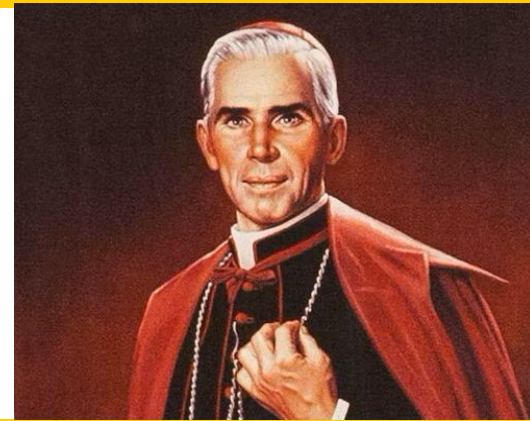


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EXCITING NEWS!

Holy Spirit Academy Appoints Dr. Steve House as President



Dr. Steve House has been appointed by the Board of Directors as President of Holy Spirit Academy, effective August 25, 2024. He reports to the Board of Directors, and is responsible for the development and implementation of the school's Strategic Plan, regarding the key areas of academics, culture, Catholic identity, facilities, fiscal operations, land development, and capital campaign. Please join us in welcoming Dr. House into his new role as President of Holy Spirit Academy and in prayer for the success of our mission.

Introducing Miss Adeline Holton, a new member of the HSA community! Science and Theology teacher Mr. Zach Holton and his wife Rose welcomed their daughter in the summer of 2024.



Teacher Spotlight



Mr. Welsh

We are very grateful to Mr. Tommy Welsh for his support of the school culture as the Dean of Students and Geometry and Ancient Humanities teacher. This December, he and his wife welcomed a beautiful daughter, Clara Thérèse!



Mrs. Hester

Mrs. Eileen Hester is HSA's Dean of Academics. She has been teaching Humanities and Theology at HSA for 7 years and we are so thankful for her work in developing and refining the authentic, integrated curriculum of Holy Spirit Academy. We are blessed by her generous spirit and insightful contributions in every aspect of her work at HSA!

Academic Highlights

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship winners for this year!

Scholarship Winner - Gianna LaFond

1st Runner Up - Bridget Donnett

2nd Runner Up - Jacob Roberg

These students participated in the Knights of Columbus Clearwater Council Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest! The prizes are \$500 scholarship, \$300 scholarship, and \$200 scholarship. They wrote essays of 500-750 words to describe the two most important virtues an elected leader should have and how you can determine if the leader has these virtues. Thank you to the Clearwater KC and all who participated! Congratulations to the winners!



Enrollment is Open!

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is officially open! Complete your financial aid application by March 15th for priority consideration.

Parent Guild



HSA Parents, **We need you!** You're invited to join the **Parent Guild!** If you are interested in building our school community, strengthening our events and fundraising efforts, and in other ways supporting your child's education, please join us for our monthly Parent Guild meetings.

Please see our website for more information or contact Parent Guild President, Katie Gartner at parentguild@holyspiritacademy.org.



Holy Spirit Academy,



12TH ANNUAL HARVEST BANQUET

Students of the Month



This year, HSA began a Virtue of the Month Program to promote the life of virtue for our students. Each month, a virtue is highlighted and students are encouraged to find ways to practice this virtue. At the end of the month, two students are voted the *students of the month* for outstanding good deeds.



September: Justice
Mr. Malachi Budke &
Miss Grace Jarvis



October: Science
Mr. Alex Sis &
Miss Bella Menzhuber



November: Patriotism
Mr. William Donnett &
Miss Brooke Hanowski



December: Courage
Mr. Tim Herbst &
Miss Natalie Bury

Students for Life Rally

HSA students attended the MCCL Students for Life Conference at St. Agnes School, including a beautiful Eucharistic procession to the Capitol. It was an excellent opportunity for learning, community, prayer and service. Pray to end abortion!



Our Lady of Ransom Field Trip

September 24, 2024

Students and teachers enjoyed a lovely day at Camp Ihduhapi!



HARVEST BANQUET Thank you to our Harvest Banquet Committee and all of our volunteers for the success of this year's banquet! The generosity of our guests and the support of sponsors helped us to succeed in our fundraising goals!

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Activities

Soccer Program approved to begin in the Fall of 2025!

5 competitions are already scheduled as Holy Spirit Academy prepares to offer its first MSHSL independent sports program next fall!



Pro-Life Club

Annual Blanket Drive - Pro-Life Club is undertaking their annual blanket drive to make Tie Blankets for Options. They also conducted a successful Bottle Drive during the fall semester raising \$560 for PreBorn!



Drama Club

The HSA Drama club is proud to produce *Pride and Prejudice* this year! We are already making good progress with the production, memorizing lines and starting the various tech projects. We are seeing great work from the students and the student leadership is amazing!



Alumni Day

HSA enjoyed welcoming back many alumni on January 3rd. It was a fun lunch and an amazing opportunity to catch up with old friends! It's such a blessing to see everyone in different stages of life, particularly the young families that have sprung up in our joyful community!



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Join our dedicated community of recurring donors and provide ongoing support to the students of HSA in their pursuit of Truth!



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Dates to Remember!

- Fine Arts Night 4.10.25
- Spring Play 4.25 & 4.26
- Fit for Life 5.3-25
- Veritas et Vita Banquet 5.15-25
- Graduation 5.29-25

Alumni Corner

Justin Waller, Class of 2024

Justin Waller is currently enjoying his first year at Christendom college in Front Royal, VA. He says, "Coming to Holy Spirit Academy my sophomore year was one of the best decisions of my life. The school's curriculum, spiritual life, and amazing community formed me for the friends I would make, the connections I would have, and the education I would pursue further down the road."

