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From the Principal's Desk

August 30, 2018



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

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

The 1st Week is in the Books (almost)!

What a busy, busy week we have had. It is wonderful to see everyone and for all of us to begin to get into our regular school routine.

A few reminders and some upcoming events:

1. Tomorrow, Friday, August 31 is an 11:30 am dismissal for everyone and there is NO afternoon Extended Care.
2. Monday, September 3rd is a school holiday for everyone.
3. Tuesday, September 4th is Back to School Night for Grades 1-5 beginning at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium and Wednesday, September 5th is for Middle School again beginning at 7:00 pm. Please remember this is an overview presentation from the teachers and not a time for personal conferences. If you have items very specific to your child, I would ask that you contact the teacher to set up a time to meet.
4. On Friday, September 7th following our 9:00 am school Mass we will be praying the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother's birthday. Please join us if you can (with sunny weather we will pray out on the front lawn).
5. The parish picnic and open house is Sunday, September 9th from 1 - 4:00 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of fun!
6. If you have demographic information changes, be sure that you return the form

that was a part of your Family Packet no later than tomorrow, Friday, August 31st as we are at the deadline for printing the school directories.

7. Adults needing to complete the Virtus seminar in connection with the Diocesan Child Protection Program, there will be a seminar held here at Holy Spirit on Saturday, September 22nd beginning at 8:30 am. Participants must preregister via Virtus.org.

8. Students are looking smart in the new school uniform! Please consider if a haircut is in order for your student. With the girls, although the fancy bows and headbands are fun, items worn to school should really muted and as much in line with school colors as possible. A reminder that nail polish is not allowed at school and jewelry should be kept to a minimum.

9. The Vanpool slots for the year will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, August 31st (excluding kindergarten families who already have their assigned spots).

10. Please remember to refrain from using your cell phone while in the car line or any time your car is moving while on the school campus. All students should exit the car in the morning on the right side of the car directly to the sidewalk. Safety first!

11. A reminder to all Prekindergarten parents even if you have older siblings or older carpool students in your car, all drop-off and pick-up should be in the back of the school.

12. Hot lunch does begin next week, please be sure to have completed your online order if your student wishes to purchase items from the September lunch menu.

13. Families new to Holy Spirit or who have new siblings with us - it is important to create your Parent Portal account (or add the new sibling). Without doing this your student will not show up in order for teachers to "roster" him/her to their class pages. If you have questions about how to do this (instructions were in the Family Packet), please contact Mrs. Laclede.

I have been touched by the outpouring of condolences and thoughtful gestures regarding the loss of my mother. She was a long-time teacher and administrator in the Diocese of Arlington and although we "know" how many people she mentored and impacted throughout her career it has been touching to hear and read the many stories. On behalf of all of my siblings and our families, we thank you for all of the Mass remembrances and kind words. I am reminded daily of what a special community Holy Spirit is and how our Faith is the foundation upon which all else is built.

Enjoy the long weekend!

-Maureen Ashby
Principal

School Handbooks 2018/2019 Extended Day Registration

While we are working on getting PowerLearning up and running correctly, the links to the current handbooks as well as the Extended Day registration information has temporarily been reloaded to the school website under the "Current Families" tab.

Soccer Skills for Grades K-4

THE PLAYERS SPORTS ACADEMY

The Players Sports Academy strives to build confidence, cultivate friendships, and create enjoyment through sports. We aim to set ourselves apart by instilling the importance of social and character development within all our participants.



THE PSA AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER ACADEMY

Where: Holy Spirit School

Date: Tuesdays, Sept. 11 - October 30 (8 Sessions)

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Grade: Kindergarten through 4th Grade

Cost: \$120

Register: www.ThePSASports.com



ThePSASports.com

ThePSASports@gmail.com

703-598-5039

[Click here to register](#)

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.

Holy Spirit Catholic School Chess and Coding Clubs



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](#)

Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:
HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth

Fall Sports

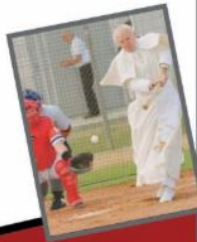
Cross Country

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.

Interested in becoming
Catholic
or learning more?

*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@holyspirtchurch.us



Saturday, September 8th

6:45 - 11:45 AM

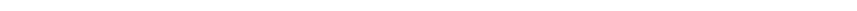
**INOVA Blood Donor Services
Holy Spirit School**

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.holyspiritchurch.us

Short and Sweet




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



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

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



girl scouts
nation's capital

Join today!

Holy Spirit Girl Scout
Troop 55018


For all Girls Kindergarten thru 12th
Grade

A place for young girls to gain
Confidence through learning new skills;
Courage to be a leader;
Character to live out their values

Parent Information and Girl Try-It night
Tuesday, September 18th from 7-8pm in
the School Cafeteria

Contact Mary Yelnicker if you are interested
in joining!

Email: mad_boo@hotmail.com
Phone: 406-750-0612



go-getter • innovator • risk-taker • leader

Come Join the Fun!

Adult Volunteers are needed

Please contact Mary Yelnicker for information

Make New Friends.

Earn Cool Badges.

Take A Hike.

Visit Museums.

Catch A Fish.

Build Cars.

Roast Marshmallows.

Help People.

Discover Trails.

Get Muddy.

Build Character.

Play Fun Games.

Gain Confidence.

Laugh A Lot.

Go Camping.

Work In Teams.

Learn New Skills.

Be A Cub Scout!



Join the Fun And Adventure!

Cub Scout Pack 50

Scan to sign up now!



Date: Wed, September 12th

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Place: Holy Spirit Parish School Mtg Rm 3 & Lawn
8800 Braddock Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Web: www.BeAScout.org for general information

Boys in grades K-5: bring your parents to learn about the adventure of Cub Scouts and be part of our Pack!

Cub Scouts is a year-round family program. Our Pack has exciting events with activities that are fun for kids and the entire family.

Our Cubs learn about important life skills, personal safety and environmental stewardship. They take part in fun outdoor activities, get involved in their community, and learn to be part of a team.

Get Hooked On Scouting This Fall!

Sign up for Scouts by October 31 this year to snag a **FREE** piece of fishing gear plus **FREE** admission to a Scout Fishing Day!

Visit www.NCACBSA.org/HookedOnScouting for more info.



To Learn More Please Contact:

Come see what we're all about! No previous Scouting experience necessary!

Cubmaster: Bob Sweeney, 202-271-1740, robertsweeney2@gmail.com or

Kevin Kropf, 412-760-9421, kevin.a.kropf@gmail.com

District Executive: Ashley Felton, ashley.felton@scouting.org

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Why should your son join Boy Scout Troop 50?



- ▶ He's between **11 and 17 years old**.
- ▶ He's interested in **hiking, bicycling, knives (and knife safety), first aid, backpacking, swimming, high adventure camping, fire (and fire safety), rifle-shooting (and gun safety), making friends, cooking, hanging out with other guys**, and generally having "fun with a purpose"- one of the goals of Boy Scouting.
- ▶ He's interested in finding out how he can **help others** through ongoing projects for our parish and community.
- ▶ He's interested in learning how to be a **strong leader, a good citizen, a man of character**— with the help of trained adult leaders but primarily through *scouts teaching other scouts*.
- ▶ He's ready to find out more at our first meeting of the school year: **Monday, September 10, 7:15-9:00 pm, Meeting Room 3 of Holy Spirit School**. For more information, contact Scoutmaster R.J. Levin (rlevinjr@aol.com, 202-999-2833) or Committee Chair Regina FitzSimmons (regina_fitzsimmmons@yahoo.com, 703-978-0982).

During the 25+ years that Troop 50 has been in existence, it has organized and executed innumerable service projects for local public and private schools, neighborhood parks, homeless shelters, food pantries, Holy Spirit Parish and other parishes, as well as other local ministries, and produced more than 130 Eagle scouts.

Eagle Scout Project at Oakwood School



Eagle Scout Project: Computer Recycling



Eagle Scout Projects on parish grounds



Troop 50 offers a Catholic scouting program approved by our pastor and sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish. We emphasize opportunities to grow physically and emotionally, learn to be good citizens and leaders, learn about their faith and earn religious emblems, and serve the community.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 30, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Silver Knights - chess club and coding club information
2. Players Soccer Academy program flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Open House and Picnic
2. CYO Sports Sign-ups
3. RCIA classes flyer
4. Parish Blood Drive flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Girl Scouts information flyer
 2. Cub Scouts information flyer
 3. Boy Scouts information flyer
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