

Holy Spirit PTO Fast Facts

March 26, 2010



Ladies' Spring Luncheon and Cooking Demonstration- March 30 11:00 - 1:30 at The Pine Forest Country Club: Spaces are still available.

Don't miss out! This yummy event was designed just for you – literally! The HSES PTO and the Pine Forest Country Club have joined forces to create a luncheon that will include an entertaining and informative cooking demonstration from their award-winning chef along with a divine lunch. The luncheon will start at 11:00 AM and the cost is \$35. For more information contact PTO President, Julieanne Mani at atassie18@aol.com.

Garage sale – April 10 – The PTO is 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 an advance drop off, contact Wendy Wall at 713.408.7217 or wcommunication@earthlink.net. General drop off at the school will be held during morning carpool on Tuesday-Friday, April 6-9.

Curbside Used Uniform Sale – This time, we will be bringing the uniforms to you! We will be having a curbside used uniform sale on April 7 during carpool underneath the portico. We also will be having a wonderful curbside coffee! Questions? Please contact Louise Lucena at andyLou@bigpond.com. Also should you have any gently worn winter uniforms or spring ones that your child has out grown, please feel free drop them off in the main office. We will be happy to put them in the next sale.

Fourth Annual HSES Golf Tournament, April 8 at The Pine Forest Country Club- Benefitting the HSES Booster Club- There is still time to reserve your spot. No HSES golfer will want to miss out on this exciting day of golf, lunch, and fun. Registration materials are included with this e-communication. For additional tournament information and sponsorship opportunities contact Tina [Linton at TLinton@lgc.com](mailto:TLinton@lgc.com) or [Robyn LaRocca, 713-468-5138](mailto:RobynLaRocca@lgc.com).

Teacher Thank You – This year we received more than 60 thank you notes from faculty and staff (including 2 cards signed by the entire staff of the CEC) after receiving the Entertainment Books, Thanksgiving and Christmas monetary gifts from PTO. Many of the notes were very long, and extremely heartfelt, but here are a few of their words:

- "I can't tell you how much I appreciated the \$50...Working at Holy Spirit is truly a joy for me, in part because of the strong support of parents..."
- "Many thanks for the generous gift...It is such a privilege and honor to be associated with Holy Spirit, a school we all believe in so much."
- "Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving gift & kind words. I am new to Holy Spirit, but I can already sense the loving & warm atmosphere of the place. I am so happy to be a part of this wonderful school."

- "Thank you for your gift of money but more importantly for your kind words of encouragement and affirmation, they warmed my heart."
- "Please convey my appreciation and thanks to the PTO for your generous Thanksgiving gift. We teachers are the luckiest of people – we see your children grow and blossom, and we love it."
- "That was so generous and thoughtful of you. As I count my blessings at this time of year, being a part of the HSES family is one of them. I couldn't ask for a better place to teach!"
- "Wow! Thanks you so much for your generosity, it is indeed a season of thankfulness & it is nice to be honored in such a way I feel truly blessed to be part of the Holy Spirit family..."
- "...your kind words also mean so much to me. I thank God each day for this wonderful school, students and parents."
- "I was totally blown away by the incredibly gracious gift from the PTO - to be considered a part of the HSES staff is a blessing - and to receive this thank you, just left me speechless. Thank you... words fail me..."

Maundy Thursday All School Project – The entire school community has been asked to join the Holy Spirit Church Community as they celebrate a Day of Service to others on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010. From CEC through grade 8, students will be participating in a variety of projects. The School is excited to have this opportunity to work with Holy Spirit Church in the service of many worthwhile organizations.

As an all school service project, Holy Spirit students have been asked to be responsible for providing the ingredients for a Community Friendship Soup. The ingredients collected will be used to make batches of Community Friendship soup that will be served at the Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Dinner for the Holy Spirit Community. Anything left over, soup, ingredients, canned goods will then be donated to a nearby soup kitchen.

Each grade level has been assigned a specific ingredient to collect that will be needed to make the Friendship Soup. We are asking that every child on the Holy Spirit campus participate. No amount of donated ingredients collected will be too much. All the ingredients will either be used to make soup to feed close to 200 service day volunteers. Your generosity and support are appreciated.

All School Friendship Soup Project

All CEC - 8th grade students –Bring the assigned canned good or fresh vegetable for "Friendship Soup"

Ingredient Assignments: Assignments are per student. Canned goods may be brought to school starting immediately. The fresh vegetable items should be brought to school the week of Mar. 29th.

All ages CEC: 1 can cut green beans
 Each Pre-K 3: 1 can diced tomatoes
 Each Pre-K 4: 1 can beef broth
 Each Kindergartener: 1 can cut corn
 Each First Grader: 1 can yellow wax beans
 Each Second Grader: 1 can kidney beans
 Each Third Grader: 1 can black beans

Each Fourth Grader: 1 box, small size elbow macaroni
 Each Fifth Grader: 4 whole carrots (uncut)
 Each Sixth Grader: 4 stalks of celery (uncut)
 Each Seventh Grader: 1 medium onion (uncut)
 Each Eighth Grader: 1 medium potato (uncut)

Individual Grade Level Projects (to be completed at school)

Early Childhood (EC Classes; Scottie Dogs, Goldfish, Dolphins, Clowns, Teddy Bears & Ladybugs) – prior to Thursday. Decorate Tray Liners for Stoney Brook Nursing Center & Texas Children's Hospital

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades – Sun-catchers – Gifts for the Volunteers who regularly work for MAM, WHAM & WHP

3rd Grade- Maundy Thursday – "Friendship Soup" – Opening cans & preparing soup (Sorting remaining cans for Houston Food Bank)

4th Grade- May be started prior to Maundy Thursday – Knitting Project – Students will knit sections of a baby blanket for the NICU at Texas Children's

5th, 6th & 7th Grades- after Maundy Thursday Eucharist – Prayer Bears – Students will cut out, stuff & sew prayer bears for "patrons" of WHP, Vitaliving & Mission Yahweh

8th grade – Maundy Thursday – Peeling & Chopping for "Friendship Soup"

HSES Choir – Maundy Thursday

Stoney Brook Nursing Center – Students in the Showchoir and Ensemble Choirs will perform for residents. Travel will be by bus. They will depart from school at 9:45AM, sing around 10:10 and leave around 11:00AM. The choirs plan to be back on campus by first lunch period at 11:30AM.

8th Grade and Junior National Honor Society Students – Volunteers are needed to serve Friendship Soup at the Community Dinner for the HS Volunteers starting at 5:30 PM.

The Church and School Communities thank you in advance for your support in making this a successful event for our students and our community.

Save The Date:

March 30 – PTO Ladies Spring Lunch, Pine Forest Country Club

April 1 – Maundy Thursday All School Service Day

April 7 – Curbside Coffee and Used Uniform Sale

April 8 – HSES Golf Tournament

April 10 – Garage Sale, HSES

May 5 – Volunteer Thank You Breakfast – Parish Hall, 8 AM

May 5 – PTO General Meeting – Parish Hall, 8:30 AM