



# Holy Spirit

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

- Monday, October 17:** MS Winter Sports Parents' Meeting 3:45 p.m. Gym  
MS Basketball Try-outs 4:15 p.m. Gym
- Tuesday, October 18:** **Grandparents and Special Friends Day** (*see schedule below*)  
Book Fair 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Gym  
MS Basketball Try-outs 3:30 p.m. Gym  
Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 19:** Book Fair 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Gym  
PTO Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.  
Book Fair Family Night 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Gym
- Thursday, October 20:** **HSES School Picture Day (Chapel Uniform required)**  
Book Fair 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gym
- Friday, October 21:** Book Fair 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Gym  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Room 501  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22:** Safeguarding God's Children 9:00 a.m. Youth Room



## BOOK FAIR OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Be sure to see the attached flyer with more information about Holy Spirit's Book Fair!

### *A Report Card from our Auditor . . .*

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees received a glowing report from our financial auditor, regarding Holy Spirit's financial management and bookkeeping practices. In fact, the auditor stated that Holy Spirit Episcopal School is "way ahead" of many other private schools in terms of financial standing and best accounting practices. Kudos to Mrs. Ranelle Johnson and Mrs. Barbara Novelli for keeping our school in excellent financial health!

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### **Fund for Excellence**

Please take a moment to view this year's Fund for Excellence video message at <http://bit.ly/o3l7Fx> . For more information about the Fund for Excellence, please contact Brooke Frank at [bf frank@hses.org](mailto:bf frank@hses.org).

### **HSES School Picture Day**

Please make a note that individual student pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. All students are required to wear their official uniforms and Middle School students are required to wear their blazers. Class pictures will be taken in the spring.

### **Parent- Teacher Conferences**

Lower School Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:40 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Sign-up sheets have been posted outside each classroom door. Please stop by the LS hallway to sign-up for your conference, or feel free to email your teacher to request one of his or her open appointments.

Middle School Conferences will also take place on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have a concern with a particular class, please sign up for a conference with that teacher. Please remember that your child needs to attend the conference with you. All conference sheets will be posted by Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Safeguarding God's Children**

This program has been put in place by the Episcopal Diocese to protect children and youth in our churches, schools and diocesan institutions.

Who is required to take Safeguarding God's Children class?

1. Anyone employed by HSEC or HSES
2. Anyone who works, volunteers or comes in contact with children for 6 hours or more within a year.

Class information and dates:

1. The class is 3 hours long and certification lasts 5 years, at which time individuals must be recertified to continue to work with children
2. The three hour class trainings are scheduled in churches, schools and Diocesan institutions as needed to be in compliance with the SGC policy standard that requires training within thirty days of beginning employment or ministry/volunteering with children and youth
3. We offer 4 onsite trainings at HSEC each year – additional trainings are held around Houston and can be found on the diocesan website at [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org) under the diocese tab (Safe Church).

The three remaining onsite training dates are:

- **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> , 9:00 a.m. in the youth room**
- Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. in the youth room
- Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> , 6:00 p.m. in the youth room

If you have additional questions regarding Safeguarding God's Children, please contact KariAnn Lessner at [dcfm@hsechurch.org](mailto:dcfm@hsechurch.org) or visit the Episcopal Diocese webpage at <http://www.epicenter.org/safechurch/>

### **Middle School Dance—6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

The Middle School Dance will take place on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in the gym. This dance is sponsored by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and will take place from 7:00 – 9:30. The cost will be \$10.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social will be held on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Social will be held in Mr. Murphy's room from 3:30 – 5:00.

## GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

### Grandparents and Special Friends Day      **Tuesday, October 18th**

Mark your calendar and invite your grandparents and/or special friends to join us on this very special day. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity that allows students to share with their grandparents or special friends just how unique Holy Spirit Episcopal School is to them. Throughout the morning each division will rotate to a chapel service, a continental breakfast and the Book Fair. CEC, EC and LS will also have classroom visitation in their rotation. Invitations have been sent home with your student. More information about Grandparents and Special Friends Day can be viewed on the HSES website at [www.hses.org](http://www.hses.org).

## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

The third and fourth grade students and teachers would like to **thank** the Holy Spirit students, the faculty, and all of our friends in the Holy Spirit Community for making “Rumpus in the Rainforest” a great success. Thank you so much for coming to our musical, and contributing to our service project, the “Fund for Furry Friends”.

The Ensemble Choir and the Showchoir will make an appearance at the Grandparents and Special Friends chapel service on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Showchoir will sing two selections, one accompanied on flute by Mrs. Bobbye Gardner, and the Ensemble Choir will lead the service music and give the Benediction. We hope to see everyone on this special day for our special family and friends.

The cast of “**Seussical, Jr.**” will meet on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. for an ‘all-day rehearsal’. This will be the first run-through of the libretto for all the students. Lunch will be provided. All cast members are expected to attend. The Crew is also encouraged to join us for that day. October 27<sup>th</sup> is a LS/MS Conference day for parents.

## PSIA



Dear Parents,

We will have an informative meeting about PSIA on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. PSIA (Private Schools Interscholastic Association) is an academic competition for private schools in the Houston Area. Last year our school was very successful at PSIA, and we want to continue that tradition. I hope you will come and find out more information about this exciting opportunity for our students.

**Carrie A. Durham, PSIA Director**

<mailto:cadurham@hses.org>

## CUB SCOUT CORNER

Pack 825 is off to a great start! We recently visited a Wolf Sanctuary where the boys saw real live wolves, learned about how they live and were able to see several of them up close, even petting them! The boys did a small service project to benefit the sanctuary. Our next major event is the Cub-O-Ree at Bear Creek Park later this month, where the boys will participate in a variety of athletic activities, bottle rocket launches, archery, tent Trick-or-Treating and overnight camping. Our pack will host the camp fire program at the Cub-O-Ree program. Our pack meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm. There is still time to join. Call Cub Master Chris Jackson at 713-433-7888.

## HSES DIRECTORY INFORMATION

### Extra Copies of the HSES Directory

The HSES Directories were sent home last week. If you need a second copy of the directory for your car, home or office, additional copies of the directory are available from the front office for \$5.00 each.

### Revisions / Updates

Please make a note of the following revisions and updates to the information published in the HSES Directory:

**Jasmine Yoon** (Third Grade – Beverly Ekstrom)  
Home Number: 832-294-7756  
Mom Cell Number: 832-294-7756  
Mom Name: Wonju Kim

**Landon Teague** (Kindergarten)  
Father: Don Teague  
Cell: (713)551-6126  
Email: [donteague@gmail.com](mailto:donteague@gmail.com)

**Graham Walker** (CEC)  
Email: [rachandhodge@gamil.com](mailto:rachandhodge@gamil.com)

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!

### LOWER SCHOOL 31st ANNUAL ROLLER SKATING PARTY OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 1:00 - 3:00 PM

To celebrate the fall season and the end of first quarter, students in the Kindergarten through Fourth grade will go to the Dairy Ashford Roller Rink for a skating party on Friday, October 28th.

**Date of Trip:** October 28, 2011  
**Destination:** Dairy Ashford Roller Rink  
**Address:** 1820 Dairy Ashford  
**Phone Number:** 281- 493-5651  
**Departure from School:** 12:30 PM

**Students will be transported by:** BUS  
**Supervising Teachers:** All 10 Lower School Teachers  
**Dress:** This will be a casual dress day.  
**Dismissal:** 3:00 PM from Dairy Ashford Roller Rink

*Please visit the HSES website for more information!*

## ATHLETICS AT HOLY SPIRIT



The Varsity Soccer Team invited all of the Youth Sports Soccer players for an all-team scrimmage on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Students from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade enjoyed the work-out and the popsicles that followed!