

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- 22 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL
6:30 School Board Meeting

23-25 THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER

- 1 8:10 Mass followed by Confessions
2 12:00 Dismissal—Faculty Meeting
6 CHINA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY
8 8:10 Mass - Immaculate Conception
9 8:15—BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
14-19 5th—8th EXAMS
15 8:10 Birthday Mass
December & November
21 11:00-12:30 Classroom
Christmas Parties
1:00 Christmas Pageant Practice
3:15 Dismissal
7:00pm CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Dec 22-Jan 2 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Jan. 3 CLASSES RESUME

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

There have been so many different activities sponsored during these first few months of school which required your support in so many ways. God love each and every one of you for responding in such a generous fashion. The candy drive generated close to \$4000 as the school's portion and we will be able to send 25% of that to help the earth-quake victims. The Spaghetti Dinner was a powerful expression of 'family' coming together to just celebrate and enjoy each other and our children and having a delicious meal as well, thanks to our Chef, Mrs. Fuess. And how great it was for those parents who were there to help with the preparations and clean-up afterwards...what great family spirit! Then with the November Food Drive, we were able to restock many of the shelves in the parish Food Pantry. What a powerful example/lesson we are teaching our children when it comes to responding to the needs of those who are less fortunate.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Please note that December 21 is a FULL DAY of school ending with our Christmas Pageant that night. The children will have their Christmas Parties in the CLASSROOM that day beginning at 11:00 and ending at 12:30. Homeroom Mothers are needing to check with their teachers to see what can be planned for the children's parties. We continue our Christmas Tradition of not exchanging gifts with each other but rather bringing in gifts for the children in the Star Hope Shelter downtown. Parents are welcome to bring in gifts for adults that could be sent as well.

Parents, if you are needing to take children out early because of holiday plans, these days absent or 'unexcused' and any work missing because of this cannot be made up. EXAMS for 5th through 8th Grades are scheduled to take place from Dec. 14-19. Exams equal 10% of their SEMESTER GRADE and if missed, cannot be made up.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—OUR CHRISTMAS BREAK IS FROM DECEMBER 22 THROUGH

JANUARY 2. I made a mistake in the last newsletter. CLASSES DO RESUME ON JANUARY 3.

SPELLING BEE

It is strongly suggested that those students participating in our annual Spelling Bee really take time during the holidays to study. Our HGS Spelling Bee is scheduled for Jan. 13 because we have to send in the names of the division winner and runner up by the end of that day.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

A flyer with all the information about the "Breakfast with Santa" will be coming home next week. Please be sure to check with your children and if by chance one did not come home, notify the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REGULATIONS

There are still many students who are coming to school not abiding by our school dress code. Many schools send students home if they do not follow the guidelines. Beginning January, more strenuous disciplinary actions will take place for those students who continue to refuse to follow the guidelines. They have one more month to get the correct shoes, sweaters, belts, socks, etc.



VISION STATEMENT

Holy Ghost School is a Christ-centered community Committed to nurturing Our multi-cultural family In mind, heart, and spirit By cultivating Catholic wisdom In educational excellence.

MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Ghost School, in the Teaching mission of the Church, reflects the Catholic Bishops directive, "To Teach As Jesus Did." HGS strives to achieve the Four main purposes of Christian Education: Proclaiming the message of Jesus, showing through Worship the sign of Christian unity, creating Community among its Members, and serving The Christian and Entire human community.