



Holy Spirit

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6TH – FEBRUARY 10TH

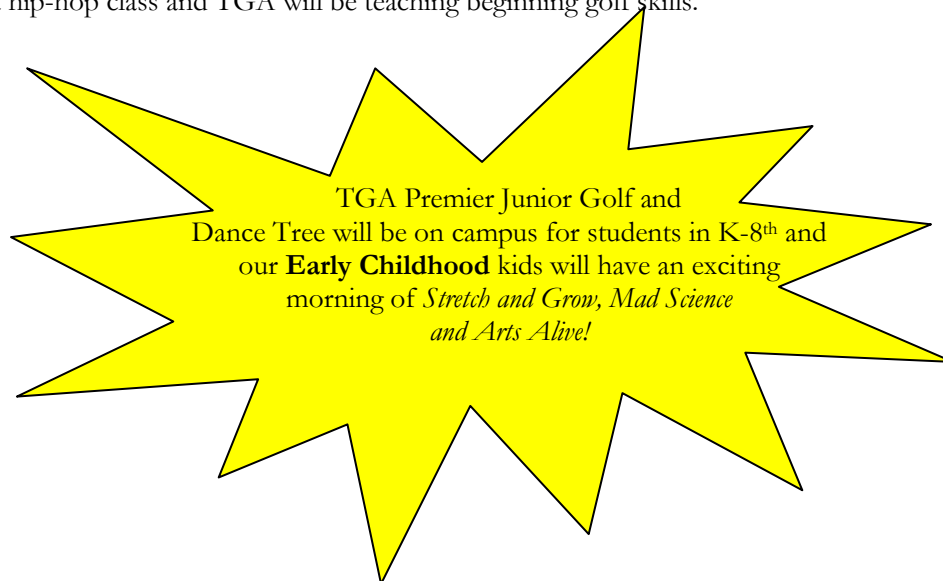
Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is now open for all applicants.

Monday, February 6:	Late Start Day (<i>Carpool begins at 10:00 a.m.; class begins at 10:20 a.m.</i>)
Tuesday, February 7:	February Birthday Chapel, Grades K – 8 8:05 a.m. in the Nave
Thursday, February 9:	Teacher-Parent Conferences (HSES Closed/ CEC open for infants and toddlers) Safeguarding God's Children 6:00 p.m., Youth Room
Friday, February 10:	5 TH Grade Social 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Room 501 Middle School Dance (Grades 6-8) 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the Gym
Saturday, February 11:	ISEE testing 9:00 a.m. <i>(pre-register with Robyn LaRocca, Director of Admission)</i>

LATE START DAY Monday, February 6, 2011

For those children participating in morning enrichment activities:

Regular carpool will begin at **7:45 a.m.**, with our enrichment activities beginning at **8:00 a.m.** Please be sure to send a healthy snack and water for your child. Dance Tree and TGA Premier Junior Golf will be treating students to a taste of what each has to offer through our extended day program, ReadyU. Dance Tree will be giving students a hip-hop class and TGA will be teaching beginning golf skills.



For those children who will arrive later: Late carpool will begin at **10:00 a.m.**, and classes will begin at **10:20 a.m.**

DRESS FOR THE DAY: ANY HOLY SPIRIT T-SHIRT WITH UNIFORM BOTTOM (SKIRTS, SHORTS, CULOTTES, OR PANTS)

TEACHER – PARENT CONFERENCES

Teacher – Parent conferences will take place on Thursday, February 9th. 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.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



The **Holy Spirit's Got Talent** evening was a huge success. An all encompassing thank you goes to the volunteers and the Skoumpourdis family for their hard work. The applause goes to our students who were the best. What great poise and talent they showed on stage! We are so blessed to have such dedicated students. Keep up the good work! We will cheer you on!



Seussical, Jr. rehearsals are now in full swing. On Monday, February 6th (Late Start day), the full cast, including the Showchoir, will rehearse from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the gym. All cast members and Showchoir should be at this important rehearsal. On Thursday, February 9th (Parent-Teacher Conference Day), the MS cast will hold an all-day rehearsal, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Students will be released for their conferences, and lunch will be provided.



The theatre department is looking for a make-up artist to visit the 4th quarter of Theatre Arts class. If you know someone who may fit the bill, please email Mrs. Hogan at dbhogan@hses.org.



Mark your calendar! **Go Texan Day** and the 4 year olds **“Rodeo Round-up”** are coming Friday, February 24, 2012. Parents won't want to miss seeing all the buckaroos in their western outfits!

LIBRARY NEWS

On Friday, February 3rd, Ms. Drake's 7th grade Science class & Mrs. Gwydir's 8th grade Language Arts class learned how to access the Houston Public Library's online databases and upload books to tablets using Houston Public Library's Overdrive program. **Craig Bertuglia** from **Houston Public Library** visited Holy Spirit Episcopal School campus and demonstrated the **free** services available to anyone who has a Houston Public Library card. Be sure to ask your student what they liked best about Mr. Bertuglia's visit to HSES.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Important Calendar Change!!!

The Middle School Dance and the 5th Grade Social originally scheduled for February 17th **have been rescheduled for Friday, February 10th**. The 5th 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.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT HSES



Holy Spirit faculty members are working hard on curriculum alignment and enhancement from Early Childhood through Middle School. These efforts are made possible through the generous gifts to the Fund for Excellence.

PTO NEWS

Things that PTO has done to date during the 2011 - 2012 school year:

- Staff Development - Contributed to as part of our 2010 - 2011 Commitment
- New Family Spaghetti Dinner - Hosted over 200 people
- Movie Night - 58 HSES families attended
- Meet & Greet/Back to School Orientation - Popsicles and Einstein Bagels for students
- Used Uniforms - 3 sales which have brought \$3450.00 to PTO to date
- Curbside Coffees
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheons
- Family Fun Nights - Zoes Kitchen & California Pizza Kitchen have brought in \$277.00 to PTO to date
- Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Fall Fundraiser - which brought in \$5500.00 to PTO
- Late Start - Sponsored 200 Sack Lunches for Start of Hope
- Community Service Day in December 2011
- Monetary Teacher Gifts at Christmas along with a day of Holiday Treats for Staff
- 100th Day of School, Feb 1st - Cookies for all HSES Students & Staff

Coming Up:

- Valentine's Day - Treats for Staff
- Feb. 15th - PTO Curbside Coffee and Used Uniform Sale
- Feb. 28th - PTO Family Fun Night at Los Tios
- March 1st - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Spring Fundraiser

Again, thank you for your continued support of our HSES PTO, students and staff. Our school cannot run to its fullest potential without you! To date we have had 129 HSES families join PTO!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



Holy Spirit's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is collecting "Box Tops for Education"!!! Please bring your box tops to school before February 15th!! See the attached flyer for more information.