

The Spirit

Of Holy Spirit Catholic School

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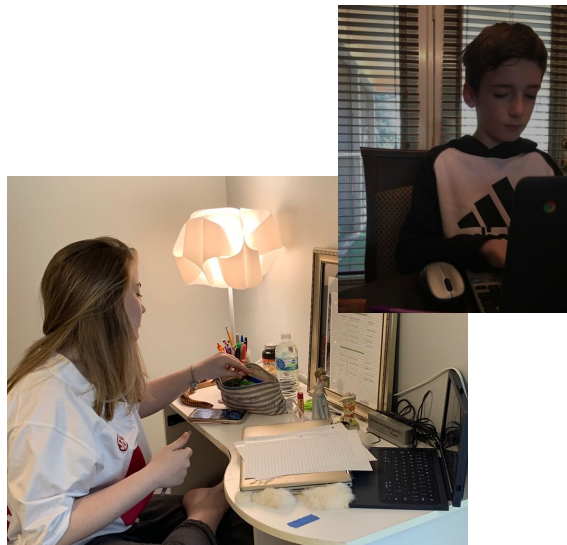
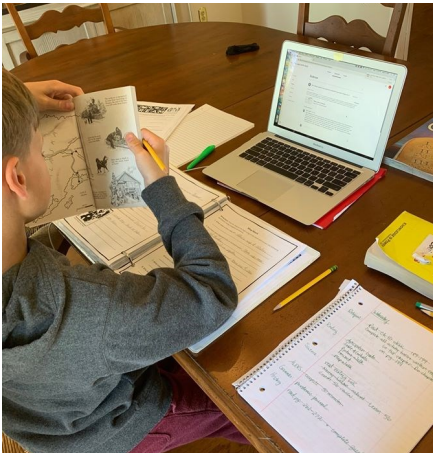
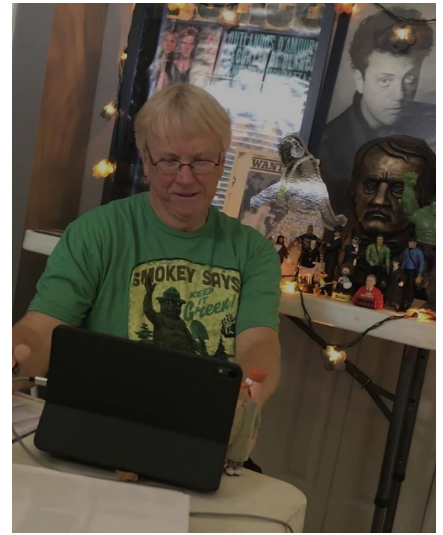


Student Ambassadors directed tours Catholic Schools Week at the open house.

In this issue: Remote Learning, Gala/Spirit Fund, Student Accomplishments and Activities, Science Fair Results, Honor Society Inductees, Athletics, Fine Arts, Visual Arts Achievement Show Entries, First Semester Honor Roll, Gala Business Sponsors

Students, Teachers, and Parents Turn to Remote Classrooms

When life gives you viruses, it's necessary to go viral. That's certainly what the Covid 19 pandemic has pushed us to do. Thankfully, modern technology enabled our administrators and teachers to continue lessons and work around the Corona-virus obstacle in order to complete the course of study for the school year. Immediately following Spring Break, our teachers didn't miss a beat and were working hard to bring Zoom class meetings and Google Classroom assignments to all students. The online meetings have allowed our students to also meet with their peers to fill the void of socialization that distancing from campus has caused. In order to continue some normalcy, the school hosted spirit week which allowed the students to work on classes from outdoors, wear silly socks and hats, and submit drawings of their favorite Bible verses. Through C.A.S.E, the Continuation of Academic and Spiritual Education, our school principals Jonathan Loper and Joshua Saibini are pleased that the students are receiving the necessary tools and instruction to earn credits to complete the curriculum and stay actively involved in their academics, spiritual development, fine arts, and areas of physical and emotional fitness.



Class of 2020

High school principal Jonathan Loper made sure to personally deliver yard signs, graduation caps and gowns, and certificates of achievement to the homes of our senior members of the Class of 2020 while social distancing during the Covid 19 community ordinance. Our senior students will be highlighted on social media so be sure to follow us on Facebook to read about where these young people will be headed to college and what accomplishments they have.



Student Council President Sophie Livaudais tries on her cap and gown.



Jonathan Loper delivers senior graduation items and certificates.



Accept the Mission; Share the Spirit

Our annual gala event was held at the Bryant Conference Center this year with a Roaring 20s theme, silent and live auctions, jazz band, and catering by Hotel Capstone. The event was attended by many of our parents, family members, alumni, and friends of Holy Spirit School. It was a great way to end National Catholic Schools Week. We appreciate everyone who has given to our Spirit Fund campaign and to those that supported our gala. Your generosity helps to cover operational costs, advancements in technology, and improvements to our school not covered by tuition revenue. It is with your help that we are able to continue to provide the best in education to our children. If you missed the event, it's not too late to make a pledge to the 2020 campaign. No amount is too small and all donations are tax deductible. Together we can make a difference! Thank you for your support.

Laurie Mitchell

Director of Advancement



Re-registration is now in progress. Parents, be sure to turn in your child's enrollment forms to secure their spot for the 2020-21 school year.

Holy Spirit offers an accredited curriculum with Christian values, fine arts, sports programs, and enrichment opportunities. We are now accepting applications for new students for the 2020-21 school year. For admissions information, please contact Laurie Mitchell at lmitchell@holyspirit-al.com.

Lenten Journey

The Holy Spirit family began the Lenten season with Mass for Ash Wednesday. Ashes placed on the forehead, from the previous year's Palm Sunday branches, are a visible symbol of penance. During the Mass our students symbolically placed the Alleluia banner away until after the joyous celebration of Easter.

Please join us for our virtual all campus Mass each Thursday at 9:00 am via Facebook livestream.



Father Deering places ashes on the forehead of Lucy Osucha at the Ash Wednesday Mass.



Students symbolically take down the Alleluia banner to begin the Lenten season. The Alleluia is sung again at the Easter Mass.

Ring in Senior Year

In 1835 the graduating class of West Point started the tradition of class rings to commemorate the student's association with the school. The tradition continues today as many students celebrate their milestone towards graduation at their institutions of learning. The junior class of Holy Spirit Catholic School marked their accomplishments by receiving class rings at the Junior Ring Ceremony and Mass celebrated at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on February 6, 2020 followed by a reception and student retreat.



High school juniors and their parents together at the Junior Ring Mass

Former Coach Sends Academic Team to State History Bowl

When a former academic team coach found out this year's team needed money in order to attend invitational tournaments, he came up with the idea of "sponsoring" the team for certain tournaments and agreed to sponsor the team for the State History Bowl. Fred Klug coached the team from 2001 until 2012. After 2016, the team disbanded for a short time, but the team is back and doing great things to put Holy Spirit on the quiz bowl map once again. New coach and first year Latin teacher Leah Clark is a former member of Klug's team and former varsity captain. She asked Mr. Klug for his advice on how to raise money to pay for tournaments, which generally cost between 75 and 100 dollars and well, the rest is "history!" "I have a special place in my heart for the History Bowl," said Mr. Klug. "I took our 2011 team to the state tournament and we qualified for nationals in Washington, D.C. We ended up taking only three team members and competed against four-person teams. That team of Joseph Latham, Ian Ramdeen, and Satchell Watts-Kerr finished 16th out of 120 teams and represented our school and our state very well!" Mr. Klug is hoping the idea of tournament sponsorship will catch on and give our new coach and team members less to worry about in terms of fundraising. He plans to sponsor the team each year for the state history bowl in hopes that one day, they too can get to the national tournament. The team is off to a great start this year and has already competed in the Alabama Scholastic Competition Association (ACSA) sectional tournament, beating both Northridge and ACA in that competition and qualifying for the ASCA state tournament.



Congratulations to our Scholar Bowl team members Ben Midkiff (captain), Alexandria McCoy, Pearl Davis, Alex Halbesleben, Jadyn Fording, Austin Johnson, Jack Reilly, Kailey Bartlett, David Holman, and Kaitlin Nash. They went undefeated at the district tournament.

If you are interested in sponsoring the Academic Team for any one of its many tournaments, please contact Ms. Leah Clark at lclark@holyspirit-al.com for more information.

Our Country Tis of Thee...

Our second grade class visited the American Village in Montevallo, AL to enhance their studies of American History. Students participated in historical re-enactments and discovered the history and government of our country.



100 Days Smarter

What would you look like at 100 years old? Some of our younger students dressed the part for the 100th day of school. Math classes for our younger students had them counting objects to 100 and other activities related to the number 100.





Catholic Schools Week

Holy Spirit celebrated National Catholic Schools Week January 22nd-February 1st with the theme “Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Many activities celebrated our students, faculty, community, nation, and volunteers. The Mayor of Tuscaloosa, Walter Maddox, presented Principal Jonathan Loper and History Teacher Matthew Ogonowski with a proclamation declaring the week of January 26-February 1 as Catholic Schools Week in Tuscaloosa. The PTO organized a family skate party at the roller skating rink, the high school shared breakfast and the elementary school shared lunch, students went out in the community to serve those at the VA hospital, our sixth graders attended Mass officiated by the Bishop at St. Paul’s Cathedral, and our parents, faculty, and supporters came together for the annual Gala/auction fundraising event held at the Bryant Conference Center to conclude the week.





Who Doesn't like Math and Ice Cream?

Lucy Cochran, Alessandra Innis-Kopelson, Odalys Garcia, and Grant Haskett, all 3rd graders, were the first to pass their multiplication facts timed tests 0-12's. They worked hard and got a paper scoop for each timed test passed and earned a real ice cream cone when they passed them all.

Saving the School – from Monsters

The 5th grade started a new unit on fractions third with a “Break Out” type game! Students solved fraction problems to help save the school from monsters! Luckily their problem solving skills proved effective!



Cultural Studies

The preK students learned about the Chinese New Year Festival and Chinese culture while doing special crafts and participating in a dragon parade.



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

First grade students celebrated Mardi Gras with colorful masks and beads.

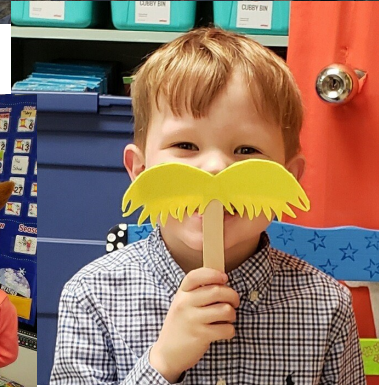
Prek Roundup

Our Preschool students and teachers wore their western wear while learning about things at the ranch.



Oh the Places We'll Go!

Read Across America Week would not be the same without celebrating the birthday of children's book author Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel). The week commemorated favorite stories with silly hats and socks, rhyming words, and colorful characters from our younger students and their teachers.



Be sure to shop our Online Book Fair!

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Apr. 27 - May 8

Thank you for visiting our homepage! Every purchase from the book fair earns rewards for our school, so please stop by and support us.



Check out the elementary and K-8 interactive book flyer.

Come to the Book Fair!

Sharing the Love

Celebrating the feast day of St. Valentine meant our students enjoyed class parties, shared valentines, sent carnations throughout the campus, and of course ate candy. St. Valentine was a widely recognized 3rd century Roman saint, commemorated in Christianity on February 14th.



The students enjoyed making holiday crafts at the Valentine's Day parties in the elementary school.

Smile!

Eating Valentine's Day candy was ok for our first graders. They learned about keeping those candy cavities away with the important practice of brushing and saw how different substances can stain our teeth through an "egg"-periment (pictured below) during February's Dental Health month.

Pictured below: Annelise Turner extracts some "teeth" from her drawing during oral hygiene month. Students saw how certain substances stain egg shells much like they stain our teeth.



Recycling

Our kindergarten students did some recycling to create "trash monsters" in time for Earth Day. The students got to share their creations virtually during a Zoom class meeting from home during the Coronavirus stay at home ordinance.



National Exam Recognition

Chloe Pernia, freshman, received a Magna Cum Laude award, the third highest possible award, on the National Latin Exam.

Alex Halbesleben, freshman, received the second highest possible award, the Silver Maxima Cum Laude, on the National Latin Exam. Alex was also recognized for qualifying to the National Science Exam.



Chloe Pernia



Alex Halbesleben



Ben Midkiff

Don't Know Much About History? This Guy Does!

Ben Midkiff, high school senior, qualified for the National History Bee and the National US History Exam after receiving high scorer at the state competition.

Our high school literary and art digital magazine can be found at www.hs-slam.com. Be sure to check out the fascinating works of our students.

Students Compete For College Scholarships

The 2020 Integrated Marketing Communications Creative Competition held at the University of West Alabama went virtual this year due to the social distancing regulations in the state because of the pandemic crisis. Nine Holy Spirit high school students placed at the competition in the areas of portrait photography, commercial photography, social media, public relations, and news broadcasting. First place winners of the IMC3 Competition receive a \$2,000 scholarship, second place receives a \$1,000 scholarship, and third place a \$500 scholarship to the University of West Alabama. Entries can be seen at imc3.me. Congratulations to the following students:

Carla Leal (1st place Portrait Photography), Jade Stewart (3rd place Portrait Photography), Claire Laubenthal(2nd place Commercial Photography), Saniya Singh(3rd place Commercial Photography), Sarah Martin(1st place TV Anchoring), Alexandria McCoy(2nd place Crisis Management), Maddie Mitchell(1st place Radio Advertising), Sophie Livaudais(1st place Social Media), Mary Katherine McNamara(3rd place Social Media).

Students Visit the Nation's Capital

The annual junior class trip to Washington, D.C. took place before Spring Break and allowed our students to tour the area before the country's pandemic shutdown took place. Students were able to visit several monuments and museums around the D.C. and Arlington, Virginia areas to enhance their studies of US History.



Science Fair Results

The School Science Fair was held on February 18th with judging from the Tuscaloosa Community. Local level winners qualified for the regional science fair at the University of West Alabama on March 6th.

Animal Science

Alex Tant, 7th grade 2nd place -Ozone? Hunting Zone?

Ava Cicatiello, 7th grade 1st place - Bird is the Word

Matthew Wilson, 9th grade 3rd place -Fish Mayhem

Allie Albea, 9th grade 2nd place -Canines Catching ZZZ's

Hayden Pilkinton, 9th grade 1st place- Can Cats Detect the Essential Amino Acid Taurine?

Behavioral Science

CJ Thompson, 7th grade 2nd place -It's Time for Reaction

Savannah Osborne, 7th grade 1st place -Did You Notice?

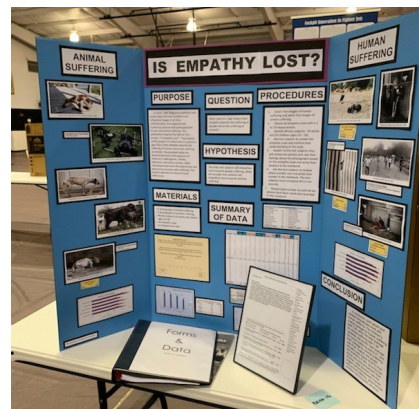
Maddie Butson, 8th grade 2nd place -Is It Good To Be a Social Butterfly?

Carly King, 8th grade 1st place -Correlation Between Birth Order and Personality

Bethany Fording, 9th grade 3rd place -Visualization and Its Effect on Sport Performance

Sidd Davis, 10th grade 2nd place -U Scared?

Claire Laubenthal, 10th grade 1st place -Is Empathy Lost?



Chemistry

Marley Griffin, 7th grade 3rd place -Volcanic Lava Lamps

Zahir Mireles, 7th grade 2nd grade -Oh No a Stain

Bria Wells, 7th grade 1st place - Bubble Bubble Toil and Trouble

Robbie Tillman, 8th grade Honorable Mention -Leakin' Diapers

Peyton Davis, 8th grade 3rd place -The Physical Properties of Bubbles

Wesley Killen, 8th grade 3rd place -Liquid Conductivity

Mia Livaudais, 8th grade 2nd place -Clean Water

Paul Rodriguez, 8th grade 1st place -How Long Can It Go?

Chloe Pernia, 9th grade 2nd place -Gummy Bear Osmosis

Kailey Bartlett, 9th grade 1st place -Burning Calories



Engineering

Ruben Vega, 7th grade Honorable Mention -Can you Grab It?

Savanah Fikes, 7th grade 3rd place -Salt No More

Mateo Innis-Kopelson, 7th grade 2nd place -Lightning Charge

Joseph Jones, 7th grade 1st place - Clean Filter, Clean Water

Deblyn Gomez, 8th grade 2nd place -Proof Earthquake Building

Ugie Alilonu, 8th grade 1st place - Building Bridges

Audrey Duco-Moore, 9th grade 3rd place -Hydro-Dam

William Shields, 9th grade 2nd place -Carbon Fiber Surfboards

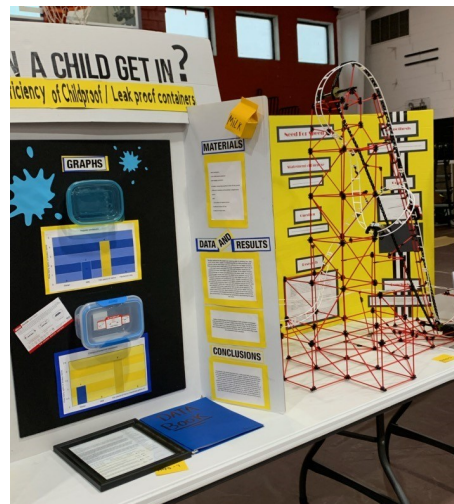
Victoria Whitehead, 10th grade 1st place -Cockpit Innovation: In Stealth Fighter Jets

Environmental Science

Madi Cameron, 7th grade 3rd place -Hats Against Gnats

Breana Cook, 7th grade 2nd place -Water Quality

Austin Hemstreet, 7th grade 1st place -Do We Have Clean Air?



Mario Lopez, 8th grade 1st place— Bamboo vs. Regular Paper Towels

Joshua Turner, 10th grade 2nd place-Aquacity

Madalyn Mitchell, 10th grade 1st place-Coney Island

Medicine and Health

Addie Veillon, 7th grade 1st place—Blinding Lights

Trent Ewart ,8th grade 2nd place—20/20 Vision

Genesis Lee, 8th grade 1st place—Did I Stutter?

Sam Blakeney, 10th grade 3rd place-Does Caffeine Actually Give You Energy?

Cailyn Garrett, 10th grade 2nd place-Exercise Sleeping

Carley Thompson, 10th grade 1st place —Flexing Your Reflexes

Microbiology

Cena Stewart, 7th grade 1st place— Nightmare on Germaphobe Street

Will Collins, 9th grade 3rd place— Mold is in the Air

Kaitlin Nash, 9th grade 2nd place— An Aerobic Exercise

Anna Marie Leach, 9th grade 1st place— Denaturing Proteins

Physics

Jarran Arrington, 7th grade Honorable Mention-Need for Speed

JT Besanceney, 7th grade 3rd place-Take Flight

Owen Rock, 7th grade 2nd place— The One That Got Away

Luke Langkawell, 7th grade 1st place-Pullies Please

Michael Lopacki, 8th grade 3rd place-What Wood Burns the Hottest

Charli Kyser, 8th grade 2nd place-What is the Popability of Popcorn

Jonas Senkbeil, 8th grade 1st place-Weather Delivery

Alyssa Faircloth, 9th grade Honorable Mention-Going Yard

Colin Deloach, 10th grade 3rd place-Does Floor Surface Matter?

Maya Barnes, 10th grade 3rd place-Golf

Jacob Bui, 10th grade 2nd place— The Benefits of Swept Wings in Aerodynamics

Marie Mewes, 10th grade 1st place-Bulletproof: Using Magnetic Fields to Counter the Motion of Metallic Projectiles

Plant Sciences

Andre Rice, 7th grade 3rd place— Freezing and Plant Germination

Sadie McClendon, 7th grade 2nd place— Hydroponics

Emily Sabatino, 7th grade 1st place— In Spirit of Light Will Plants Grow Right?

Yasmeen Baumhower, 8th grade 3rd place-Are Plants Drawn to Sunlight?

Reed Simmons, 8th grade 2nd place— Plant Light

Elena Matos, 8th grade 1st place-Worm Effects

Annie Holt, 9th grade 3rd place-Size or Sun

Grady McClendon, 9th grade 2nd place— Fake News? Do WiFi Routers Effect Plant Growth?

Alex Pilkinton, 10th grade 1st place— Effects of Ambient Light on Algae# and Chlorophyll

Systems Software

Jack Reilly, 10th grade 2nd place—Where's My WIFI?

Alex Halbesleben , 10th grade 1st place-Quantum Mechanics Simulation



Science fair team projects

Cole Sellers, Tate Pace, Braden Cameron, 12th grade 3rd place-Gas Mileage

Brady Campbell, Christian Clark, 12th grade 2nd place– Balls and Bats

Anaelyse Perez, Carla Leal, 12th grade 1st place– Battle of the Brains: Girls vs. Boys

Overall Grade Level Winners:

Austin Hemstreet 3rd place, 7th grade

Emily Sabatino 2nd place, 7th grade

Adeline Veillon 1st place, 7th grade

Genesis Lee 3rd place, 8th grade

Paul Rodriguez 2nd place, 8th grade

Jonas Senkbeil 1st place, 8th grade

Alex Pilkinton 3rd place, high school

Victoria Whitehead 2nd place, high school

Marie Mewes 1st place, high school



1st place science fair winners

Research Projects Advance to the Next Level

Four Holy Spirit students had the opportunity to compete in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at the University of Montevallo on February 13th. Each student was required to write a research paper on research from their previous science project, create a PowerPoint presentation, and give a 10 –12 minute talk on the project.

Pictured left to right:

Hayden Pilkinton: Testing the Wisdom of the Crowd – Behavior Sciences

Alexander Halbesleben: Is it Random? – Mathematics

Alexandra Albea: Simple Bowls to Reach Your Goals – Animal Sciences

Victoria Whitehead: G-Force:Angles Helping Pilots Go Faster

All four students advanced to the State Competition level.



Science Projects Throughout Campus

The older students at Holy Spirit were busy with science fair projects but our younger students had some experiments going on in their science classes as well since last semester. Our fifth grade students for example have been learning about weathering by completing experiments with chalk and vinegar to demonstrate chemical weathering and third grade had volcanos erupting. Thanks to the Tombigbee RC&D Council for their donation of a garden hoophouse, our elementary students will soon be able to grow plants for science class on campus.



The following students placed at the regional science fair and qualified for the state level competition.

Animal Sciences

Ava Cicatiello -1st place junior level, Broadcom Masters award
Hayden Pilkinton-1st place senior level
Allie Albea-2nd place senior level

Chemistry & Biochemistry

Paul Rodriguez– 1st place junior level
Wesley Killen-3rd place junior level
Peyton Davis– HM junior level

Medicine & Health

Carley Thompson– 1st place senior level
Genesis Lee –2nd place junior level

Engineering

Victoria Whitehead – 1st place senior level, Overall senior level, Office of Naval research award, US Air Force award
Ugonna Alilonu - HM junior level
Ruben Vega - HM junior level

Behavioral & Social Sciences

Claire Laubenthal - 3rd place senior level, American Psychological Society award
Madelyn Butson - HM junior level
Carly King - HM senior level
Savannah Osborne -HM senior level

Physics & Astronomy

Jonas Senkbeil - 1st place junior level, Overall junior level, American Meteorological Society award, Broadcom Masters award
Marie Mewes– 1st place senior level, Office of Naval Research award
Jacob Bui– 2nd place senior level , US Air Force award
Charli Kyser - HM junior level
Owen Rock– HM junior level
Alex Pilkinton-2nd place senior level
Elena Matos– HM junior level
Reed Simmons-HM junior level
Grady McClendon-HM junior level

Mathematics & Computer Sciences

Alex Halbesleben - 1st place senior level
Jack Reilly—2nd place senior level

Environmental Science

Madi Cameron– 1st place junior level
Madalyn Mitchell– 1st place senior level
Austin Hemstreet - 3rd place junior level

Plant Sciences

Alex Pilkinton– 2nd place senior level
Elena Matos-HM junior level
Reed Simmons-HM junior level
Grady McClendon-HM senior level



Students initiated into Honor Societies

The following students were inducted into the following national honor societies on February 19th. We congratulate our students on their achievements.

The Holy Spirit School Fleur de Lis Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society:

Saniaau Armour, J.T. Besanceney, Madi Cameron, Ava Cicatiello, Elle Emery, Austin Hemstreet, Mateo Innis-Kopelson, Miranda Keith, Sadie McClendon, Bailey McLaurine, Zahir Mireles, Owen Rock, Emily Sabatino, Ruben Vega, Adeline Veillon, Berkley Young, Wesley Killen, Bethany Fording, Jadyn Fording, Courtney O'Bryant.



The Bishop David Foley Chapter of the National Honor Society:

Eva Altman, Jacob Bui, Sidd Davis, Braedon Garrett, Cailyn Garrett, Chase Glover, Bella Guynes, Bria Johnson, Claire Laubenthal, Sarah Martin, Alexandria McCoy, Rebecca Melton, Marie Mewes, Madalyn Mitchell, Anaelyse Perez-Ruiz, Sydney Perry, Kathryn Rainey, Jack Reilly, Elaina Russell, Marianna Sellers, Lola Shields, Saniya Singh, Carley Thompson, Perla Vega, Olivia Watkins, Victoria Whitehead, Allison Williams



Mu Alpha Theta

Sydney Perry, Elaina Russell

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

Natalie Crespo-Merchan, Brendan Fuller, Alejandro Perez-Ruiz, Saniya Singh, Elena Spence

National Latin Honor Society

Cailyn Garrett, Austin Johnson, Kathryn Rainey, Carley Thompson, Victoria Whitehead

Athletics

Three Members of the Senior Class Moving on to Play Collegiate Sports

Senior Elena Spence signed with the University of West Georgia's soccer team, Brendan Fuller will play soccer at Belhaven University, and Imani Thompson will play basketball for Birmingham Southern. Signing ceremonies were held at the gym with the player's families, coaches, student body, and staff present followed by receptions in the school library.



Holy Spirit Student selected to the AHSAA Leadership Program

Congratulations to Evan Jones who was selected as a member of the AHSAA 2020 Student Leadership Team! We commend him on his academic, leadership, and athletic achievements.



Holy Spirit Night at Stran-Hardin Arena

Two of our senior varsity basketball players, John Robert Austin and Christian Clark, went up against each other in a free throw competition during halftime for Holy Spirit night at the University of Alabama's adapted athletics basketball game. The two admitted that playing from a wheelchair definitely had its challenges.

Saints Make it to the Regional Playoffs

The Lady Saints Basketball Team won the area championship and sub regional playoff game to qualify for the Sweet 16. The team finished their season 15-10 coached by Ms. Charlotte Pruitt and Mr. Davan Jones. Congratulations to team members Michiah Gill, Bella Guynes, Caitlin Johnson, Carly King, Hannah Kinney, Mary Catherine McNamara, Marie Mewes, Mindy Mitchell, Ziona Pruitt, Saniya Singh, Elena Spence, Imani Thompson, Gabrielle Walker, and Olivia Watkins. Bria Johnson served as team manager.



Imani Thompson, senior, scored her high school career 1000 points this season. Imani was also picked for the Tuscaloosa News Super Five Girls Basketball Team.



Our Students and Faculty Make a Great Team

The high school students and faculty basketball game ended in a tie but made for a fun assembly.



Take Us Out to the Ball Game—Or Not

Before Coronavirus cancelled spring season sports the varsity baseball team won their opening double header of the season against Bryant High School. Varsity softball started their season by winning against Gordo and Sipsey Valley. The JV team beat Gordo and Sipsey Valley and the middle school team beat Hillcrest in their season openers.



Before their season was halted, the Lady Saints Tennis Team won their first match of the season against ACA.

The drama department's presentation of *Honk, Jr.* has been rescheduled for August 21st-22nd at 7:00 pm on the Holy Spirit stage. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10/adults, \$7/kids. This musical adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's story of The Ugly Duckling is sure to delight audiences of all ages. The cast consists of Holy Spirit students from the elementary through high school levels.



Choir Students Become Recording Artists While Helping to Bring Awareness During Child Abuse Prevention Month

The student choir had the opportunity to sing backup for musical artist Mickie James' newly released song "With the Love of a Child." The song was recorded in time to be released for National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April to help raise money to benefit Childhelp, an organization created to support the prevention and treatment of child abuse.

Hear the song and give support at <https://youtu.be/BCGB-ZLATxc>.



The Holy Spirit school choir recorded backup music with Sean Gasaway and his recording studio team.



Students Selected to All State Choir

Middle school students Sadie McClendon and Bailey McClaurine were selected to the Alabama All-State Choir along with high school students Jentzen Moore and Sarah Martin. The students performed at the All State Choral Festival at the BJCC in Birmingham in early March.



Remote Learning Brings Entertainment to Students' Families

Music classes and assignments with Mrs. McClendon are continuing remotely while students are not able to be on campus. We've enjoyed seeing pictures of our students carrying out their musical talents at home.



Off Campus Trip Allows Students to Learn A New Art Technique

High school art students took a trip to the University of Alabama's art department where they learned how to carve into sand molds and see aluminum pored into their molds to create their designs.



Up For A Challenge

Fourth grade Draw Squad Challenge winners show they can draw in 3D. Congratulations to (picture bottom left) Mia Scalfani, Cate Osucha, Isabella Chen, (picture bottom right) Ave Goff, Miranda Hervis, Jonesy Musgrove, Gaines Gordy, and Louie Holt.

Visual Arts Achievement

Eight high school entries and twelve middle school entries from Holy Spirit were accepted into the District 3 Visual Arts Achievement competition sponsored by The Arts Council of Alabama. First place winners moved on to the State competition where Bella Guynes received “Best of District 3” at the high school level, Bailey McLaurine won “Best of District 3” Middle School, and Natalie Crespo-Merchan was awarded “Best Painting” at the high school level.

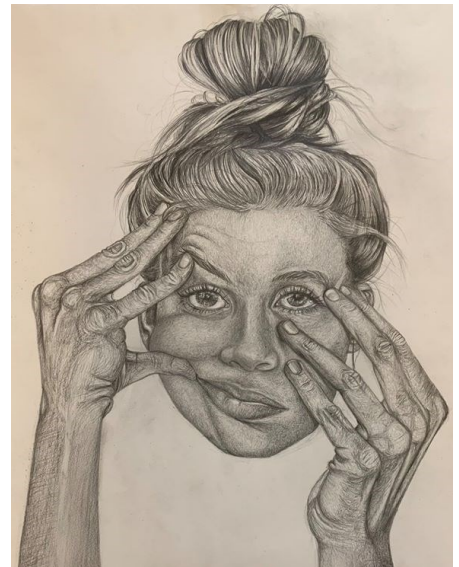
Visual Arts Achievement District Winners:

High School

Sophie Livaudais - 3rd in photography
Anaelyse Perez - HM in Painting
Claire Laubenthal – HM in Photography
Anna Simon – 2nd in 3D Crafts
Avery Lake – 2nd in Painting
Isabella Guynes – 1st in Drawing
Natalie Crespo-Merchan – 1st in Painting

Middle School

Jarred Arrington – 2nd in Computer Images
Luke Langkawel – 2nd in Drawing
J.P. Schaetzle – 2nd in Printmaking
Sadie McClendon – 1st in Computer Images
Bailey McLaurine – 1st in Photography
Mario Lopez-Moreno – 1st in Printmaking



Bella Guynes, junior, won first place at the Visual Arts Achievement Show Competition. Her drawing above won “Best of District 3, high school level” at the state competition.



High school senior Natalie Crespo-Merchan’s painting (right) received 1st place at the district Visual Arts Achievement Show and advanced to the state competition in Montgomery where she won “Best Painting, high school level”.



Mario Lopez– Moreno’s printmaking piece (left), Sadie McClendon’s computer imagery design (below center), and Bailey McLaurine’s photography project (below right) placed first in their categories at the district Visual Arts Achievement Competition and advanced to the State level in Montgomery. All three students are in the middle school at Holy Spirit. Bailey’s photography piece received “Best of District 3, Middle School” at the State level.





Visual Arts Achievement Show entries by Avery Lake (above) and Sophie Livaudais (below).



Visual Art Achievement Show entries by Jarran Arrington (above), Anaelyse Perez (top right), J.P Schaetzle (right), and Anna Simon (below).



Visual Arts Achievement Show entry by Claire Laubenthal (above), and Luke Langkawel (above right).



By Anaelyse Perez



By Natalie Crespo-Merchan

Tuscaloosa Heritage Festival Includes Student Work

The West Alabama Multicultural Alliance promotes cultural diversity, where people of all ethnic backgrounds are celebrated and respected for their unique heritage. Two Holy Spirit students, Anaelyse Perez and Natalie Crespo-Merchan, had artwork entered in the "Rep Your Culture" Art Competition held on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at the McDonald Hughes Center.



Artwork Begun on the 2020 Wall of Fame

Senior Imani Thompson's "Tune Land" design was chosen for this year's Wall of Fame. The high school art students will add the mural to the school's hallway collection of murals dating from the past 20 years.



Get Surreal!

Our photography class students came up with some fun pictures by using a green screen to place photos of students and Open House guests onto a surreal background. Further use was made of the green screen by our second grade students as they studied the work of contemporary artist Kelsey Montague's "What Lifts You Up?" community artwork on the walls of buildings. They created their own mini mural that their photos will be added to using digital photography editing.



Our visiting artist series allows our students to learn techniques from local artists. Dr. Mary P. Kerr came to school to demonstrate color mixing and application for painting portraits.



Pillow Prints

Our middle school art classes have been working with fabric, printmaking, and learning to use a sewing machine. Pictured: 7th Grade Art Class finishes up their mini pillow designs and Ruthie Edmonds uses a sewing machine to stitch her designer pillow.

Follow us on Facebook at ART-Holy Spirit Catholic Tuscaloosa to see all the great art projects that our students create in kindergarten through high school.



Congratulations to our students that made the honor roll.

2019-20 First Quarter Honor Roll:

Third Grade

Sydney Armour, Nicholas Bellofatto, Cosby Carmichael, Lucy Cochran, Iolo Coma, William Cross, Alvin Dong, Odalys Garcia, Maggie Hamner, Grant Haskett, Alessandra Innis-Kopelson, Ivy Johnson, Emilie Leach, Landry Leach, Sam McLaurine, Madeline Mowry, Simon O'Neill, Anica Osborn, John Beckham Rich, Melody Sanchez, Mason Schrimsher, Hannah Sprague, Maddie Claire Taylor

Fourth Grade

Braylyn Arrington, Diego Bland, Bryant Booth, Beau Bragg, Isabelle Chen, Lilou Drewelow, Lauren Duco-Moore, Abby Givens, Miranda Hervis, Louie Holt, Grant Husack, Greta Husack, Kayden Jenkins, William Lynch, Leslie Martinez, Bella Miller, Benjamin Morris, Jonesy Musgrove, Cate Osucha, Dax Parsons, Indya Riggs, Mia Scalfani, Tanner Shockley, Erin Tierney, David Townsend, Kasen Veillon, Boston Yeager, Ella Yumul

Fifth Grade

Ciel Coma, Devyn Dillard, Liesl Halbesleben, Nina Husack, Austin Kightlinger, A.J. Lodree, Riley Lopacki, Briony Loper, Chloe Moore, Faustine Piganeau, Cayler Ann Rich, Maddi Roundtree, Nigel Senkbeil, Sarah Tidwell

Sixth Grade

Michael Cook, Charlotte Dickson, Nate Givens, Andrew Hemstreet, Rida Iqbal, Addie Jones, L.B. Lovelace, William Mack, Mason Mitchell, Jake Osucha, Manning Pace, Abbey Yumul

Seventh Grade

A Honor Roll

J.T. Besanceney, Ava Cicatiello, Austin Hemstreet, Mateo Innis-Kopelson

A/B Honor Roll

Saniaau Armour, Jarran Arrington, Madi Cameron, Kynna Eaton, Elle Emery, Ruthie Edmonds, Marley Griffin, Ian Jones, MK Keith, Sadie McClendon, Bailey McLaurine, Zahir Mireles, Andre Rice, Owen Rock, Emily Sabatino, Demiyah Underwood, Ruben Vega, Adeline Veillon, Bria Wells, Berkley Young

Eighth Grade

A Honor Roll

Ugie Alilonu, Paul Rodriguez, Jonas Senkbeil, Robbie Tillman

A/B Honor Roll

Peyton Davis, Cole Glover, Wesley Killen, Charli Kyser, Genesis Lee, Mia Livaudais, Mario Lopez-Moreno, Elena Matos, Kalen Oswalt, Reed Simmons

Ninth Grade

A Honor Roll

Alyssa Faircloth, Bethany Fording, Jady Fording, Anna Marie Leach, Alyssa Mack, Mindy Mitchell

A/B Honor Roll

Allie Albea, Madelyn Barr, Becca Bragg, Will Collins, Alex Halbesleben, Annie Holt, Kimori Kimble, Hannah Kinney, Drew Lopacki, Christina Matos, Grady McClendon, Courtney O'Bryant, Savannah R. Osborn, Chloe Pernia, William Shields, Matthew Wilson

Tenth Grade

A Honor Roll

Jacob Bui, Claire Laubenthal, Marie Mewes, Hayden Pilkinton, Elaina Russell, Lola Shields, Carley Thompson, Allison Williams

A/B Honor Roll

Sidd Davis, David Holman, Wilson King, Madalyn Mitchell, Alex Pilkinton, Zi Pruitt, Kate Rainey, Marianna Sellers, Olivia Watkins, Victoria Whitehead, Garrett Wilson

Eleventh Grade

A Honor Roll

Eva Altman, Sara Heard , Caitlin Johnson, Jordan McNair, Mary Katherine McNamara, Rohan Peramsetty

A/B Honor Roll

Carson Gibbs, Chase Glover, Evan Jones, Jackson Killen, Sarah Martin, Jentzen Moore, Jade Stewart, Perla Vega

Twelfth Grade

A Honor Roll

Sophie Livaudais, Benjamin Midkiff, Sydney Perry, Eli Sheffer

A/B Honor Roll

Natalie Crespo-Merchan, Brendan Fuller, Bria Johnson, Avery Lake, Carla Leal, Alexandria McCoy, Alejandro-Perez Ruiz, Analeyse Perez-Ruiz, Cole Sellers, James Shortall, Anna Simon, Saniya Singh, Elena Spence, Imani Thompson

2019-20 Second Quarter Honor Roll

Third Grade

Sydney Amour, Nicholas Bellofatto, Cosby Carmichael, Lucy Cochran, Roy Collins, Iolo Coma, William Cross, Alvin Dong, Odalys Garcia, Maggie Hamner, Grant Haskett, Alessandra Innis-Kopelson, Ivy Johnson, Emilie Leach, Landry Leach, Sam McLaurine, Elijah McShan, Brady Mitchell, Madeline Mowry, Simon O'Neill, Anica Osborn, Hayes Reilly, John Beckam Rich, Melody Sanchez, Mason Schrimsher, Charlie Strozier, Maddie Claire Taylor, McKenzie Thomas

Fourth Grade

Braylyn Arrington, Bryant Booth, Beau Bragg, Isabelle Chen, Will Dickson, Lilou Drewelow, Lauren Duco-Moore, Abby Givens, Ave Goff, Evelyn Hardy, Louie Holt, Greta Husack, Grant Husack, Uroos Iqbal, Miranda Hervis, William Lynch, Benjamin Morris, Jonesy Musgrove, Leslie Martinez, Cate Osucha, Dax Parsons, Indya Riggs, Mia Scalfani, Tanner Shockley, Erin Tierney, David Townsend, Kason Veillon, Boston Yeager, Ella Yumul

Fifth Grade

Savannah Cochran, Ciel Coma, Devyn Dillard, Liesl Halbesleben, Nina Husack, Austin Kightlinger, A.J. Lodree, Briony Loper, Chloe Moore, Faustine Piganeau, Cayler Ann Rich, Maddi Roundtree, Nigel Senkbeil, Molly Strozier, Sarah Tidwell

Sixth Grade

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Seventh Grade

A Honor Roll

Elle Emery, Austin Hemstreet, Mateo Innis-Kopelson, MK Keith, Bailey McLaurine, Emily Sabatino, Adeline Veillon, Berkley Young

A/B Honor Roll

Saniaau Armour, J.T. Besanceney, Ava Cicatiello, Ruthie Edmonds, Savannah Fikes, Marley Griffin, Ian Jones, Sadie McClendon, Zahir Mireles, Savannah Osborn, Andre Rice, Owen Rock, Alex Tant, Demiyah Underwood, Ruben Vega, Bria Wells, Chase Wilson

Eighth Grade

A Honor Roll

Ugie Alilonu, Wesley Killen, Paul Rodriguez, Jonas Senkbeil, Robbie Tillman

A/B Honor Roll

Yasmeen Baumhower, Peyton Davis, Cole Glover, Mia Livaudais, Elena Matos, Mario Lopez-Moreno, Kalen Oswalt, Elizabeth Smith

Ninth Grade

A Honor Roll

Madelyn Barr, Bethany Fording, Alyssa Faircloth, Jadyn Fording, Alex Halbesleben, Anna Marie Leach, Alyssa Mack, Mindy Mitchell, Chloe Pernia

A/B Honor Roll

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Tenth Grade

A Honor Roll

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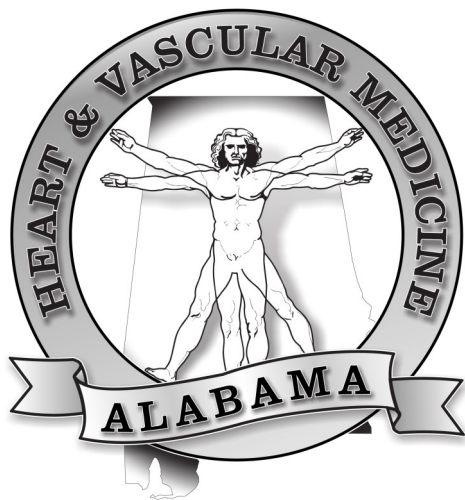


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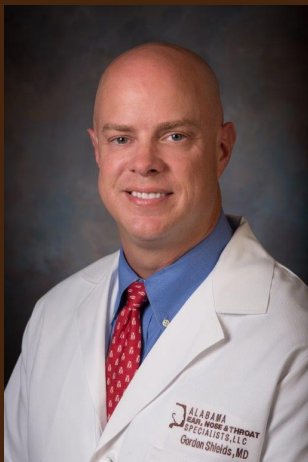
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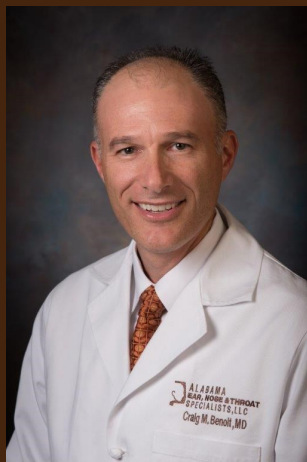
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