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From the Principal's Desk

April 18, 2019



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Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2018 / 2019

"Let us love one another because love is from God"

Holy Thursday





A special thank you to the 8th grade students and Ms. Gregas for presenting the Living Stations of the Cross this morning and providing this beautiful, prayerful experience for us to have as a community.

Please know that each of your families will be remembered in my prayers throughout the remainder of this Holy Week and into the joyful Easter season.

I hope that you enjoy the time away from school and that your students return energized and ready to attack the last weeks of this academic term with enthusiasm!

*Good and gracious God
You who move the stars and the human heart as well.
Thank you for all the ways
you enter into holy Communion with us on the journey
to sustain us, nurture us, and hold us in life.*

*In the Eucharist you give us,
you make of us a people of gratitude
for all the gifts of life
for the change of seasons
for the delights of childhood
and the comfort of wisdom
for all manner of faith, family, food, and friendship
and for every unfulfilled desire of our hearts.
We praise you, worship you, and glorify you
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

--John F. Kavanaugh, SJ

Dress Down Day



Thank you to all who have so generously donated to the clothing drive being run by some of our 8th grade students and the Student Council to benefit those living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Now we have to ship everything!

In order to help defray some of the costs of shipping all of the boxes, the NJHS is sponsoring a dress down day on Wednesday, May 1st.

The cost for participating is \$1. All school rules regarding appropriate dress are applicable.

Thank you for your support!

Information is below regarding the upcoming Mother's Day Mass on May 10th.

A reminder that Friday, May 3rd is an early dismissal day for teacher professional development. Extended Day will be open.

The final Scantron testing sessions for the year will take place beginning Monday, May 6th.

If you would like to purchase the Spring picture packet, you may remit payment online or by sending the check into the school. If you do not wish to purchase the photographs, they must be returned to the school as soon as possible.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Diocesan Science Fair

On Saturday, April 13, Holy Spirit School sent ten students to participate in the Diocesan Science Fair. Over 260 of the top students from around the diocese were there to present their science projects to groups of judges. Team trophies were given to the highest scoring teams, and Mr. Thieman's Holy Spirit team won the 2nd Place Trophy!

Individual awards were presented to the following students from Holy Spirit School:

First Place Awards were earned by Anna B (Chemistry) and Sarah T (Microbiology). Sarah T's project was one of four to receive an additional Certificate of Excellence Award and monetary prize presented by HP Environmental, Inc.

Honorable Mention Awards were presented to Isabelle N (Chemistry), Isabelle V (Chemistry) and Claire G (Physics).

Congratulations to these students, to Mr. Thieman, and also to participants Daymee D, Gabriela R, Natalie L, Teresa N, and John C as the team award cannot be won without an excellent showing and high scores by all team members.



Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division

11 mins · 🌐

2017 Miss USA and Scientist Kara McCullough (right) speaks to middle-school students at the Carderock Math Contest today. (U.S. Navy photo by Nicholas Brezzell/Released)



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Math Olympiad Team

Members of the Holy Spirit Math Olympiad Team recently attended an annual competition at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division.

While there, several of our female students were specially chosen to have a photo op with the guest speaker, Miss USA 2017, who also happens to be a nuclear chemist at the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and promotes STEM with girls.

What an exciting opportunity for all involved!



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Preparing for the Feast
of Divine Mercy Sunday

"O Blood and Water, which
gushed forth from the Heart
of Jesus as a fountain of
Mercy for us, I trust in You!"

Novena Schedule & Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour: April 19 - April 28

(in the church)

Good Friday, April 19: **5:30 PM**

Holy Saturday, April 26: **9:30 AM**

Easter Sunday, April 21: **5:30 PM**

Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26: **7 PM**

Saturday, April 27: **9:30 AM**

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour
April 28: 4:45 PM

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

The miracle-famous image of Merciful Jesus from the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow-Łagiewniki.
Photo: Piotr Tumidajski © Zgromadzenie Sióstr Matki Bożej Miłosierdzia

Tenebrae

OFFICE OF SHADOWS

MATINS & LAUDS OF GOOD FRIDAY
FEATURING ALLEGRI'S "MISERERE MEI"
FOR DOUBLE CHOIR



**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

Good Friday
April 19
7:30 PM

Preceded by
Stations
of the Cross
6:45 PM



During Tenebrae, candles are gradually extinguished as each psalm and lesson is proclaimed, leaving only a single lit candle in the representation of Christ, the Light of the World. As the darkness deepens, the faithful reflect with greater intensity on the emotional and physical pain endured by Jesus during His Passion. In the end, the single light piercing the darkness reminds us of the eternal triumph of good over evil.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Holy Spirit School
Mother's Day Mass

May 10, 2019
9:00am

Light refreshments will be served after mass in your children's classrooms.

Students are welcome to come to school at normal time or directly to mass with their Moms.

If Moms are unable to come then Grandmas, aunts, or friends are welcome to stand in for you.



The Art Show is coming May 15th. Mrs. Liss could really use some assistance to set up.

[Click here to sign-up to help!](#)



Dear Families,

I am writing to let you know about a fantastic education resource called Epic! that we will be using in our classroom this year to nurture your child's love of reading and self-directed learning.

Studies show that kids who read at home do significantly better academically during the school year and beyond. Epic! is the leading digital library for kids, with unlimited access to an incredible selection of 35,000 high-quality books, learning videos and more. You can access Epic! on any device, including your smartphone, iPad or computer — so your child can read and learn anytime, anywhere.

Epic! is offering an exclusive 25% OFF discount to families in our classroom, available for a limited time only, when you sign up at www.getepic.com/teacheroffer. You'll be given a 30-day FREE trial and instant, unlimited access to the Epic! library. If you decide to continue using Epic!, the exclusive teacher offer price is **\$5.99 per month** (a 25% discount from the regular price of \$7.99/ month).

In addition, for each family in our class that signs up for Epic!, we will receive points that I can redeem for free books and supplies to enhance your child's learning experience. **Please enter our Classroom Code when signing up: dsc4702**

Thanks so much for encouraging your child's love of reading and learning and supporting our classroom!

Ms. Rowley

Our Classroom Code: **dsc4702**

**The Race Will Be Here Before We Know It!
Have YOU Registered?**

[Click here to register!](#)

Holy Spirit School

5K Spirit Run

An easy and fun way to support
Holy Spirit School's Resource Program!



May 18,
2019
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Online registration required.
Visit HolySpiritFlames.org



A Chance to Give Back!

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Holy Spirit's Resource department is here to support all types of learners in our school. We are asking for your help to raise money for our Resource Department. If you or someone you know receives assistance from resource, please consider becoming a fundraiser and giving back!

How? Set up a fundraising web-page and collect donations from friends and family. It's easy:

1. Go to holyspiritflames.org
2. Click 5K Spirit Run, choose "Register Here" on the drop down menu.
3. Click "Click here to register!"
4. Click the blue "Donate" button.
5. Click the blue "Become a Fundraiser" button.
6. Set a reasonable goal and follow the instructions to "Become a Fundraiser".

Middle school students will earn house points and community service hours just by setting up your Fundraising Page! All Holy Spirit students are encouraged to participate.

Need some more motivation?

Father O' Donohue will host an afternoon of "activities" for the homeroom or classroom that raises the most money!

**Don't forget to sign up for the 5K Spirit Run on May 18th.
You can run the race, walk or come cheer on the participants!**



Field Day



Let the games begin!

HAVE FUN while
earning volunteer
hours & help
make Field Day a
success!

Friday, May 17th
8 am – 1 pm

Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/CauQvOu>

Lots of volunteer opportunities to bring food and supplies!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents who volunteer to be coaches must be fully Child Protection Compliant in order to participate in Field Day

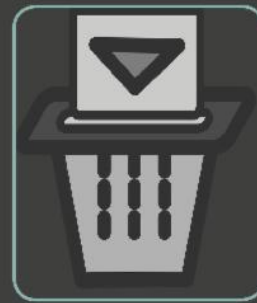
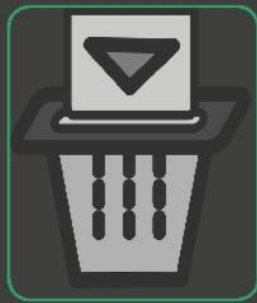
Questions? Contact Jessica Driscoll at jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Marian Homes, Inc.

Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity
maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals



April 27th
10 AM - 1 PM
Upper Parking Lot

BRING your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.
NO newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:
Andrew Tremel at Knights@holyspiritchurch.us



Saturday, May 18th
6:45 AM - 11:30 AM

INOVA Blood Donor Services
Holy Spirit School

Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Contact:

• Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435
or giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us

• Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122
or cmcecka@yahoo.com

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.
Double up! Donate on ALYX.

HOLY
SPIRIT
Catholic Church

**PVI CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS SOCCER CAMP
SUMMER 2019**



July 29 – Aug 2, 2019

**Day Camp
Boys Age 8-15
9 am – 3 pm**

**\$235
(\$210 before April 20th)**

**SIBLINGS ONLY PAY \$190
GROUP DISCOUNTS FOR 4 OR MORE**

PVI Boys 2015 VISAA State Champs!



**2018 WCAC Finalist & 2010 and 2015
VISAA State Champions**

**PVI Boys Head Soccer Coach
Matt Leiva
2013 WCAC Coach of the Year**

PVI SOCCER CAMP

Our goal at the PVI Boys Soccer Camp is to improve your athlete's technical and tactical abilities in a fun and positive environment. We will emphasize the importance of fundamentals while developing decision-making abilities. We want to ensure each camper is on their way to reaching their full potential while having fun at the same time. For the more advanced players, instruction will be focused on maturing as a player and steps to take to reach the next level. Athletes will be given a glimpse of what to expect when joining a strong high school program.

DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

9 – 11 am Technical Development
11 – 12 pm Tactical Development
12 – 1 pm **LUNCH BREAK**
1 – 2 pm Group Tactics (3 v 1, 4 v 2)

Information and on-line registration at www.pvisocccamps.com or mail this form with a check or money order. For questions, please email Coach Ed Aponte at eaoponte@pvipanther.net

Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Home phone () _____
Emergency Phone () _____
Years of experience _____ Date
of Birth _____ Age _____
Primary Position _____ T-Shirt Size _____
E-mail: _____

Fee: \$235 Day Camp (\$210 if registered before April 20th)

Method of Payment:
() Check Enclosed () Money Order

Make checks payable to:
PVI High School
(Memo: Boys Soccer Camp)

Mail to: PVI Boys Soccer Camp
Attn: Matt Leiva
Paul VI Catholic High School
10675 Fairfax Boulevard
Fairfax, VA 22030

Medical Consent (for parent's signature)
I hereby state that my child is in good normal health and has my permission to participate in all camp activities. In addition, I authorize the PVI Boys Soccer Camp Staff to act for me in securing medical treatment for my child in the event of injury and sickness. A registration requires that a parent/guardian sign below to agree that in case of an accident involving their child while attending the PVI Soccer Camp they release the camp, the ownership, the counselors, the directors, Paul VI Catholic High School, and the Commonwealth of Virginia from any and all liability.

Signed parent/guardian _____ Date _____



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "April 18, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Epic! Access Information - flyer
2. Mother's Day Mass - flyer

5K Race Information:

1. Race flyer
2. A Chance to Give Back flyer
3. Why We Race Letter
4. Sponsorship Information

Parish Flyers:

1. Divine Mercy Novena - flyer

2. Tenebrae - flyer
3. VBS - flyer
4. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp - flyer
5. Document Shredding Event - flyer
6. Blood Drive - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. PVI Summer Boys Soccer Camp
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