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From the Principal's Desk

December 12, 2019

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Holy Spirit School
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"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"

Busy, busy week





On Monday we continued to celebrate the season of Advent with our morning prayer service. Classes have made beautiful ornaments to adorn our Jesse Trees. The manger in our stable is empty as we prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day.

And on Tuesday....



...we had some special guests as a "Thank you" for our participation in the Santa's Ride Toy Drive. The weather certainly did not deter Santa and Mrs. Claus and all

of their friends although our surprise took place in the gym this year. Thank you to all who gave to the toy drive as we surpassed our goal by having 573 toys donated!



And last night family and friends were treated to a beautiful concert from the Beginner Band, Advanced Band, and Honor Choir. The selection of music was fabulous and the students were so very well prepared! Thank you to Dr. Little and Mr. Toussaint for all of their hard work.



And today we had a fun day supporting Catholic Charities' We Care Week via the NJHS dress down day! The festive looks certainly made play practice much more colorful!

We are getting close to our Christmas break with still some very important events to come:

- Wednesday, 12/11 - Friday, 12/13 - Santa Boutique
- Monday, 12/16 - Middle School Geography Bee - 10:00 am
- Tuesday, 12/17 - K-4 Christmas Program - 7:00 pm****
- Wednesday, 12/18 - Spirit Day (wear your spirit gear)
- Thursday, 12/19 - 5th Grade Nativity Pageant - 2:00 pm
- Friday, 12/20 - 11:30 am dismissal for all students - no Extended Day

We return from the Christmas break on Monday, January 6th.

******Please be sure to look at the information below with regard to costume pieces for the show! Additionally, take note that the gymnasium doors will not open for seating until 6:30 pm.**

Congratulations to our very own, Mr. Lilly on being recognized by the Diocese of Arlington as the volunteer

of the year!



I cannot again stress enough, we have students who are sick across all grade levels with the flu and other viruses. IF your child indicates he/she is not feeling well or is running a fever, PLEASE keep them home. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before they return to school.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

A special note from Mr. Thieman

Dear Friends,

The Advent season is upon us as we have officially begun our journey of anticipation and expectation for our Savior, Jesus. It is truly a joyous time.

I am thankful for the opportunity to count you as my Holy Spirit family. I am also thankful for a different kind of journey. One that others in our Holy Spirit family may have gone through or are currently going through. A journey that none asked for, but one that I embrace none-the-less.

Seven years ago, I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's follicular lymphoma, a blood

cancer. This is the first time that I have needed treatment. Our Lord has a plan for even this. My chemotherapy begins December 16th-20th, with approximately bi-monthly treatments until June. My doctor anticipates that I will continue working with minimal disruption to my science responsibilities.

Facts:

- This type of cancer is a manageable blood cancer - very treatable, not curable
- The treatment is known and very effective

Communication with my children:

- My wife Laura and I have been upfront with our children regarding my situation and we have let them know that after each dosage, I might even feel sick and tired. Please don't get overly concerned with them - it may cause them to become overly worried ;)

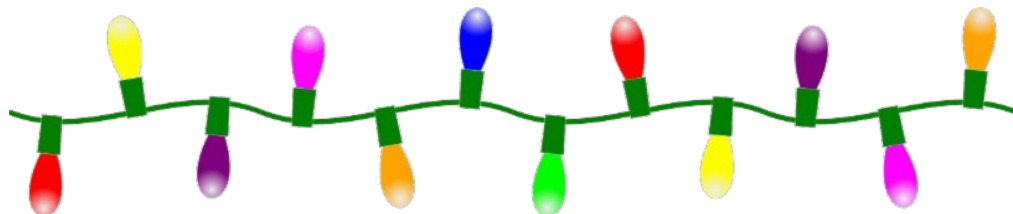
My goals through this are:

1. Keep calm and carry on
2. Embrace this adventure just like any other I have undertaken - take it head on while praying for faith and strength
3. Improve the food choices and regular exercise (special keto diet and 2 miles at the track)
4. Continue working, inspiring minds and igniting hearts
5. Have a Great Christmas and a prosperous New Year - after all, God is bigger than anything in my life.

With thanksgiving and prayers,
Michael Thieman
Middle School Science

n.b. Please pray for all those coping with illnesses, that they find health, strength and peace in Jesus through Mary.

We offer our prayers for Mr. Thieman, his family and his doctors.



Costume & CallSheet for the Christmas Musical:

All About That Baby

The Christmas Performance is December 17th @ 7:00 pm.

Grades K-3: Please plan to bring your child to their classroom NO earlier than 6:15 pm and NO LATER than 6:30 pm.

Grade 4: Please plan to bring your child to their classroom NO earlier than 6:00 pm and NO LATER than 6:15 pm.

Students will begin to line up at 6:45 pm.

The show begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Doors DO NOT open until 6:30pm.

Kindergarten- "Sheep"

The Kindergarteners will wear their gym uniform sweatshirts and pants inside out, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears and a Christmas bow tie.

1st Grade- "Angels"

The 1st graders will wear their gym uniform sweatshirts and pants inside out with a solid white Adult Men's Large short-sleeve T-shirt over their gym uniform sweatshirt, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with halos and wings.

2nd Grade- "Townspople"

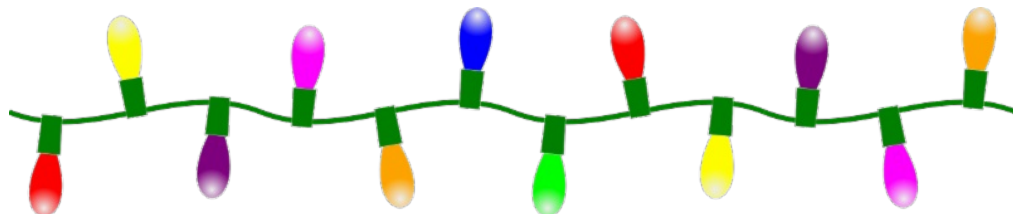
The 2nd graders will wear long sleeve light brown shirts and black pants, black socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical.

3rd Grade- "Shepherds"

The 3rd graders will wear long sleeve dark brown shirts and khaki pants, brown socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical.

4th Grade- Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Power Learning Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member.



If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact
Mr. Toussaint @ atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in making this year's
Christmas Musical a great memory for you and your child!
Blessings, Mr. Toussaint

**SANTA'S SECRET
SHOP**

... Is coming to our school soon

DATE: Thursday & Friday,
December 12 & 13

TIME: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

PLACE: In the multipurpose room basement

Get that special gift for everyone on your list

Please look for information that came home
with your student.

This is a completely voluntary program and meant to provide a fun "shopping" experience for little ones in order to provide them an opportunity to surprise their family members with a small gift/trinket.

Homeroom teachers will have information on "shopping" times for their classes.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to:

Men's Day of Recollection

Join other men from Holy Spirit Parish for a day of spiritual recollection.

Saturday, December 14th

10:00am-1:00pm

Quinn Room
(School Building)

Extend this faith experience!

- That Man is You at 7:30am
- Mass at 9:00am
- Confession at 3:30pm

Morning refreshments and lunch provided.

Contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us



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2020
NEW YEAR'S EVE
PARISH
CELEBRATION
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31, 2019



**JOIN
US!**
2020



FAMILY FUN!

- MUSIC FOR ALL AGES
- A FAMILY DANCE AND LINE DANCING
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- PHOTO BOOTH FOR YOUR LAST 2019 PHOTOS



**NEW YEAR'S EVE
EVENTS**

6:30 - 8:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL
CATERED FAMILY DINNER
RESERVATION ONLY

8:00 - 10:30 PM IN THE GYM
DANCE AND FAMILY FUN
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

REGISTER TODAY

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS
PREFERRED
HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US

PAPER RESERVATIONS
AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
DEVOTIONAL EVENTS**

5:30 - 6:30 PM
MASS

6:30 - 11:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

11:00 - 11:30 PM
BENEDICTION

11:30 PM - 12:30 AM
MIDNIGHT MASS

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Catered Family Buffet Menu

Adult Menu

Salad

MIXED GREEN LETTUCE SALAD
WITH CHAMPAGNE VINAIGRETTE DRESSING
AND GRILLED PEARS, SAGE BLEU CHEESE & PECANS

Entree

SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB
RUBBED WITH ROSEMARY SEA SALT, HERBED AU JUS AND
HORSERADISH CREME FRAICHE

CEDAR PLANK SHORT SMOKED SALMON

BRUSHED WITH DIJON MUSTARD, CRANBERRY GLAZED
AND CRISP FRIZZLED LEEK CROWN

Sides

TORTELLINI CASSEROLE
WITH ROASTED MUSHROOMS & WALNUTS, MAPLE
BROWN BUTTER SAUCE, FRIED SAGE

RICE PILAF

ROASTED PARSLIED POTATOES
SAUTED VEGETABLES

Youth Menu

Entree

CHICKEN TENDERS
SERVED WITH HONEY MUSTARD OR
BBQ DIPPING SAUCE

BAKED CREAMY MACARONI & FOUR CHEESES
WITH BREAD CRUMB TOPPING

ALL MENUS

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH COUNTRY BREAD
BASKET WITH CREAMERY BUTTER

Dessert

DESSERT SERVED BY
THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Beverages

AN ASSORTMENT OF SOFT DRINKS &
WATER, TEA AND COFFEE

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE AT AN
ADDITIONAL COST

2020

RESERVATION FORM FOR CATERED DINNER

Seating is limited. Reservations Required, deadlines:

Online: December 27, 2019

Check/ Paper: December 20, 2019

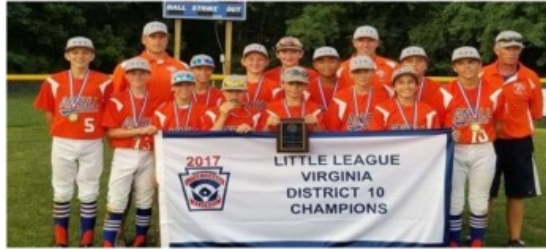
Reservations and payment for the Catered Family Dinner
to be held on December 31, 2019 should be made
online at www.HolySpiritChurch.us. Click on the
Red "New Year's Eve" button to make your dinner
reservation and payment.

Catered Dinner Admission Fees (family maximum charge: \$75.00)

• Age 4 and under: Free • Ages 5-11: \$10.00 • Ages 12 and over: \$20.00

Online dinner reservations are preferred. However, paper reservation forms are available in the rectory
office. Payment is required when filling out the paper Reservation Form.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING 2020 LITTLE LEAGUE



Annandale-North Springfield Little League

Register at www.ansll.org by December 31st to
get your Early Bird discount!

For boys and girls ages 4 to 16

Contact us at info@ansll.org



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled

"December 12, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook Ordering flyer
2. All About That Baby - K-4 Costume Call Sheet

Parish Flyers:

1. Men's Day of Recollection flyer
2. New Year's Eve Parish Celebration flyer

Community Flyers:

1. ANSL Spring baseball signups
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