

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November

- 3 6:00 PM PTO MEETING-Cafeteria**
- 4 11:00am Awards Assembly
- 12:00NOON DISMISSAL—Faculty Meeting
- 10 8:10 Mass
- 11 2:00 Veterans' Day Prayer Service
- 14 Catholic School's Office FALL VISIT
- 15 6:30 Budget Committee Mtg.
- 17 5:00-7:00PM Spaghetti Dinner
- 18 PROGRESS REPORTS
- 22 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL
- 6:30 School Board Meeting

#### **23-25 THANKSGIVING BREAK**

#### AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We are truly proud of all our students who day after day give of their best/do their best. Some students, however, do master their skills on such a level that warrants special recognition and on November 4th at 11:00am we will be giving out the First Quarter Awards in Church.

#### WORLD'S FINEST CANDY SALE

We are truly grateful for all our families and children who worked so hard in selling candy which raised money for not only our school needs but to send funds which will help the victims of the earthquake which recently took place in Turkey. 25% of what we raised for the school will be designated for this need. God love everyone who truly went out of their way to sell as much as they could. The drive ends on Nov. 10 so hopefully we can give you the final update in next week's newsletter.

#### NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our reaching out to those less fortunate is truly an on-going call to us from our God. Every November we do what we can to bring in food which is distributed by our parish to those families who come in need throughout the year.

I realize all of our families have been doing as much as you could in addressing every need that we bring forth and I am sure our God is well pleased. We must remember that the POOR will always be with us and even though we may also be in need, there are always others who are worse off than we. If it weren't for our benefactors helping us every month, we would not be able to provide a Catholic education for our children here at Holy Ghost School. Again, thank you so very much for all your sacrifices which enable us to reach out to others.

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 Spirit of the Living God,  
 Open us to your dynamic  
 presence,  
 Stir our stagnant waters,  
 Awaken our sleeping gifts.

Spirit of the Living God,  
 Open us to your  
 Transforming power,  
 Move us with courage  
 To go to the depths,  
 Free us to let go.

Spirit of the Living God,  
 Open us,  
 Transform us,  
 Guide us through this year  
 Into a future full of hope.  
 Blessed Theresa,  
 Pray for us.

#### HGS ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Holy Ghost School makes every effort possible to keep the academic standards high for our students. We want our children to do well in whichever college prep high school they are able to attend. Our students are challenged to reach their potential at every grade level. As mentioned in the past completing their HOMEWORK every night is crucial in the learning process. This is where they put into practice what is taught in their classes. Long range projects with deadlines also are a way of preparing them to be able to handle such assignments that they will be expected of

them in high school. Students in grades three to eighth all have planners to record their daily homework. Several of the teachers also log this on their web-page. If students are truly struggling with keeping up with the work and mastering the skills on their grade level, you and/or the teacher can begin the process to have them tested to see if there is a greater academic need that we are not aware of that needs to be addressed. Please do not hesitate to request this to take place. It takes almost two months for the process to be completed and the results given. Parents, I ask you to look at the quality of the work your children are doing. Help them to take great pride in what they hand in, and in keeping up with their note taking and workbook assignments as well. Taking pride in what they do truly reflects in the way they succeed in mastering their skills on each grade level. The skills to learn progressively get harder as they advance from grade level to grade level. Having a positive attitude makes all the difference.