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-Haley Reiser

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

“Jesus said, ‘This is how you should pray: Father, may your name be kept holy. May your kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need.’”
Luke 11: 2-3

It's real, this thing in our heads making us question: How much longer? And it's normal that we worry about our economy, maybe it happened to you, or you have seen it happening to a friend or neighbor... Work is not stable, hours and dollars are not as many as they used to be. And in the middle of it all, Jesus' prayer invites us to trust: "Give us each day the food we need..." Not our weekly or monthly portion, God is inviting us to trust daily, to depend on Him, each day. Today, take a moment to give thanks for His provision, and rest knowing we can trust Him, every day.

IMPORTANT

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or concerns, please call/text 713-897-1195 or message us on [Facebook](#). Also, if your teacher or principal has not reached out to you, please let us know.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY
UPDATED THROUGH
SPRINGSPIRIT, PLEASE...

Send a text to:
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Text
this message:
@sspitner



COVID-19 UPDATE

The COVID-19 virus continues to be an issue affecting our community. Current regulations for social distancing have been extended through April 30th. SpringSpirit is continually assessing the situation, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in person again once it is safe to do so. For the most updated information on our response to the Coronavirus and current programming, please refer to our website at <https://www.springspirit.org/coronavirus.html>.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

HOUSING



Rent:

- No evictions until April 26th. (this could be extended)
- If given a "Notice to Vacate" Call Lone Star Legal Aid (713-652-0077) or the Texas State Bar Referral Service (1-800-252-9690)
- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 for rent assistance

Utilities:

- No power and water shut offs allowed until September

Unless something changes, you will be responsible to pay your bills in the future.

FOOD



School Districts:

- Houston and Fort Bend area schools are offering free meals for students Monday - Friday.
- Students must be present.
- Visit their websites for a list of locations.

Food Banks:

- Call the Houston Food Bank helpline at 832-369-9390
- text FOOD to 855-308-2282 to find the nearest food Pantry in the area.

Government Assistance

- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 and ask how to apply for DSNAP (Food Stamps)

INCOME



Unemployment:

- If have a social security number or work permit and have lost your job or work hours, apply online at twc.texas.gov (preferred)
- Or by phone at 800-939-6631.
- Keep trying if you can't get through.
- Benefits don't start until you apply

Stimulus:

- For people who filed 2018 or 2019 tax return, you can get a \$1,200 stimulus check for each adult and \$500 per child.
- Checks will come by direct deposit or mail
- Visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>
- If you need your Stimulus Check for current living expenses like food and rent, consider canceling automatic withdrawals for payday loans and other expenses.

HEALTHCARE & MENTAL HEALTH



Insurance:

- Visit HarrisHealth.org to see if you qualify for a Gold Card for free or low-cost health insurance

Clinics:

- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 for info on where you can get affordable healthcare
- For free information about symptoms call Ask My Nurse Helpline: 713-634-1110 or the Memorial Hermann Nurse Health Line 713-338-7979 / 1-855-577-7979 (Available 24/7)

Mental Health:

- The Harris County COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line: 833-251-7544 (Available 24/7)

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  @TMO_IAF  The Metropolitan Organization - Houston TMO 

For the latest information on COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and federal guidelines, please refer to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

For the most current information on the Texas specific guidelines, as well as what to do if you are sick, please refer to the Texas Health and Human Services site at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.

For the most current information on the Harris County specific guidelines and local testing centers, please refer to the Harris County Public Health site at <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>.

Please follow these guidelines and stay safe!

COVID-19 TESTING

The Houston Health Department's two COVID-19 drive-thru sites are now open to anyone who wants to get the test, regardless of symptoms. To get a test, you must call the department's COVID-19 call center at 832-393-4220 between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM to receive a unique identification code and instructions on where to go for testing and how to obtain test results. You must get the identification code. People who show up at the test site without the code will not get tested.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Share the newsletter with friends/family Writing Challenge: What are you grateful for?	TikTok Challenge. Recreate your favorite TikTok (or create your own!) and share with the staff through text or social media! Writing Challenge: Write a poem about your favorite toy or your LEAST favorite food.	Scavenger Hunt @ 7:00 pm with Juan Ramirez (https://zoom.us/j/398196452) Writing Challenge: What is the best book you've ever read and why?	Pray Room @ 9:30 am with Ana Mendoza (https://zoom.us/j/528138335) Writing Challenge: Genie from Aladdin wants to grant you one wish. What wish do you choose and why?	Ministry Message with David Balyeat (Instagram and Facebook) Writing Challenge: In your opinion, who is the best Disney character? Why?	Let the Kids Play Challenge. Send us a picture/video or tag us on social media of your kids playing their favorite sport.	Parents Challenge. Send us a picture/video or tag us on social media of you either pitching, batting, throwing, catching, or kicking a ball with your kids.

UNEMPLOYMENT

If you have become unemployed, or are a contractor/self-employed who is out of work due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. These benefits include state benefits plus an additional \$600 a week from the federal government. **It is important that you file for unemployment benefits as soon as possible.** To apply, go to [this website](#) or call 800-939-6631. Both the website and phone number are very busy so you may have to try many times.

Stimulus CHECK

If you want to check the status of your stimulus check, or have any questions regarding who is eligible and when you will receive it, please go to [this website](#). For additional assistance, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

MISC.

All schools have closed their campuses for the remainder of the school year and will continue with virtual learning.

The Spring Branch Community Health Center clinics are still serving the community. Click [here](#) for more information.

Iglesia Generaciones are distributing food to families in urgent need in Spring Branch Monday-Friday 10am - 2pm 1330 Gessner Rd Houston Texas 77055. Click [here](#) to listen to Pastor Joseph Rios' message

Click [here](#) to see the SBISD food distribution schedule and pickup locations.

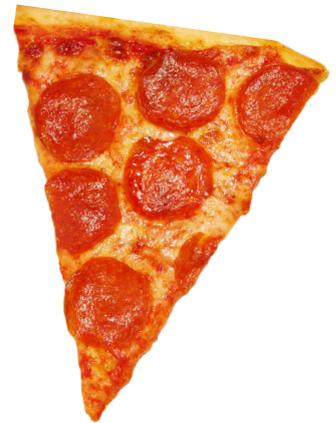
EDUCATION

Senior Parents: By now, your senior students should be selecting their 4 year college, 2 year college or technical school that they will attend in the fall of 2020. Make sure you have your senior get in touch with Sergio so he can help you with registration, interpreting financial aid award letters, or making a final decision. Your senior is almost done with high school, and now is the time to start making a solid plan for life after graduation!

Junior Parents: Last week we asked junior students to take the following O*Net test. [Click here](#) to access the test. The results for this test will help juniors start thinking of career choices they can make after college and will also help juniors get an idea of what they can study during college to be prepared for those careers. Please encourage your juniors to take the test and share the results with us through the staff member that reaches out to you. We will then help your junior go over the results and start planning for life after high school!

FREE PIZZA!

Join the SpringSpirit Writing Challenge this week! Each day, have your children write an answer to our writing prompt of the day or draw a picture. Take a picture of their work or video them reading their answer. Post it on social media and tag SpringSpirit. Each writing your child submits will earn one ticket to a raffle for a free pizza delivery to your house on Saturday night! And you may even get a repost on social media!



Monday: What are you grateful for?

Tuesday: Write a poem about your favorite toy or your LEAST favorite food.

Wednesday: What is the best book you've ever read and why?

Thursday: Genie from Aladdin wants to grant you one wish. What wish do you choose and why?

Friday: In your opinion, who is the best Disney character? Why?

Remember: Write, draw, and post on social media each day this week for a chance to win pizza!

DIGITAL LEARNING

Use the links below to find the elearning resource page for your district.

SBISD SBISD'S DIGITAL BACKPACK

For more information, go to <https://www.springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/digitalbackpack>



HISD HISD @H.O.M.E. HOME-BASED ONGOING MOBILE EDUCATION

For more information, go to <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/180154>



CY-FAIR ISD LEARNING AT HOME

For more information, go to <https://www.cfsid.net/en/parents-students/health-coronavirus/learning-home>



INTERNET HELP



To enter the lottery for free computers in Harris County, go to <https://www.compudopt.org/covid>

To find free/low cost internet and computers by zipcode, go to <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>

MEET THE STAFF

Haley Reiser



Nickname: Hay Hay (mainly with the 4 and under crowd)
Biggest pet peeve: Bad grammar...
Famous person that I wish I could meet one day: Steve Carrel
Greatest moment from HS/College: Working at Camp Ozark in the summers
Favorite athlete I've met in real life: Lance Berkman obviously!!
Favorite number: 25, I wore that number in high school, plus it's a perfect square and I'm a math nerd
Favorite SpringSpirit memory: Going to Camp Ozark with the kids who earned a scholarship!



Q: If you could have any super-power, what would it be?

A: I wish I could fly!

Q: What is the dumbest way you've been injured?

A: I really messed up my shoulder tubing on the lake once... should have let go sooner...

Q: What would be the worst thing to hear as you are going under anesthesia before heart surgery?

A: "Remind me which leg the heart is in again?" -doctor

Q: If you had a giraffe that you needed to hide, where would you hide it?

A: Kenny's backyard- he'd be the most likely to explain to the police why it was there.



Q: What's the best sporting event you've been to?

A: Game 7 of the ALCS 2017

Q: What's your go to restaurant for amazing food?

A: Aladdin's or Mai's

