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Holy Ghost Lutheran School
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Wheatfield, NY 14304



March

- 29- K-8 half day - Easter Break begins
- April 9- Classes Resume
- 12-13- NYS ELA Tests
- 20- K-8 half day

Chapel this week- **Wednesday at 9:15a** -

Leader - Mrs. Gilgore - **Mission** - the Voice of the Martyrs

Easter Worship Opportunities: Please join us this Easter Season-

3/29- Maundy Thursday - 7p

3/30- Good Friday- 7 p

4/1- Easter Sunday- 7a & 10:30a - with a free breakfast at 8a hosted in the gym

Camp Pioneer Trip - grades 7 & 8

Look for paperwork to come home this week regarding details about the trip including balances that are due to be paid on May 3rd, and the plans for a mandatory parent meeting regarding the trip.

Spring Soccer League- grades 1-6

HG will once again be participating in Spring Soccer with other non-public schools- the forms were shared today with students and space is limited due to roster size - the payment and form are necessary to be submitted together for a roster spot to be reserved for a student - first come, first served - submit this asap!

Preschool Summer Unit- due this week!

HG offers an extension to the preschool program - the Preschool Summer Unit - which runs from the last day of the preschool program (week of May 20th) until the last day of HG's K-8 programs (6/14). This program has limited space and combines our 3 and 4 year old students. The paperwork for the Summer Unit is coming home this week and will be due by the end of March - subject to availability. Please note this program is on a first come first served basis.

Transportation forms- Please note **all** Transportation Forms are due to your school district of residence, **by April 1st**. Most transportation forms can be found on your district website- call the office if you have ?'s.

Hot Lunch -

Lunches **must be pre-ordered** for this program - paperwork and money should be submitted by the due date. Lunches not pre-ordered cost \$4, and may include substitutions.

Camp Sonshine - plans to repeat this program are in the works - look for paperwork after Easter Break.

Bills Stadium Tour - save the date - we have a bunch of students who earned a free tour of the Bills Stadium this Spring and this event is now scheduled - May 18th - times TBA- for those included- look for more specific information to come home after Easter Break.

Hearts For The Homeless- see the red box outside near the paper recycling bins. Hearts for the Homeless, helps those in need by collecting clothing, shoes, and blankets. This organization also provides a mobile soup kitchen to those who are unable to go to them. They appreciate your donations and if you would like to learn more about their work in the community please check out their website : www.heartsforthehomeless.org

NYS Testing Program -

Shortly after the Easter Break our 3-8 grade students will take the state assessment in ELA. The mathematics assessment is scheduled for May 1-3. At Holy Ghost, these tests are used as a benchmark. Some benefits include preparing students for the practice of testing, results give insight of student progress, teachers use results to assess instructional effectiveness and to guide curriculum resource decisions. In the past the test presented a harsher student experience - related to the length and timing of the assessment. Currently the state has changed some of these practices to where the tests include less content and is taken over fewer days with as much time as a student requires. Holy Ghost Lutheran School chooses to administer these tests for educational purposes and desires our student body to participate. Please contact Mr. Gundell if you have any reservations or questions about your child participating in these assessments.

175th Anniversary Cookbooks are Here!

Thank you to those students and families that contributed recipes! They are selling for \$10.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please send in a note, stating how many you would like and the money in an envelope to Mrs. Carrier. She will then send them home within a couple days to you.

EVERYTHING WAS AWESOME!!!

Thank you some much to everyone who came out to our 7th & 8th Graders' LEGO Night. We had a fantastic turnout and the kids all seemed to have a great time. Hopefully the parents enjoyed their time out as well. If you have any suggestions about future events of this type, please return the surveys that were handed out on Friday night.

Menchies Fundraiser - this Wednesday, March 28 from noon - 10pm

Join us at Menchies- 40% of sales come back to Holy Ghost Middle School 6th -8th grade for their upcoming trips. Look for flyer in your kids red folder coming home today. Thanks for your continued support.

Front Circle Drive - Morning Drop-off/ Car pick-up

The Front Circle Drive should have single lane traffic only!

For morning drop-off: the circle drive is for quick drop-off only. If you need to assist your child in any way, please park your vehicle in the appropriate parking spaces. If arriving after 8:30a, your child is tardy and must be accompanied by an adult into the building.

For 3:00p Car pick-up: do not park in the front circle drive - parents walking into the building for pick-up must wait until the doors are open at 2:55p - at which time a line is formed on the right side of the entry hall. Cars picking up students should line up on Washington St. and wait for Mr. Gundell to signal the start of the pick-up process - please be careful to not block driveways and stay off of neighbors property.

Building Access - *NEW with our new access control door system* -

Please review these policies related to building access that in the past were more difficult to manage - with our new access control system these policies will be strictly enforced -(pertaining to the K-8 building) :

- All building access for parents and students must be gained from the Main Entry - Luther St.
- Morning Drop-Off - the doors will be unlocked from **8:15-8:30a** - if students are dropped off prior to these times then they are utilizing our morning latchkey program- at a charge; - if students are dropped off after these times then they are tardy and the parent must come in to complete a tardy slip
- Building Entry during school - only permitted at the Main Entry - parents/ volunteers must sign-in at the office and should conduct business with the administrative, assistant, Mrs. Male - please do not expect to enter the classrooms unless an arrangement has been previously made

- Afternoon Pick-up - the system will unlock the doors from **2:55- 3:15p** - parents must wait until this time to enter the building for student pick-up - any students not picked up by 3:15p will be registered into the latchkey program at a charge

Please see Mr. Gundell with any questions on these policies or for more information on HG's new building security system.

Conquering Cancer Walk- Please join us on Saturday June 2nd, help us raise money to help Conquer Cancer and celebrate Holy Ghost's 175th Anniversary. Flier coming home soon.

Inclement Weather- School Closings

In the event that school must be closed due to inclement weather, the teachers will use the Remind text service to directly communicate to families - closings will also be listed on ch. 2, 4, 7, & on WBEN 930AM.

LUNCH MENU *for the week*



Hot lunch menu -

Monday-Chicken Fingers/Mashed Potatoes/Fruit

Tuesday-Taco's n a Bag/Rice/Fruit

Wednesday-Pizza/Salad or Carrots/Ice Cream

Thursday-No Hot Lunch

Friday -No School

**Ice Cream sold on Tuesday and Thursday

PTL

Please watch our **Facebook Page: Holy Ghost Lutheran School & PTL**

You can also email the PTL at: Holyghostptl@gmail.com

PTL ELECTIONS – we will find a time/day to reschedule these.

Thank You all for your Chocolate Orders. This is the first year we are using Gertrude Hawk. Let us know what you think of them. We made a profit of about \$2500!! That is fantastic...

Cake Auction is coming next month. Start getting some inspiration on Pinterest. Pair up your cake creation with an exciting, toy, gift card or theme related item to up your auction value. Information will come home soon.

Preschool

PreK 3- It was so fun to see so many friends at LEGO night. Hope you had fun! This week our class work is all about Easter and we look forward to celebrate with one another on Thursday at 10:30. The newsletter had all of the details. We hope that everyone can make it!

Easter Blessings,

Mrs. Denise Coble

PreK 4- There is no Letter of the Week. Since this is Holy Week our Bible stories will reflect that and we will finish our Easter stories when we return in April. We will enjoy more Dr. Seuss stories and practice numbers. Tuesday is Pajama Day!

Happy Easter

He is Risen,

Mrs. Crawford

Kindergarten

This week we will be continuing our study of the Easter Story. This week is passion week and we will be

talking about the various things that Jesus endured for our salvation. Wednesday is the pancake breakfast that I will be having for the kids. They will not need a morning snack that day. Also, I have some other fun things planned this week to help in our celebration. Please consider joining us for worship this week and weekend. I hope everyone has a great holiday break.

Spelling Words for this week: no spelling test this week

Memory Verse for this week: "He died for all." 2 Corinthians 5:15

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me anytime at jodi.meissnerhg@gmail.com or via Remind
God's Blessings,

Mrs. Meissner

This week's Kindergarten Schedule:

Monday -

Tuesday - Gym Class / Art Class

Wednesday - Chapel Day

Thursday - Gym Class / **11:30am Dismissal**

Friday - No School

Grade 1

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. This week we will have a new spelling unit. We will focus on words with ar. We will also have a new story. Our new story is "Frog and Toad Together". Our target skill this week is Story Structure and Repetition. In writing we will continue to work on our book this week as well as our BOCES Literacy Contest. I sent home order forms for the book on Friday. Please consider ordering our one of a kind books. In Math we are working finishing up our topic on numbers made with tens. We will be reviewing this week and having a Topic 8 test. Please go to www.xtramath.org to master your addition skills. In Social we will learn about how immigrants added to our culture. In Science we will continue concentrating on animals. In Religion we continue our "Journey to the Cross". Our story this week is "Peter Denies Jesus and Jesus before Pilate and Herod." The children will be tested on their memory verse on Friday. Please help them study their verse. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at belinda.stenzel@gmail.com or via Remind.

*Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Stenzel*

Grade 2

In Religion this week, we will learn how Jesus in Gethsemane and how Peter denies Jesus. Memory verses this week will be recited on Tuesday and Thursday. Please join us for Chapel on **Wednesday**, starting at 9:15am.. Remember your offerings, which go to the Voice of the Martyrs. In Spelling this week, our words are a **Review Unit**. This week, we will be reading a chapter book in class, "Ready Freddy Save the World" and completing activities that go along with the book. Please continue to read and reflect each night in your reading log. In Math, we will continue to work with place value to 1,000. On www.ixl.com, our skill for the week is **Student Choice** to be completed this week. Please go to www.xtramath.org to master your addition and subtraction. In Science, we will start Chapter 5, Earth's Land, Air and Water. For Tasting Tuesday last week, we had **apricots**. What will we have this week? In Social, we have finished our study of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. I hope the students had as much fun as I did, following the race. At our HG Musher's Banquet on Friday, we handed out awards, based on the race. We also had venison, beef jerky and fish (Goldfish and Swedish Fish). This week, we will start Unit 4 People Long Ago.

Book Club on Wednesday, April 11th in our classroom from 3:15-4:15 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at carriergail@gmail.com or through Remind so we can have a successful year!

I pray that you and your family has a Blessed Easter! Hallelujah, He is Risen!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Carrier

Monday - Piano

Tuesday - Gym; Practice spelling test

Wednesday - Chapel & Offering; Memory verse

Thursday -Gym; Scholastic News due; Memory verse; Final Spelling tes; dismissal at 11:30am

Friday- No school

Grade 3

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. We will be spending our Reading time this week reviewing and preparing for the NYS ELA Test. I will also be benchmark testing students on their reading level. There is no Spelling Unit or Memory assignment this week due to the short week. Students will receive their next reading log after Easter Break. Students will have a test on Topic 11, Two dimensional shapes and their attributes today. Then we will begin Topic 13 on Perimeter. In Social Studies, students will be learning about money in Chapter 12. In Science, students will begin Chapter 9 on resources. In Religion, we will be learning about prayer.

Math Club will meet again on Thursday, April 12, 2018 after school from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. Students may bring a snack to enjoy at the beginning of Math Club. The last two sessions of Math Club will take place on April 19th and April 26th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school, via remind or email me at mgilgore@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

Ms. Gilgore

Grade 4

Please send in 2 hard-boiled eggs on Wed. March 28. We will be dying eggs. Due to the short week, there will be no red "Friday" folder coming home this week.

ELA: There will be no new spelling unit this week due to the shortness of the week, so that means no spelling chart homework. In grammar, we will continue learning about prepositions and prepositional phrases. Our Journeys passage is a myth called "Hercules' Quest". We will also be reading a folktale entitled "Zomo's Friends".

Math: We will be adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators and learning how to simplify or put fractions in simplest form. There is no new IXL homework due to Easter break. Any student with overdue IXL homework for this quarter should use the break to catch up.

Religion: Our lessons will focus on Jesus' suffering and death. Memory work is due on Wednesday.

Social Sciences: The quiz on the Southeast region is Tuesday, March 27

In Christ, Mrs. Woodley

Grade 5

Spring has sprung in the Fifth Grade Classroom!! Students extended their interest in plants from our Science curriculum and planted seeds-bean seeds. I heard squeals of delight each day as they watered, checked sunshine levels and

cared for their seedlings. We will be working on alliteration poems this week and the students will use their horticulture experiences for ideas for their poems. We also had some mighty insightful conversations about planting our own gardens and what we would do with the harvests. Very kind ideas expressed :)

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them’; and it was so.” Genesis 1:11-12.

Homework and test announcements are written in the students’ Agendas daily.

Mrs. Gildersleeve
margogilder@gmail.com

Math: Math 5 students also are required to complete 30 minutes of IXL per week. They can choose any topic they wish, but practice with adding and subtracting fractions and their multiplication facts will be of great help to them. This will greatly benefit your child in the future and in their math ability, and can be done at home or in school. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hoerner at krhoerner3@gmail.com. Thank you!

Middle School

Math 6: In math 6 this week we will be talking about 3D shapes. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hoerner at krhoerner3@gmail.com. Thank you!

Math 7: we will begin a study on probability that will continue after the Easter Break

Math 8: we will be reviewing this week and will begin a new chapter after the Easter Break

Alg 1: we will complete our chapter and have a test on Thursday

Any questions for Mr. Gundell regarding middle school math?? Email - hg.principal@outlook.com

Earth Science: This week in Earth Science we will be discussing fresh water resources. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hoerner at krhoerner3@gmail.com. Thank you!

Life Science: This week in life science we will be discussing mammals. If you have any questions please email Mrs. Hoerner at krhoerner3@gmail.com. Thank you!

Mr. Meissner

Middle School ELA:

There will be spelling and vocabulary quizzes this week. Final tests will be on Friday. There will not be a Spelling pretest on Wednesday.

8ELA: Begin reading Lord of the Flies. Make sure to write responses in your journals. Students will be working on last year’s NYS test to prepare for this year’s test.

7ELA: Continue reading Jacob Have I Loved. Test Friday. Make sure to write responses in your journals. Students will be working on last year’s NYS test to prepare for this year’s test.

6ELA: We are reading A Single Shard. Make sure to write responses in your journals. Students will be working on skills to take the NYS tests. We will be working out of Book 3 from last year’s test. We’ll also be working on a persuasive writing prompt.

6SS: They will begin outlining and copying vocab as well as section reviews from Chapter 8 on Ancient Greece. Final test on Thursday. Notebooks will be collected as well.

7-8SS: Complete vocabulary, notes and section reviews for Chapter 15. Notebooks will be collected at the end of the chapter. Final test on Thursday.

Specific assignments and lesson plans have been shared with students via Google Classroom.

If you ever have a question regarding an assignment or want an update as to how your child is doing. Don't hesitate to contact me at mr.meiss@gmail.com. or by cell: 478-2018

Spanish 7: This week we will continue to study Weather and Seasons. There is no test until after Easter Break. There is homework due today and that will be it for the week. Please feel free to contact me at blonderasch@aol.com if you ever have a question. Thank you!

Spanish 8: Tomorrow we will be have a test on Chapters 1-19. There will be no homework this week, however the "Menu" projects are due. I am eager to see all of the different restaurants my students have invented. Please contact me at blonderasch@aol.com if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!



ART

Kindergarten - Thumbprint Dandelion

Grades 1 & 2 - Cut Paper project

Grades 3 & 4 - Origami Box (Next project Decalcomania a style of impressionist painting)

Grade 5 - Clay

Grades 6-8 A "Dangles" project for the girls and Papier Mache Masks for the boys

**ART CLUB for First Grade this Tuesday, March 27th @3:00-4:30
Meet me in the Third Grade Room and BRING A SNACK.**

8th GRADERS I still NEED a few Baby Pictures which will be featured in the yearbook. If I don't get your picture I will be obligated to draw you in Stick Figure Form :)

Mrs. Crawford

Music

SKIP Choir- Thank you, choir members, for your beautiful praises on Palm Sunday. Many people complimented me on how well you sang, so I am passing on the compliments to you! Our next scheduled

time to sing is the spring concert. More information will come home at a later date.

“Sing to the Lord all the earth!” Mrs. Woodley

Instrumental Music Lessons- Mr. Maloney will be giving lessons on Thursdays during school operation.

PIANO: Be sure you are signed up to receive important updates. Text @mrsforsey to 81010.

Sports

All sports season schedules are posted online at: www.holyghostlcms.org

- enter the school site and find the Sports Calendar link in the left side-bar

Congratulations to our Varsity girls basketball team on their CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

All Teams: Uniforms are due back to Mr. Meissner ASAP.

Make sure to pay the \$40 fee, sign and turn in the sports pledge and fill out and turn in the medical form. Players will NOT be allowed to play with any of these that are missing.

Sports Eligibility: Any student wishing to participate must have a cumulative C average and no Fs. If this requirement is not met, the student will be suspended from play for a one week minimum, and lasting until the teacher(s) from the class(es) give their approval based on an improvement in their grade.

Cheerleading: Sparks cheerleading is officially over. Uniforms need to be washed and returned to Mrs. Stenzel ASAP. We are cheering this evening for the tournament. Girls are to report to St. John by 6:30pm. We are supposed to cheer at 7pm. If we win tonight we will be having practice Wednesday till 4pm. If we lose, we will be having a cheer party instead. I am asking each girl to send in \$5 to cover the cost of snacks, drinks, and pizza for the party. Everything is also available on TeamSnap.

Volleyball (Grades 6-8):

Medical forms and \$40 fee need to be turned in to Mr. Meissner ASAP.

Practices @ St. James:

Tuesday: Team 1 (Mrs. M and Mr. G) At St. James 3:15-4:30. Team 2 (Mr. V.) 4:30-5:30.

Thursday: Team 1 (Mrs. M and Mr. G) At St. James 3:15-4:30. Team 2 (Mr. V.) 4:30-5:30.

Please contact Mr. Meissner with any problems or concerns. mrmeiss@gmail.com - 478-2018.

HG Extras

Food Pantry- We are collecting canned goods and non-perishables to donate to local food pantries. This an ongoing project, so please feel free to drop off items in front of Mrs. Gildersleeve's room or the office. Thanks for your generosity.

Box Tops for Education:

We are still collecting Box Tops. Please continue to send them in. You can also go online to www.BoxTops4Education.com for additional bonus points for our school. Thanks for your support!

Tops- Sign up online and use your Bonus Card to earn money for our school.

