

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### August

- 11 First Day of School NOON Dismissal
- 13 8:10AM MASS
- 18 6:00PM New Parent Meeting
- 19 6:00PM 5th & 8th Grade Parent Meetings
- 20 8:10AM MASS
- 25 6:00 PM School Board Meeting
- 28 8:10 AM Birthday MASS (July/Aug)
- 29 10:00-12:00 Keeping the Promise  
Alive - Virtus Training

#### September

- 1 6:00PM Homework Workshop for Parents
- 3 8:10AM Mass / 6:00 PM PTO MEETING
- 5 8:30-12:00 Protecting God's Children  
Virtus Training
- 7 LABOR DAY ~ NO SCHOOL**
- 10 8:10AM MASS
- 12 9:00-12:00 PARENT MORNING OF PRAYER
- 14 11:15-12:45 Grandparents Day Lunch  
1:00 Prayer Service for Grandparents
- 16 Dies y Seis Celebration (Red/White/Green)
- 17 8:10AM MASS
- 18 Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- PROGRESS REPORTS (No School)**
- 22 6:30PM School Board Meeting  
8TH Grade Visits to St. Thomas & Incarnate Word
- 24 8:10AM September Birthday Mass  
8TH Grade Visit to St. Thomas & Incarnate Word

### FEDERAL LUNCH PROGRAM

If you were approved for Free or Reduced Lunches last year, your status will remain until your new application has been processed.

For new families, until your application has been reviewed, you will pay the regular daily cost for Lunches (\$3.00) and Breakfasts (\$2.00).

**If you pay by check, the check must be made payable to "Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston"** It must be sent in an envelope with the child's full name and the # of days eating.

Link for the Online Payment/Accounts registration:  
[www.parentonline.net](http://www.parentonline.net)

Link for Online Parent Application: [www.schoolmealapp.com](http://www.schoolmealapp.com)

Link for CSO Website for Menu: <http://www.choosecatholicchools.org/menu/>

Notification will soon come when we will start serving breakfast in the cafeteria. At that time parents will need to drop off their child at the

cafeteria if they want them to buy breakfast. Any parent volunteering to help supervise the students during breakfast (7:15—7:45) can count that time toward fulfilling their Ten Volunteer Required Service Hours. In order to do this, you must have attended the Protecting God's Children Virtus Training seminar.

### FAMILY PACKETS

Every family has received an envelope with much

information to address. Please be sure that all the forms are filled out and returned to school **by Friday, August 14.**

### ON-LINE NEWSLETTERS

We would like to send the weekly Rams News home via e-mail. Please send your e-mail address to the school office as soon as possible.

### VIRTUS CLASSES

Any adult wishing to be involved in the daily activities of the students during the school day, **MUST ATTEND THE VIRTUS CLASS**, "Protecting God's Children". One is scheduled to take place on September 5 from 8:30 AM-12:00 NOON here at Holy Ghost Parish. This will enable you to be present during Morning Assembly, attend school functions, class parties & field trips, **eat with your child at lunch**, etc. To attend any class you must register on line at <http://virtus.org>. Follow the directions for "registration". The organization you need to select is Galveston-Houston, TX (Archdiocese) and then follow the directions step by step. Be sure to list Holy Ghost School as your place of "volunteer". Please keep in mind that the children are not allowed to attend these classes.

For those adults who took the VIRTUS Class during 2010-2011 or before, must now take the refresher class—"Keeping the Promise Alive". HGS has scheduled this class for August 29. Again, when you sign up please remember to list Holy Ghost School as your place of volunteering/service. I will be checking on-line to be sure all those wishing to be present on campus during the school day have met these requirements.

"Walk-ins are no longer permitted so it is important that you go on-line now and register.

Parents wishing to eat with their children **MUST CHECK IN THE OFFICE TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S BADGE**. Also remember you must have attended "Virtus" in order for you to be with the children.

### TRAFFIC PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Family Tags are being sent today. You must have your tag placed on your car dashboard if you are in the traffic line. If you are picking your child up at the North Gate, place your tag in the basket on the gate.



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.

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