



# HOLY SPIRIT ELEMENTARY



## Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome back all of our returning families and extend a warm welcome to the 30 new families and 70 new students joining our Holy Spirit Elementary family this fall. I am excited about the new school year and getting to know all of our new families and reconnecting with our returning families. My staff and I look forward to partnering with you in the academic and spiritual growth of your children.

This email will contain a lot of valuable information about the upcoming school year so all families are encouraged to save this email.

- Our Open House will be held on Monday, August 12th from 5-6:30 p.m. All families with last names that begin with A-L should plan on attending during the 5-5:45 p.m. slot and all families with last names that begin with M-Z should plan on attending from 5:45-6:30 p.m. **All families that are new to Holy Spirit should plan on attending a short orientation in the church dining room at 4:30 p.m. for a new family orientation and may visit their classrooms immediately following the orientation.**

New this year, there will not be a Back to School Packet in the mail. Instead you will find a packet of information on your student's desk at the Open House on Monday, August 12th. This will include the following:

- Student-Parent Handbook 2024-2025 (One per family)
- Student Health/Emergency Card with Dismissal Procedures and Parental Consent on the back.

Make any changes to the Health/Emergency section and complete the back of the form. This form should be returned the night of the Open House or brought to the school office on the first day of school.

- Scherling School Picture order envelope. Pictures can be ordered online or you can return the envelope with payment to your child's teacher.
- 23-24 Yearbook – If you ordered a yearbook last spring it will be on your child's

desk.

- 24-25 School Year Calendar
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### **Student/Parent Handbook**

All families will receive a copy of the 2024-25 Student Parent Handbook at Open House. A digital copy can be found at the following link:

[Student/Parent Handbook](#)

### **School Uniform Guidelines**

This past school year a system wide committee (consisting of parents, teachers and administrators) reviewed our School Uniform guidelines. The updated School Uniform Guidelines can be found at the following link:

[Uniform Guidelines](#)

Reminder: The SFCS logo and the old plaid are no longer allowed as part of the uniform.

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### **Parking Lot Procedures**

We will be utilizing both entrances (main entrance and south playground entrance) again this year for before school drop off and after school pick up. Preschool parents will be asked to walk their children to their classrooms. K-2 students will use the main entrance and 3-6 students will use the south playground entrance for both before school and after school. [Parking Lot Procedures](#)

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**SUNDAY  
AUG 18  
12-2 PM**



**JOIN THE FUN at the  
annual Parking Lot Party  
for the Good Shepherd Pastorate!**

**FREE  
FOOD!  
12-1:30 PM**

**PARKING  
LOT  
PARTY**

**FUN &  
GAMES!**

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
& SCHOOL GROUNDS**



**ALL-AGES BINGO  
BEAN BAG CONTEST | CASH PAYOUT | 12:15PM START  
KIDS WATER GAMES | PRIZES  
INFLATABLES  
MR. TWISTER BALLOON CREATIONS  
FACE PAINTING  
AND MUCH MORE!**



**HOT DOGS | HAMBURGERS | CHIPS | COOKIES  
SODA | WATER | ADULT BEVERAGES**



**Parking Lot Party and Back to School Bash**

Our annual Back to School Bash will be held in collaboration with Holy Spirit Parish's Parking Lot Party again this year. The event will be held on Sunday, Aug.18th from 12-2 PM. There will be free food and refreshments, bingo, bean bag tournament with cash payouts, kids water games with prizes, Inflatables, Mr. Twister, face painting and so much more. We are in need of many volunteers to make this event successful. Please click the following link if you are able to help. **Holy Spirit Elementary parents that volunteer will receive dress down day coupons for their children.**

[Parking Lot Party Volunteer Sign Up](#)

**Kindergarten and 6th Grade Immunizations**

If you have a child entering Kindergarten or 6th grade please refer to the attached handouts outlining the required immunizations. These immunizations should be completed by the first day of school.

[Kindergarten Immunization Requirements](#)

[6th Grade Immunization Requirements](#)

**Special Diet/Food Intolerance/Allergy Action Plan (FORM C)** must be completed by your physician if your child has food allergies that require lunch or classroom snack accommodations. **Please return this form to the office by Friday, Aug. 9th** A link to this form can be found here: [Health Services Request Form C](#). If there have been no

changes since last year, a new form is not required as long as the current form is signed by a physician.

**Please note that Holy Spirit Elementary is a peanut free school.**

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### **Medical Care Plans**

If your child requires a Student Medical Care Plan (Form A) or needs Administration of Medication During the School Day (Form B) these forms need to be dropped off at the school or faxed to 371-1957 attn: School by Aug. 9th. A Form B is also needed if your child has an EpiPen or Inhaler at school.

[Medical Care Plan-Form A](#)

[Administration of Medication During the School Day-Form B](#)

### **Lunchroom Volunteers**

I would invite any parents and grandparents whose schedule allows them to help us in the lunchroom by serving condiments and sanitizing tables in between lunch periods. If you are interested in being a lunchroom volunteer email Mary Lou at

[mclaussen@ogknights.org](mailto:mclaussen@ogknights.org).

You will be emailed a SignUpGenius link to the lunchroom volunteer calendar.

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### **Before/After School Care**

Families are asked to log into your School Admin account and confirm your enrollment in Before or After School Care if applicable. These enrollments were pulled from School Admin when you enrolled.

### **Early Dismissal/Extra Care Days**

The Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools offer care on most days when school is not in session or if there is a scheduled early dismissal day. Families need to pre-register for these days a couple weeks prior to the scheduled day for an additional fee. You can find these dates and contracts/deadlines for these days at the following link:

[Extra Care and Early Dismissal Days](#)

Please note the deadline for the Aug. 30th no school day is Aug. 16th.

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### **School Lunch Program**

School Lunch, including an all-you-can-eat fruit and vegetable bar, will be served every school day by our school lunch partner, Lunchtime Solutions. Click the link below for information on lunch pricing and how to load money into your child's lunch account.

[2024-25 School Lunch Information](#)

### **Dakota Bowl**

The 45th Annual Bob Burns Dakota Bowl will take place on Saturday, August 31st at McEneaney Field on the campus of O'Gorman High School. **The deadline to enroll for the football and cheer camps is Aug. 18th.** Information on the camps can be found at the following link:

[Dakota Bowl Camps](#)

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### **Holy Spirit Fleece and Sweatshirts**

Holy Spirit Elementary royal blue sweatshirts, navy zip-up fleece and new this year, a navy 1/4 zip pullover sweatshirt are allowed to be worn over a uniform shirt as part of

the dress code during the cooler months. **The ordering window to order these items is only open now through September 15th.** Delivery of these items will arrive in late September. There are also several school spirit wear items available for purchase on the school store site. These shirts or other Bishop O'Gorman, Knightwear or Holy Spirit logoed shirts may be worn along with uniform bottoms on Fridays.

[Holy Spirit Sweatshirt and Fleece Order Link](#)

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### **School Supply Lists**

If you ordered your school supplies through the 1st Day School Supply program your child's school supplies will be on their desk at Open House. If you did not use the program you can find our school supply list at the following link:

[School Supply List and Open House](#)

If your student is in **Preschool and Plus**, their supplies should be kept separate and delivered to their preschool classroom and their Plus classroom.

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### **Wish List of Donations for the Office**

- Band-Aids, assorted sizes
- Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen children's chewable tablets
- Cough Drops
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Sandwich, Quart & Gallon size Ziploc bags
- Masking tape
- AA & AAA batteries
- Staff Lounge supplies (paper plates, bowls, plastic silverware)

### **Gently Used Uniform Sale**

The Holy Spirit uniform closet will be set up in the school foyer after masses the weekends of Aug. 3-4 and Aug. 10-11th.

You are also welcome to shop the used uniform sale during the week. Call the office ahead of time to make sure that we are not at a meeting.

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### **Illness**

If a student has had a fever or has thrown up they need to wait 24 hours before returning to school. This policy helps to alleviate the spread of illness to other students and staff.

### **Peanut Free School**

Holy Spirit Elementary is a peanut free school. No peanuts of any kind are allowed in the school.

Alternate butters like almond butter or sunflower butter are allowed. If you send a sandwich with one of these alternate butters in your child's lunch please put a note in the lunchbox stating what butter was used.

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### **School Pictures**

School Pictures will take place on August 20th and 21st. Students in PS3, PS5, 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th grade will be photographed on Aug. 20th. Students in PS4, K, 3rd and 5th will be photographed on Aug. 21st.



# HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

## WITH THE KNIGHT LOCKER



The Knight Locker will be open for a limited time for our back to school sale!

**AUGUST 5TH - 9TH**

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY: 8AM - 4PM

WEDNESDAY: 8AM-6PM

O'Gorman High School Front Foyer and Cafeteria

Always open online:  
[theknightlocker.square.site](http://theknightlocker.square.site)



# 2024 Bob Burns DAKOTA BOWL XLVI FOOTBALL CAMP



Join this year's O'Gorman football players and coaches for a skills-camp designed for Knights!

- Spend the evening Kicking, Passing, Running, and Blocking with the Knight Football Team!
- Top 2 of each grade level will participate in the Skills Camp Awards during the pregame!
- All participants will receive limited edition Senior Player Cards, camp t-shirt, FREE entrance to the Dakota Bowl, and be part of the High-Five Tunnel that greets the team as they take the field for the 46th Annual Bob Burns Dakota Bowl!

**Who:** Students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup>

**When:** Friday, August 30 • 6-7pm

(Check in begins at 5:30pm)

**Where:** O'Gorman High School/McEneaney Field

**Cost:** \$45 per participant

**Deadline:** Registration and payment due online by Sunday, August 18th to guarantee shirt size. Walk-up registration also available (shirt sizes will be limited)

Questions: email Liz Myscofski at [lmyscofski@ogknights.org](mailto:lmyscofski@ogknights.org)

This event supports the Bishop O'Gorman Catholic schools and the OGHS Football program!

Register and pay online at MySchoolBucks!  
Sign into your [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) account and go to SCHOOL STORE!  
Or SCAN the QR code!



## BISHOP O'GORMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CHEER CAMP 2024

SPEND THE EVENING WITH THE O'GORMAN CHEERLEADERS!



The Dakota Bowl Cheer Camp is on Friday, August 30th at O'Gorman High School/McEneaney Field. Come spend the evening with the O'Gorman Cheerleaders and learn cheers, a dance, practice jumps, and how to stunt! If you attend the camp, you will learn a special cheer and dance that you get to perform with the OG cheerleaders at the Dakota Bowl pregame.

This event is run by the O'Gorman Cheerleaders. All proceeds go to fund the cheerleading program at OGHS. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated!

**Who:** Students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup>

**When:** Friday, August 30th: 5:30pm-7:30pm (check-in begins at 5pm)

**Where:** O'Gorman High School/McEneaney Field

**Cost:** \$45 per participant\* (T-shirt, bow, shaker pom, and game ticket)  
\*Camp shirt is your student's ticket to enter the game. Additional OG Cheer Bows are available for \$15

### DEADLINE:

Registration and payment due online on Sunday, August 18th to guarantee T-shirt size.

Walk-up registration also available (shirt sizes will be limited.)

Register and pay online at MySchoolBucks!  
Sign into your [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) account and go to SCHOOL STORE!

Questions: email Tara Tobin at [ttobin@ogknights.org](mailto:ttobin@ogknights.org)



## Athletic Booster Passes

Family \$200

Individual \$100

Your athletic booster passes will grant admission to

most O'Gorman varsity home athletic events.

All sales benefit the OG Athletic Booster Club.



Show your pass for the 2024/2025 year for a 10% discount at

THE KNIGHT LOCKER

## Quick Links

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[Medical Care Plan Form A](#)

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[Administration of Medicine Form B](#)

[School Lunch information](#)

[Holy Spirit Elementary Fleece and  
Sweatshirt online store](#)

[How to Apply for Free/Reduced  
Lunch](#)

[Free/Reduced Lunch Application](#)

[FAQ for Free/Reduced Lunch](#)

[Gift Card Program](#)

[2024-25 Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools Calendar](#)

## Community Resource Flyers

Here you can access resources from across the community right from your device! Click the link below to see all of the available flyers!

[Browse Resources](#)



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