

Headmaster's Missive

9/11/19 - Sts. Protus & Hyacinth

"O God, the author and lover of peace, to know whom is to live, to serve whom is to reign; shield Thy suppliants from all assaults, so that we who trust in Thy protection may fear no foe. Amen."

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



Dear Parents,

I pray you all are able to especially enjoy the hard-won-for peace this 9/11. I remember being in high school at Maple Grove Senior High and watching those horrors unfold with other blank-faced students and teachers. That day the secular scales fell off at school and we prayed. We prayed again at Holy Spirit Academy today, reading **Pope Benedict's prayer** which he said when he visited ground zero in 2008. I have included above another lovely prayer for peace above, from

Ven. Fulton Sheen's **Wartime Prayer Book**, which I highly recommend especially for our young men. May the words of Psalm 122:6 resound in our republic: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

Godspeed,

Andrew M. Lang

Headmaster

Venerable Fulton Sheen, Pray for Us!



Please review our live calendar for complete coverage of upcoming events!



FYI-Upcoming Events

- **Our Lady of Sorrows Field Trip** is Monday, September 16, located at Lake Bertram. **Activities will begin at 8AM**, students should arrive at Lake Bertram at 7:50AM. They will be dismissed at 3:30PM (unless they have a sports commitment). This is our yearly fall outdoor fieldtrip with teambuilding and faith sharing activities. With an extra large canoe, a climbing wall, and other small group activities the day is sure to be fun! Please turn in forms and payment to the office.
- *Please note:* In the case of inclement weather for the field trip, notification of cancellation will come by a

Faculty Rumination by Miss. Billion



This year is an exciting one for the Latin Department at Holy Spirit Academy. We have embarked upon a new approach to learning the Latin language, which linguists have termed the Direct Method. This name may make it sound like some sophisticated theory, but in reality, the concept is very simple—in fact, it is the very way human beings have been naturally acquiring language skills since the beginning of time. The philosophy behind this method is to connect any given word with an image or, even better, with the thing itself. If we imagine teaching a young child English, we use this same approach. We might say, "Apple!" and hand them an apple chew-toy. While Latin has been treated as a dead language for many years, it is possible, and even more effective, to follow this method. It brings the language into the forefront of students' *working* memory, which they can then draw from with greater ease. The Latin students at Holy Spirit Academy are on their way to reaching a level of reading and speaking fluency that is uncommon in Latin classrooms today, and having both the ability and facility to unlock the tomes of Latin text that constitute the intellectual tradition of the West!

text from Mrs. Schultz and by a Constant Contact email early that morning. Classes will instead be held in lieu of the trip.

- School orientation forms should be turned in no later than September 16.
- College Night is September 24 at 7:00 PM
- Virtus Training - St Michael Saturday, September 21 (need to register online as a St. Henry parishioner if have not already gone through training.)
- Pictures will be taken by Zahler Photography on September 23
- Reminder to sign up online for the U Mary Bus Trip.



SAVE THE DATE

**7th Annual
Holy Spirit
Academy
Harvest Banquet**

**Friday,
November 15**

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS...

**HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY
HARVEST BANQUET 2019**

Sheen Team

Harvest Banquet:

HSA Family Expectations for Banquet

- PRAY! :-)
- All families are required to sell their pilgrimage raffle tickets.
- All families are encouraged to buy and/or fill a dinner table.
- We also ask that all families (parents) buy dinner tickets and attend the banquet. *If this is not financially possible, please reach out to Robin or Betty for ideas on others ways to help the night of the banquet.*
- For the banquet this year, we are asking every family to donate:

-One bottle of wine for the wine raffle (more



Activity Director's Corner

It was an eventful week for the HSA athletes. Cross country boys participated in the Monticello Invitational on Saturday with

are welcome!)

-One gift card with \$25 minimum value to either a restaurant or retail store and

-Classroom basket item(s). *Please watch for more detailed information on the classroom baskets.*

- All families are encouraged to volunteer for some aspect of the Banquet (before, night of, or after). THANK YOU to those who have already stepped up! A SignUp Genius will be e-mailed in October with more details about night of Banquet volunteer opportunities.
- With everyone's help, we can make this a super successful Harvest Banquet! Thank you, and God bless!

Tristan Aasen, Matthew Aasen, and Russell Jarvis running in the boys varsity race. Girl's Volleyball had an intense game Wednesday night. Play at the home game was so intense that the series had to be extended to five games before the Comets finally gave up the match. Keep up the good work, Comets!



