

From the Principal's Desk

August 2, 2018



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

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

WooHoo - it is August!

Dear Holy Spirit Families,

Happy Feast of St. Eusebius of Vercelli!

Can you believe in just a few short weeks we will launch our 2018/2019 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 have many new families joining our community this year and we look forward to getting to know all of those children.

The faculty has chosen the theme of "Let us love one another because love is from God" as we highlight throughout the year the Catholic Social Teaching of the life and dignity of the human person. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for the students both in and out of classroom to live the Catholic Faith.

We have several new faculty members with us this year. We welcome Mrs. Jill Hoagland to 2nd grade; Ms. Katherine Arciniega to 3rd grade; Mr. Frank Arnold to 5th grade; Mr. Michael Thieman to Middle School Science; Ms. Alice Rowley to the library and Ms. Lois Hatchett to the Resource team.

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 sixth grader 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 and you may send that in now with the registration fee.

On August 22nd at 7:00 pm the NEW family ice cream social sponsored by the PTO will be held in the school cafeteria. We invite all new families (parents and children) to join us. There will be an opportunity for new families to purchase used uniforms.

On August 24th there will be an opportunity to meet the teachers, find out homeroom assignments and take a peek at the classrooms. Please join us at school from 1:00-2:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you then and ask that you please not come to school for an extra early sneak peek prior during the week of August 20th as the teachers and administration will be very busy with meetings and classroom set-up.

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

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 - allstudents 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
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day



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.

Did you miss the deadline for ordering school supplies through EPI?

NO WORRIES!



Quick & Easy Way to Order Your School Supplies Order Online & Have Supplies Shipped to Your Home

The prepackaged school supply sale for our school has ended. However, you can still order supplies through Educational Products, Inc. and have them sent directly to your home. Standard retail & shipping charges apply.

How To Order

Step 1: Go to www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks
Enter our School ID, then click the Enter button.

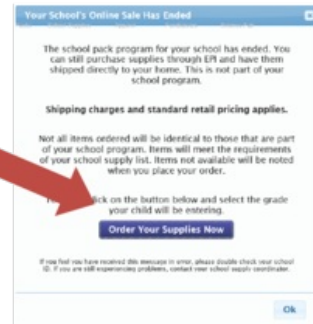
Holy Spirit School
School ID: HOL134

Step 2: Click on the orange "Order Your Supplies Now" button on the window that pops up.

Step 3: Choose the grade level your child will be in for the 2018-19 school year. Then, follow the instructions to purchase.

Typically, supplies are shipped within 2 business days of your order if all items are in stock.

Alternate brands may be substituted if the original brand is no longer in stock or available.



www.EducationalProducts.com | info@educationalproducts.com

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!

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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)

Huge

PARISH YARD SALE

FRIDAY, AUG 3
5:30 PM - 8 PM

SATURDAY, AUG 4
8 AM - 2 PM FREE ADMISSION

In the School

HOLY SPIRIT
Catholic Church

PRESALE
\$5/person

For more information contact:
Bill Seifert at hsmcseifert@cox.net

Email Bill for home pick-up
of heavy furniture.

Proceeds benefit the
Holy Spirit Community.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Items Accepted at the School Starting

Saturday, July 28, 9AM - 5PM

Sunday, July 29, 1PM - 5PM

Monday July 30 - Thursday, August 2
9 AM - 8 PM

The following items cannot be accepted: mattresses, tires,
TVs, computer equipment, and undergarments.
Donations must be clean, complete and in operable condition.

BAKE SALE

At the Parish Yard Sale
in the School



**Saturday, August 4
7 AM - 2 PM**

**Baked Goods Donation Drop-off
Friday, August 3 from 3 - 7 PM**

For information call Candie Poumade (703) 323-0322


*Bake Sale Proceeds Benefit
the Poor Clare Monasteries*

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St. Juliana Falconieri, pray for us!

Adult Volleyball Night

Competitive Pick-up Games



Monday Nights
(July 9th-August 13th)
7:00-9:00 pm
18 and older
Invite your friends!



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 2, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

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

Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Project food drive
2. Parish Yard Sale flyer
3. Parish Bake Sale flyer
4. Adult Pickup Volleyball

Community Flyers:

