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From the Principal's Desk

August 16, 2018



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

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

Oh, so close!

The opening of school is right around the corner! We are quickly trying to finish up the renovations and cleaning of the building so that we are ready for the return of the students. The teachers start back on Monday morning and we have a full week of meetings and professional development. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Open House on Friday, August 24th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

As some families are aware the school's technology teacher decided on August 2nd to resign his position. With that late of notice, please note that as of today's writing we do not have a teacher for that position. I am prayerful that a qualified candidate will surface in the coming weeks. If you know someone who may be interested and is qualified to teach, please have him/her send along a resume to my attention.

One of the recommendations that came from the last school audit was to move all school lunch payments to electronic payments. With that in mind, Holy Spirit has contracted with a third party vendor, Boonli, for all lunch ordering. Please be sure to look for information in your beginning of the year packet (available at the Open House on 8/24) for setting up your family's account.

Another reminder: if you have a rising kindergartener or sixth grader or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned now. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

On August 22nd at 7:00 pm the NEW family ice cream social sponsored by the PTO will be held in the school gymnasium (note the change in venue). 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 24th Open House in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 27th.

-Maureen Ashby
Principal

Schedule for Grades 1-8

Monday, August 27th:

- 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 28th - Thursday, August 30th:

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

Friday, August 31st:

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

Monday, August 27th:

- 8:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 28th:

- First day for kindergarten students

- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day

Wednesday, August 29th and Thursday, August 30th:

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

Friday, August 31st:

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

Schedule for PreKindergarten

Monday, August 27th:

- 9:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 28th:

- 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 29th:

- 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 30th:

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

Friday, August 31st:

- 9:00 am Mass
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NEW FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 22nd

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.

Uniform Ordering



SUMMER IS HERE

PLAN YOUR UNIFORM ORDERING NOW!

To make the uniform shopping experience quick & easy, we offer 3 ways to shop with 3 simple steps each. 1, 2, 3, and then you're back to summer (uniform-worry-free).



ONLINE

1. Find your school and select your items. If you need help with sizing, size chart are listed under each item online, or you can use our [sizing guides](#).
2. Ship directly to your home OR ship your order for free store pick up! (Please note that in-store pickup may be suspended for high volume stores after 8/1)
3. Let us know if you have any issues! Email us atyourservice@flynnohara.com or call 1-800-441-4122 for assistance.



IN-STORE

1. Visit our [website](#) to find your store location & view store hours
2. Upon arrival, one of our associates will walk through your school uniform requirements with you. If you already know what you're looking for, let us know! Our stores are set-up by station, so you can easily shop item-by-item.
3. Check out and enjoy the rest of your summer!



OVER THE PHONE

1. Tell us the school and grade level you're shopping for
2. Let us know what you need, or we can walk you through it!
3. Check out and enjoy your summer!

 FlynnO'Hara
UNIFORMS

WWW.FLYNNOHARA.COM

EXCITING NEWS!!!

Not only will Silver Knights be providing high quality chess instruction at Holy Spirit in the coming year but now the company will also offer a

CODING CLUB

See the information below.



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.
- ◆ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting on 10/1 and ending on 1/14.
- ◆ Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- ◆ Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- ◆ All equipment provided.
- ◆ Club will not meet on 10/8, 11/12, 12/24, 12/31, and 1/21.
- ◆ A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 1/28 or 2/4.
- ◆ Tuition: \$180 for 12 weeks.



In **Coding Club**, learn to code your own games and animations using Scratch. MIT developed Scratch 10 years ago to give kids a fun way to learn programming skills and computational thinking. Each multi-week session includes all new projects that all kids will enjoy, from beginners to advanced coders. What will you create?

Coding Club Details:

- ◆ Grades 2-8 — only 18 spots available!
- ◆ Dates: Club meets every Wednesday that school is in session starting on 10/3 and ending on 11/28.
- ◆ Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- ◆ Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- ◆ All computers and equipment provided.
- ◆ Club does not meet 11/21.
- ◆ A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 12/5.
- ◆ Tuition: \$180 for 8 weeks.

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

[Click here to register for Chess Club](#)

[Click here to register for Coding Club](#)

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 11th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

**Blue Bag Food Collection
August 18 & 19 | 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)

Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:
HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth

Fall Sports

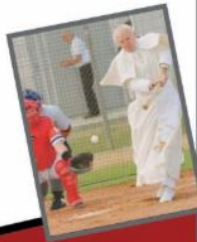
Cross Country

Tennis

Grades 3-8

“Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person.”

-St. John Paul II



Teams Forming
Register Today!



Coaches Needed!

Interested in coaching?
Contact CYO@holyspiritchurch.us



MILITIA IMMACULATA

What is it?

Militia Immaculata is a prayer group using the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Monday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

The Militia of the Immaculata is a spiritual movement that was started by St. Maximilian Kolbe—the aim is to convert souls and to pray for peace in the world.

What do you do?

We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some snacks and social time!

Who can join?

This group is open to youth of all ages! All you need is a signed permission form and you're in!

Is this really as great as it sounds?!?

Yup! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

Mondays 3:15-4:15 in the Youth Room.

Starts Sept. 10

Snacks and social time included.

Want to become Catholic?

Classes are forming now!



Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 5th)

7- 8:15 pm

Parish Center

For more information:

E-mail Deacon Nick LaDuca at denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church



Saturday, September 8th

6:45 - 11:45 AM

**INOVA Blood Donor Services
Holy Spirit School**

Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Contact:

- **Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435** or racecka@aol.com
- **Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122** or cmcecka@yahoo.com

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



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 9

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.holyspirtchurch.us

Short and Sweet

The Office of Youth Ministry invites all parents with youth in grades 6-12 to join us for:

Learn more about our vibrant and growing Youth Ministry Program!

Coffee and Desserts
Wednesday, September 12th
Youth Room
7:30-8:30p.m.

Please RSVP to: youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us by Tuesday, Sept 11



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 16, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Beginning of the year letter - 2018
2. Flynn O'Hara Ordering flyer
3. Silver Knights - chess club and coding club information

Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Project food drive
2. Parish Open House and Picnic
3. CYO Sports Sign-ups
4. RCIA classes flyer
5. Parish Blood Drive flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Girl Scouts information flyer

