



# Holy Spirit

## EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

### WEEK OF JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> – FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

<b>Monday, January 30:</b>	Boys JV and Varsity Basketball @ Veritas	4:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, January 31:</b>	Chapel, Grades K – 8	8:05 a.m. in the Nave
	Boys JV and Varsity Basketball vs St. Mark's	4:30 p.m in the Gym
<b>Wednesday, February 1:</b>	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	
<b>Thursday, February 2:</b>	Chapel, Grades K – 8	8:05 a.m. in the Nave
	Girls Varsity Basketball @ Lutheran South	5:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, February 4:</b>	<b><i>Holy Spirit Community Auction</i></b>	6:30 p.m. at The Pelazzio



### ***Holy Spirit Community Auction*** ***Turn in your reservations today!!!***

The Holy Spirit Community Auction is right around the corner! We have some terrific silent, big board and live auction items including trips, class projects, sports tickets, fine jewelry, and more. Don't stress about the attire: anything black and white and snappy casual is appropriate. Dress up or dress down...but just dress for a fun and exciting evening as we kick off the celebration for Holy Spirit School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and raise lots of money for this wonderful school that matters to us all!

### VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

**SEUSSICAL, JR.** sectional rehearsals begin next Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:25 a.m. when all the bird girls begin learning their music. Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, all the boys in the cast will be rehearsing the Wickersham numbers at 7:25 a.m. Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, (late start day), the cast and the Showchoir will rehearse from 8:00-10:00 a.m. On Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (parent-teacher conference day), the CAST will hold an all day rehearsal from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., with lunch provided. Parents should keep an eye on the emails regarding rehearsal schedules.

### TEACHER – PARENT CONFERENCES

Teacher – Parent conferences will take place on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets for Lower School classes have been posted outside the classrooms and Middle School sign-up sheets are posted inside the Middle School doors.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### **Important Calendar Change!!!**

The Middle School Dance and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social originally scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup> have been rescheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 501. The Middle School Dance will be held from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the Gym.

### **New Eyes for the Needy**

The Student Council is collecting used eyeglasses for New Eyes for the Needy. This organization was founded in 1932 and has helped over 7,500,000 people in the U.S. and 63 countries around the world to see clearly. To find out more information about New Eyes for the Needy, go to their website at <http://neweyesfortheneedy.org> Please bring your donations to the Middle School office.

### **Drug and Alcohol Presentation**

Today's teens are facing increasing challenges concerning social media, texting, alcohol, and drugs. Mrs. Shay Rustam, a Holy Spirit parent, will discuss some of these topics with the Middle School students on February 23, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. Mrs. Rustam is an Assistant County Attorney in the Montgomery County Attorney's Office and the Prosecutor for the Juvenile Drug Court. Parents are welcome to attend this presentation which will take place in the Parish Hall. We look forward to her sharing her wisdom with our students.

### **Teacher – Parent Conferences**

Please sign-up if you have a **concern** you wish to discuss with a teacher. **Middle School students are asked to attend all conferences with their parents.**

## HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

Holy Spirit welcomes Fr. Bill Fowler as our Interim Rector until a permanent Rector is chosen.

Bill grew up on a ranch in the Hill Country, and graduated from college and law school at the University of Texas at Austin. For almost 20 years, Bill worked in public service and private practice of law in Washington, DC and New York City, before returning home to Texas to enter the process of ordination. He is a graduate of the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Bill served as Rector of St. Thomas, College Station, from 2005-2009. Following the devastation of Hurricane Ike, Bill was dispatched to serve as Interim Rector of Trinity, Galveston, where he served until his assignment at Holy Spirit. Bill also serves the Diocese of Texas in a number of roles, including as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Quin Foundation, and Chair of the Committee for Dispatch of Business at Diocesan Council. He has also served as Presiding Judge of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, and now serves as a member of the Diocesan Disciplinary Board.

Bill is married to Deborah Fitzgerald Fowler, an attorney who is Legal Director for a non-profit organization founded by major Texas law firms to pursue issues of social justice.

## CUB SCOUT NEWS

Pack 825 has been very busy working on their rank requirements for the past several months and will receive their rank patch at the Blue and Gold Banquet February 19<sup>th</sup>. The boys are currently working on their Pine Wood Derby cars and will race them with St. Francis's pack on February 26<sup>th</sup>.



One of our Webelos scouts participated in the Coyote Extreme Weekend Camp and earned his Archery Pin. Alex had to shoot for a score of 50 with 30 arrows at a 30 yd. distance. He did it with only 12 arrows! Alex also participated in the BSA district Webelos Weekend and earned several Webelos Awards.

### **Holy Spirit's Pack 825 earns national recognition award!!**

The pack was recently awarded a national scouting award called "Good Turn America" for their project entitled, "Shriners Hospital gift drive," where the boys bought and wrapped presents for the children who are hospitalized at Shriners.

The Tigers will be getting ready to do a Go See It program at a local radio station where they will tour it and learn about radio broadcasting.

The pack will be selling coupon booklets for \$10 each which has discounted coupons from Krogers, a variety of restaurants, Astros, Houston Museum, sporting good stores, etc. A flyer about the booklets will be up at the front office. A sign-up sheet will be provided for those that would like a booklet or two. Cash only please. Thanks for your support with this project.

If your son is interested in joining cub scouts, contact Chris Jackson at [cajackson1@earthlink.net](mailto:cajackson1@earthlink.net).

## LIBRARY NEWS

Students in Grades 3-6 across Texas are voting for their favorite Bluebonnet Award Nominee, the statewide winner will be announced in March. To be eligible to vote, students had to read at least 5 of the nominated titles. Holy Spirit Episcopal Schools 3<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders voted last week in the library and the HSES winner is: *The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger. Stop by the library to see the complete results of favorite titles by grade!

The 2012 Newbery and Caldecott Award winners were announced Monday:

<http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/news/ala/american-library-association-announces-2012-youth-media-award-winners>