SPRINGSPIRIT

Community Newsletter

May 4 - May 8



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WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Hey family, we miss you. We hope you are doing well, we are praying for you, always. Has it happened to you? Have you become acclimated to this new normal? It's a weird one isn't it? And yet, we feel God closer than ever.

It hasn't been easy, every day has its own little thing, but we love how Jesus had words for us, for times such as these:

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

We want to encourage you to keep trusting, keep your eyes on Jesus, know that this season will bring forth many things you didn't even know you had in you.

Leave you with this passage from James:

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Page 4: MEET THE STAFF

Laura Smith

IMPORTANT

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or concerns, please call/text 713-897-1195 or message us on <u>Facebook</u>. 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...



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.



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.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Please follow these guidelines and stay safe!

Face Covering Order

Harris County is now requiring all people over the age of 10 to use face coverings when leaving the home. This includes homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, or handkerchiefs. Exceptions are made for anyone who is exercising alone, eating/drinking, or driving. This order will last until May 26th. For information on face coverings, including how to make your own, click here.

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.

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.

EDUCATION

Join us for SpringSpirit Storytime on Zoom TONIGHT (Monday, May 4th) at 6pm. Come ready to listen, answer a few questions and have fun! Use this Zoom link to join:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83309879888

SpringSpirit Writing Challenge is back! Submit your responses on social media each day to have a chance to win a free pizza dinner for your family!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Share the newsletter with friends/family Storytime @ 6:00 pm https:// us02web.zoom. us/j/83309879888 Writing Challenge: What's the best way to celebrate a birthday if you can't leave your house?	TikTok Challenge. Recreate your favorite TikTok (or create your own!) and share with the staff through text or social media! Writing Challenge: What is your favorite song and why? (Extra points if you make a video of yourself singing or dancing to the song!)	Game Night @ 7:00 pm with Juan Ramirez (https://zoom. us/j/398196452) Writing Challenge: Pretend you just graduated from college. What would be the best job for you and why?	Pray Room @ 9:30 am with Ana Mendoza (https://zoom.us/j/528138335) Writing Challenge: Mother's Day is this Sunday. Tell us why your mother is the best!	Ministry Message with David Balyeat (Instagram and Facebook) Writing Challenge: Tell us a joke! Write the joke out, try to memorize it, and then make a video of yourself telling it!	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.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Abby Berkman Winner of our Scategories Challenge



Pricilla Garza
Winner of our Writing
Challenge

MISC

SBISD is proud to announce a pilot program by placing a Wi-Fi enabled bus at SpringSpirit. SBISD students can access the Wi-Fi from their SBISD issued device (directions linked). Wi-Fi will be available from 9am to 2pm, Monday through Friday. Check your Remind messages for instructions.

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 <u>here</u> to see the SBISD food distribution schedule and pickup locations.

ETHE ST Laura Smith

Biggest pet peeve: talking with your mouth full of food Famous person that I'd like to meet: Barefoot Contessa (Ina Garten) Favoritehometownactivity:I'mfromHouston,soI'dsayyouhavetogo to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo!

Favor item oment from HS/College: Attending all the games of the TexasLonghorns' National Championship-winning season in 2005 while I was in college at UT.

FavoriteSpringSpiritmemory:Watchingthekidsplaysoftball,baseball and soccer games







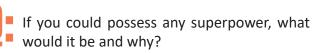
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What is the longest trip in hours you've been

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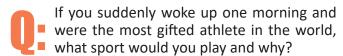
Teleportation. Get places FAST!



What artist or band do you always recommend when someone asks for a music recommendation?



Jason Isbell



Tennis-lenjoyplayingitbutamnotgoodatall.lflwere good, I would have a lot more fun playing it!:)



What is the story behind your most gnarly scar?



Trippedandhitthecornerofmyheadonthecounter.Big scarProbablyshouldhavegottenstitchesNohairgrows in that spot.