NW Houston, while also assisting Habitat clients earn sweat equity for homes of their own. Sign up early, as we must know in advance if we will have the required number of volunteers. This is a great Community Service hours earning opportunity for teens (must be 14 or older).

Help us spruce up the **Holy Spirit campus**, as we clean the Parish Hall kitchen, tidy the pew boxes, beautify the church grounds and more. We enjoy the benefits of our campus facilities; help us put our best foot forward (our kitchen especially needs attention, as we must meet Health Department regulations). We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and work until done.

For more information or to sign-up, contact Ricardo Suarez (Ricardo.Suarez@BP.com) or Karen Montgomery (K1Mont@aol.com). When volunteering, please let us know which service project you are volunteering for.