

From the Principal's Desk

August 1, 2019

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Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2019 / 2020

"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"

And just like that, it is August!

Dear Holy Spirit Families,

Wow! Where have the Summer weeks gone?

Can you believe in just a few short weeks we will launch our 2019/2020 school year? I pray you are enjoying the time away from school and that you and your students are ready to embrace the new school year and all of the excitement that it holds. We welcome all those who are new to our community - we look forward to getting to know everyone.

The faculty has chosen the theme of "What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus" as we highlight throughout the year the Catholic Social Teaching of the option for the poor and vulnerable. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for the students both in and out of classrooms to live the Catholic Faith.

This year Holy Spirit School will go through the Design for Excellence re-accreditation process. This is a year of self-study of the programs across the school culminating in a week-long observation from a Visiting Team. You will notice on the school calendar a few extra half days. Although I tried to minimize those, the time is necessary for the faculty to put together the materials required by the process.

We have a couple of new teaching/homeroom assignments for the year. Mrs. Missy Payne has moved to 1st grade and Ms. Taylor Dailey while remaining as the middle school Social Studies teacher, she is now a 6th grade homeroom teacher.

Mrs. Fairis Walker's role in the Resource Department is changing as she takes on a full-time teacher position and Mrs. Tina Wilson will be using her wonderful background as a part of the Resource Department team.

We also have several new faculty members with us this year. We welcome Ms. Sheila Clary to prekindergarten; Mrs. Stacey Magan to 3rd grade; Mr. John Farnham and Mrs. Maggie Flynn in 5th grade; Mrs. Monica Check will be with a 7th grade homeroom and will teach 7th grade Language Arts and 8th grade Religion; Mrs. Erin Ratschan will cover an 8th grade homeroom and will teach various sections of Middle School Math; Mrs. Janell Cline will join in teaching the sections of Middle School Math.

If, by chance, your student has not completed his/her summer work, now would be great time to be sure students are on track to have everything finished as most everything is due either the first day or first week of school.

If you have a rising kindergartener or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned as soon as possible. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

If you are interested in either Morning Care or Extended Day, the registration document is available on the website, you may send that in now and you will be billed the registration fee via FACTS.

On August 21st at 7:00 pm the NEW family ice cream social sponsored by the PTO will be held in the school gymnasium. We invite all new families (parents and children) to join us. There will be an opportunity for new families to purchase used uniforms.

Paperwork needed for the start of the school year will be available for pickup during the August 23rd Open House in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 26th.

For Grades 1-8 Monday, August 26th is an 11:30 am dismissal; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are 3:15 pm dismissals and Friday, August 30th is an 11:30 am dismissal with no Extended Day Care. School lunches will begin on September 3rd. Please pack a lunch for your child the first week.

School for Grades 1-8 begins on August 26th at 8:00 am. Please make every effort to begin the good habit of arriving on time. Drop off begins at 7:40 am; I will see you in the parking lot! Teachers will meet the students outside and escort them to their classrooms. Parents are asked to say their goodbyes as they drop their children off in the carline. (If you want to park after you drop off your children you are welcome to.) Please refer to the handbook posted on the webpage for complete directions on arrival and pickup procedures. During the first week of school the vanpool slots for last year will be used with the EXCEPTION of kindergarteners who are now first graders. These students will be dismissed with the regular carpool unless they are in a group vanpool. Applications for vanpool slots will be sent home in the beginning of the year packet.

A kindergarten parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26th at 8:30 am. Kindergartners' first day will be Tuesday, August 27th, from 8:00 - 11:30 am (with no afternoon Extended Day for them this first day). Both Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday, August 29th are full days for kindergarten. Friday, August 30th is a half day for all students with no Extended Day.

The prekindergarten parent meeting (no students) is at 9:30 am on Monday, August 26th. The preschool orientation for the students and parents is on August 27th. Students with last names beginning A through L are asked to come from 9:00 - 9:45 am and students with last names beginning with M through Z are asked to come from 10:00 - 10:45 am. Classes begin for prekindergarten on August 28th; this is a half day for all PreK students with dismissal at 11:30am (there is no afternoon Extended Day for PreK this first day). Thursday, August 29th is a full day for those PreK students enrolled as full day students. Friday, August 30th is a half day dismissal for all students with no Extended Day.

Morning Care will be open at 7:00 am on the first day of school. Morning care is located in Room 4. Please use the western set of doors (Exit 11). Grade levels may begin using Morning Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 - may begin using Morning Care on Monday, August 26th
Kindergarten - may begin using Morning Care on Tuesday, August 27th
PreKindergarten - may begin using Morning Care on Wednesday, August 28th.

Afternoon Extended Care for Grades 1-8 will be in the cafeteria. Afternoon Care for PreKindergarten and Kindergarten will be in Room 1. Grade levels may begin using Afternoon Extended Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 - may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 26th
Kindergarten - may begin using Extended Day on Wednesday, August 28th
PreKindergarten - may begin using Extended Day on Thursday, August 29th
Afternoon Extended Day is closed completely on Friday, August 30th due to the early dismissal.

Information regarding the calendar, supplies and reading lists can all be found on the webpage www.holyspiritflames.org.

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year. Thank you for allowing us to be a partner in the education of your children.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Schedule for Grades 1-8

Monday, August 26th:

- First Day of School
- 11:30 am dismissal
- Morning Care Opens (please enter via Exit 11)

- Extended Day Opens (please pick up in the cafeteria)

Tuesday, August 27th - Thursday, August 29th:

- Regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- NO hot lunches served; all students must have a bag lunch

Friday, August 30th:

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day

Schedule for Kindergarten

Monday, August 26th:

- 8:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 27th:

- First day for kindergarten students
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day

Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday, August 29th:

- Full days - regular 3:15pm dismissal
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- NO hot lunches served - all students must have a bag lunch
- Extended Day available (pick up via Exit 11)

Friday, August 30th:

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day

Schedule for PreKindergarten

Monday, August 26th:

- 9:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 27th:

- Parent and student orientation
- 9:00 - 9:45 am Students with last name A-L
- 10:00 - 10:45 am Students with last name M-Z

Wednesday, August 28th:

- First day for Prekindergarten
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal for ALL students
- No afternoon Extended Day available

Thursday, August 29th:

- Full day with regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- Morning Care available
- NO hot lunches served - all students must have a bag lunch
- Afternoon Extended Day available (pickup via Exit 11)

Friday, August 30th:

- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day



The August tuition payment is due!

If you have not yet set up your FACTS tuition account - remember this is new for everyone - please take the time to do .

As you can imagine, inputting all of the school families is time and labor intensive. We encourage all families to log in to double check that in particular your family's designation as in or out of parish has been correctly noted. If you believe there is an error, please contact the school's bookkeeper, Lilian Rodriguez at schoolaccounts@holyspiritflames.org.

Our FACTS "button" is located in the top right-hand corner of the school website.

Please remember that even if your family plans to pre-pay tuition in full a FACTS account must still be established/set-up for your family for "incidental" charges throughout the year (for example, roller skating fees).

Thank you!



NEW FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 21st
7:00pm

The PTO cordially invites all new Holy Spirit families (parents and children) to an ice cream social. Come and meet some of our current families and PTO Executive Board members, and get a little "leg up" before the start of the school year. There will be a used uniform sale that night for new families.



Headphone/Earbuds

All Holy Spirit students will need a personal set of headphones/earbuds throughout the year for use in the computer lab and with the Chromebooks and iPads.

For health purposes we are requesting that all students provide their own headphones/earbuds.

Parents may choose the device based on comfort for your child.

Please though do not purchase overly expensive equipment. Earphones/earbuds should be brought the first day of school in a clear plastic Ziploc bag with the student's name clearly written on the bag.

*Note that the better choice for the younger students is headphones as the earbuds do not tend to fit correctly and fall out.



Holy Spirit School 2019
Summer Reading List

The Summer Reading List with assignments for all rising kindergarten through 8th

grade students is available via the link below. The list is also available on the school website under Current Families Resources.

[Summer Reading List 2019](#)



Summer Math Assignments are made for all rising 1st through 8th graders. They are in the process of being finalized by the teachers and these assignments will make use of the IXL platform. Assignments were included with student report cards and are individualized to each student.

We are striving for 100% family participation!

~SAVE THE DATE~

BACK TO THE 80S

Dinner & Dance

HOLY SPIRIT AUCTION 2019



NOVEMBER 2, 2019



Dear Families,

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program, and you're the first to know!

Over the summer, you'll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer.

The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**WHEN THE NEW APP LAUNCHES, BE SURE TO
DOWNLOAD IT OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT
[BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK](https://www.btfec.com/sneakpeek)**

ROBOTICS CLUB

Holy Spirit School will start a Robotics Club for the 2019-2020 school year. The club will meet in the Computer Lab after school once a week for one hour. During each of the trimesters, students will be able to sign up for eight sessions. Students will learn to build and program a working robot.

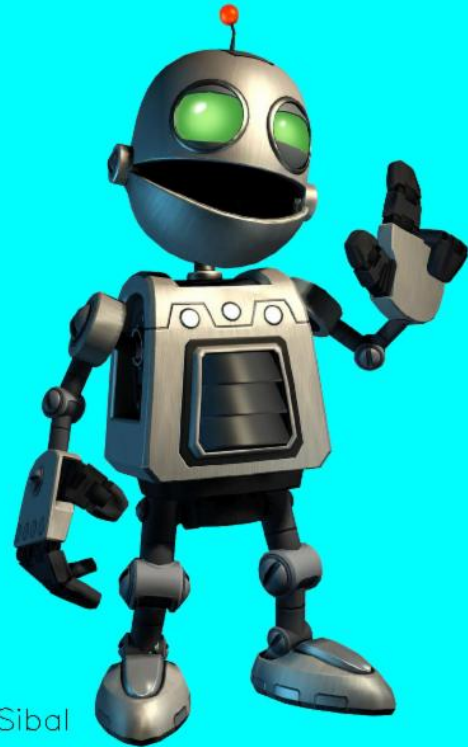
Spaces are limited to 20 students.
Cost is \$250 for 8 sessions.

Grades 3&4
Wednesday
(3:20PM-4:20PM)

Please see the school calendar for actual dates.

Grades 5-8
Tuesday
(3:20PM-4:20PM)

To sign up email Benny Sibal
bsibal@holyspiritflames.org



Holy Spirit Chess and Coding Clubs



Sponsored by the Holy Spirit PTO



Chess Club is taught by experienced Silver Knights instructors using a curriculum developed by National Masters. Each weekly session is a mix of learning and play. Playing chess is a great way to develop a child's critical thinking skills, sportsmanship, and patience — all while having fun!

Chess Club Details:

- ◆ All grades and skill levels welcome.
- ◆ All equipment provided.
- ◆ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting on 10/21 and ending on 12/16.
- ◆ Club will not meet on 11/11.
- ◆ A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 1/6.
- ◆ Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- ◆ Tuition: \$120 for 8 weeks.
- ◆ Club located at Holy Spirit



In **Coding Club**, design your own video games in the Game Design: Mazes and Monsters unit. Using Scratch 3 digital tools, create your own maze games, platformers, and side scrollers. Use the Silver Knights Curriculum to learn how to code and then add more excitement to your games with amazing graphics, sounds, game add-ons like leveling up, gravity variables, and scores! Level up!

Coding Club Details:

- ◆ Grades 2 & up — only 12 spots available!
- ◆ All computers and equipment provided.
- ◆ Dates: Club meets every Thursday that school is in session starting on 10/17 and ending on 12/12.
- ◆ Club does not meet 11/28.
- ◆ A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 12/19.
- ◆ Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- ◆ Tuition: \$180 for 8 weeks.
- ◆ Club located at Holy Spirit

TO REGISTER, VISIT: www.skenrichment.com


To request scholarships or financial aid, please visit our website.

Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ACADEMY



Holy Spirit School

 **Sept. 11th - Oct. 30th**
Soccer Academy

8 week sessions

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Directly After School

Kindergarten - 4th Grade

\$120

Register Online at ThePSASports.com

Watch The
PSA Video



SCAN ME

Admin@thepsasports.com

www.ThePSASports.com

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St. Lucy, pray for us!

Children's Summer Blue Bag Food Collection

to benefit the St. Lucy Food Project

Hungry children are home for the summer and are not able to get the usual free lunches at school. Demand for food increases in the summer; The St. Lucy Food Pantry network must respond.

Pick up your blue food bag in the church narthex beginning August 10th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

**Blue Bag Food Collection
August 17 & 18 | All Masses
Holy Spirit Church**

The St. Lucy Project is in need of the following items:

1 Peanut Butter and 2 Jellies
Canned Chicken and Tuna
Canned Ravioli
Breakfast Cereal (can be used for all meals)
Children's Snacks
Granola Bars
Pudding
Non-Perishable Juices
Shelf Stable Chocolate Milk
Apple Sauce
Raisins

It costs 86 cents a lb. to transport food to the poor in over 50 locations. Check Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please mail a check in the pre-addressed envelope provided with the blue bag (or bring it to the truck with your bag). Please make checks payable to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Food Project" in the memo of the check. Thank you!

For more information about the drive, please contact
Vince Cannava, Holy Spirit Food Ministry, 571-442-4673 (cell)



Rain or
shine!

Parish Picnic & Open House

Free!
All Are
Welcome

Rain or shine!

Please bring a
dish to share:

A-R: Salads/Sides
S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food &
Activities Include:
Burgers & Hot Dogs,
Soda, Cotton Candy,
Snow Cones,
Moonbounce,
Inflatable Obstacle
Course, Face Painting,
Scouts Obstacle
Courses
and more!

Side Dish Potluck



Sunday, September 8

1-4pm

Front Lawn

Don't
forget
your
lawn
chairs

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

Many volunteers needed, youth and adult.
Click on the gold "Volunteer" button on the home page
of the website: www.holyspintchurch.us

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Sign up for a day to intentionally pray for
our parish priests!


Let's fill their year with our prayers!

Your name will appear in a calendar
that will be given to our priests on Sept. 29th,
Priesthood Sunday. Sign up at:

HolySpiritChurch.us

(select the gold "volunteer" button)

Adult Volleyball Nights
Competitive Pick-up Games
Monday Nights
(March 11th - October 28th)
7:30-9:00 pm
School Gym
18 and older



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 1, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Welcome Back Letter 2019
2. 2019/2020 School Supply List
3. Robotics Club
4. Silverknights Chess and Coding Clubs
5. Players Soccer Academy

Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Food Project
2. Parish Picnic & Open House
3. Priesthood Sunday
4. Adult Volleyball Nights

Community Flyers:

