



Holy Spirit
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

August 20, 2010



Upcoming Events



Tuesday, August 24	7 th Grade Parent Meeting regarding Marine Lab	Room 602
Wednesday, August 25	PTO General Meeting (8:30 am)	Parish Hall
Friday, August 27	PTO Fundraiser Kick-Off PTO Middle School Fun Night (6 pm – 9 pm)	Dave & Busters
Tuesday, August 31	5 th Grade Parent Meeting regarding Sky Ranch	Room 501

Chapels –Week of August 23-27, 2010.

Tuesday, August 24 – Contemporary Service (Blessing of the Backpacks) – Parish Hall

August 26 – Sanctuary

Chapel begins promptly at 8:25 am and ends at 8:45 am. Parents are always invited to come and worship with us.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS
A FEW CARPOOL AND PARKING PROCEDURE REMINDERS**

- Handicap Parking Spaces are reserved for those cars with Handicap parking tags. If you are waiting for a student to arrive at carpool, please do not pull into these spots. We have several families with legitimate needs for these spaces.
- **Never drop off a child unattended:**
 - Children may not exit cars until the designated time (8:00 AM) and only at the designated places.
- For the safety of our students, no passing in the carpool drop-off area is ever permitted.
- A student must never be “dropped off” in the parking lot. Students **of any age** need to be walked into the building and must be escorted them from the car to the building.
- Parents may park in the rows up to, but not past, the pedestrian crosswalk in the main parking lot. You must walk your child to and from your car, using the pedestrian crosswalk.
- SPEED WHILE IN THE HSES CARPOOL LINE MUST NOT EXCEED 5 MPH!
- SPEED WHILE EXITING THE HSES PARKING LOT MUST NOT EXCEED 15 MPH!
- Middle school students are not dismissed until 3:30. Please remember it will take them at least five minutes to gather their belongings before they can come to carpool. Therefore, middle school parents may want to arrive starting at 3:35.
- A student arriving late (after 8:20 am) **must** be escorted into the front office by an adult.



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



Ensemble Choir

Ensemble Choir (MS Grades 5 -8) will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 25, at 8:00 am in Room 503 (Mrs. Hogan). Notice new time! The choir will meet from 8:00 am until 8:35 am each Wednesday. The Ensemble Choir is responsible for the service music during Eucharist and other school related events. The fee to join the Ensemble Choir is \$20.00. (Checks should be made out to HSES)



Showchoir

Showchoir begins Tuesday morning, August 24, at 7:30 am. Showchoir is open to students in grades 1-4. Please meet in Mrs. Hogan's room at 7:30 am. The fee for membership in this year's choir is \$20.00 (siblings, \$15.00) which will help defray costs of music and other planned events (checks made out to HSES). The fall events for the Showchoir include 5 performances!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Things are off to a great start in middle school. Students are finding their way to their classes and getting used to the new routine of being back in school. The teachers are working hard encouraging the students to write down all of their assignments in their planners. It would be helpful if that were reinforced at home as well.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Eco-Link Trip Meetings

7th Grade—Tuesday, August 24 - Marine Lab

All 7th grade parents need to attend this meeting which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the science lab, room 602. **Please make sure all registration forms must be turned in and notarized by August 24th.** At this meeting, we will discuss packing lists, flight information, and other important details.

5th Grade—Tuesday, August 31 - Sky Ranch

All 5th grade parents need to attend this meeting which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in room 501.

6th Grade—Tuesday, September 7 – Red Cloud

All 6th grade parents need to attend this meeting which will be held at 6:30 p.m. in room 602.

High School Admissions

The high school admissions process has already begun. The 8th graders will be visiting St. Agnes Academy, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory, Houston Christian High School, Incarnate Word Academy, St. Thomas High School, and St. Thomas Episcopal High School in the next two months. We are planning a meeting for parents of 7th and 8th graders to discuss the admissions process. The date of the meeting was initially set, but we are trying to reschedule the meeting so it does not conflict with the 7th grade Marine Lab Eco-Link Trip. You will continue to receive updates about these important tours and dates.



Middle School Parent Orientation

Please keep Thursday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. available for the Middle School Orientation. This will be a great time for you to learn important information about your child's classes and their teacher's expectations.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

Cub Scouts

Cub Scout sign up will be Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m. near the gym area. Stay tuned to the HSES website for more details.

Tuition Reminder

1st semester tuition payment was due August 1st.

