

You're receiving this email because of your relationship with Holy Spirit School. Please [confirm](#) your continued interest in receiving email from us. To ensure that you continue to receive emails from us, add mashby@holyspiritflames.org to your address book today. You may [unsubscribe](#) if you no longer wish to receive our emails.

From the Principal's Desk

December 14, 2017



Quick Links

[School Site](#)

[School Calendar](#)



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts
2017 / 2018
"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

What a week!



As we continue to travel through the Advent season we began our week with a continuation of our prayer service and the presentation of the Stations of the Nativity.

Our Monday continued with the Middle School Geography Bee. A job well done by all of our finalists. And a hearty congratulations to Luke N. on emerging as our school winner. Luke will go on to take a written exam in the hopes of qualifying for the Commonwealth of Virginia bee.



There was excitement in the air on Tuesday as the students and faculty were surprised with a visit from Santa and members of local law enforcement as a "thank you" for the charitable works of the students in connection with Santa's Ride. Our school was featured on WJLA 7 news and the piece was picked up by the Diocese. From the Superintendent of Schools to the entire staff at the Office of Catholic Schools, the children were commended for their good work and joyous spirit.



As if the day could have gotten any better, the kinks were worked out of the K-4 Christmas Concert and the evening performance was beyond spectacular. Please see the clip below of the final number. Thank you to Mr. Toussaint, Mrs. Wisneski and all of the teachers for the time and effort that was put into preparing the children for the performance.



The school day started today with the opening of Santa's Boutique. The children are busily shopping for what are sure to be treasured gifts for their family members. Thank you to all who are supporting this PTO event.



Our day and season would not be complete without the 5th Grade's presentation of the Nativity Pageant. What a glorious afternoon we had in prayerful, joyful celebration of the birth of Our Lord. Thank you to Mrs. Brooks-Kenney and Mrs. Sullivan for directing and encouraging all of the students.



My prayer for all of our families is that despite the hustle and bustle of the days and weeks leading up to Christmas that we enjoy the season of Advent and each day seek to prepare our hearts and homes for His coming.



Next week on Monday we have the NJHS sponsored dress down day (please see details below). On Tuesday we will close our season of Advent together with Adoration in the school chapel throughout the day; please consider assisting us and enjoying some quiet time for yourself. The sign-up is below.

Our Christmas break will begin on Wednesday, December 20th and we return to school on Wednesday, January 3rd.

-Maureen Ashby
Principal



We will have Adoration of the Blessed

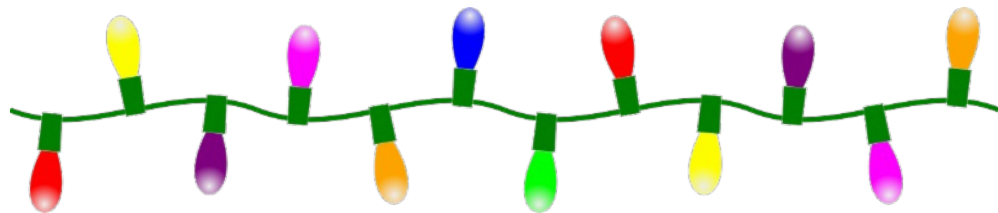
Sacrament on Tuesday, December 19th

*What a wonderful way to conclude our
Advent season here at school!*

*We are in need of adult adorers who can
assist throughout the day to be sure our Lord
is never left alone.*

[Please click here to sign-up to assist.](#)

Access code: Adoration



***The K-4 Christmas Musical
Miracle on Bethlehem Street***

That's a wrap!

***The production was beautiful, wonderful,
fantastic, funny, joyful - we could go on and
on and on....***

Please enjoy the final number.



Christmas Dress Down Day

Sponsored by the NJHS

December 18, 2017

Celebrate the season and come dressed as...

Pre-K through 2nd grade: Santa's Elves

**3rd-5th grade : North Pole animals: such as
polar bears, reindeer, even penguins**

6th grade : Christmas Presents

7th: grade: Gingerbread Boys and Girls

8th grade: Santa Claus and Snowmen

**HOW MUCH? THERE IS NO COST!
ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!**

It is time to sign-up for the Winter Chess Club session!

Holy Spirit Winter 2018 Chess Club



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!

REGISTRATION

To register or for more information, go to:
www.skenrichment.com

To request financial aid, please visit our website.

Chess Club Details:

- ⇒ All grades and skill levels welcome!
- ⇒ All equipment provided
- ⇒ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting 2/5 and ending 5/14
- ⇒ Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- ⇒ Time: 3:20pm—4:20pm
- ⇒ Tuition: \$168 for 12 weeks
- ⇒ Make-up meetings on 5/21 or 6/4, if needed
- ⇒ Club does not meet on 2/19, 3/12, 4/2



www.skenrichment.com

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

**Unsure what to do with your used cell phones,
laser & inkjet cartridges, laptops, MP3s, iPods
and tablets, eReaders and notebooks?**

Donate them to us!

We're partnering with CFK to recycle used electronics and raise money for our school.

**Please bring your items to
Mr. Pietuszka.
Thank you for your support!**



Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

&

little sparks

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Inspiring Minds | *Igniting Hearts*

Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow

The Promethean ActivBoards that are currently a part of our classrooms range in age from 8 to 12 years old. At the time of purchase these boards were considered "cutting edge" and provided a wide range of interactive capabilities to teachers as they presented curriculum lessons to students. As

you can well image, in the span of a decade the technology of interactive boards has changed drastically and the current boards have lived out their life span. As we triage the current devices and replace bulbs and projectors we are sinking hundreds of dollars into each purchase in the hopes of getting just a little more use. Depending on the type of board put into the classroom, some projectors can be replaced, some cannot. I recently learned that the "pens" needed for writing on the boards will no longer be manufactured.

Needless to say it is time...

Time for what though, you may be asking...

Time for the Promethean ActivPanel - the world's first upgradeable Android-based interactive display!

Think interactive tablet on the wall!

This award winning device is powered by an external Android-based mini PC which can be upgraded over time in order to keep pace with advances in technology.

Upgrading the boards across the entire school in one fell swoop entails outfitting twenty-eight teaching spaces with ActivPanels.

Yes, that is a HUGE goal and at a cost of approximately \$5000.00/board (when buying in quantity) that gives us a fundraising goal of \$140,000.00 - by far the largest technology campaign we've ever launched.

For our 21st Century Learners interactive technology is as "normal" a part of their learning as the overhead projector was to most of ours. When used well, interactive technology increases teacher-student engagement and has been shown to boost overall performance. Although Holy Spirit School prides itself on maintaining a healthy balance between traditional learning methods and technology-based learning, as an institution that inspires life-long learners and ignites servant-leaders through a program of academic excellence grounded in the traditions and values of the Holy Catholic Church we know that we must keep pace with the changing world of education technology.

The students before us today and those who will join us in the future are set to be not only our future fathers, mothers, clergy and religious but also captains of industry, leading entrepreneurs, humanitarians, and scholars.

In order to meet this lofty but necessary goal, we need the assistance of each of our families.

Thank you to those who just last week began donating to our campaign via our online site.

[Click here to donate to the Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow Campaign](#)

2018

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARISH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 31, 2017



NEW YEAR OF OUR LORD
&
SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

EVENING EVENTS

5:30 - 6:30 PM *NO 6PM MASS
SUNDAY MASS

6:30 - 11:00 PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

8:00 - 10:30 PM IN THE GYM
FAMILY FUN

- MUSIC FOR ALL AGES WITH A FAMILY DANCE AND LINE DANCING
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- PHOTO BOOTH FOR YOUR LAST 2016 PICTURES

11:00 - 11:30 PM
BENEDICTION

11:30 - 12:30 AM
MIDNIGHT MASS:
SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

REGISTER TODAY

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS
PREFERRED
HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US





CELEBRATE WITH US!

Catered Family Buffet Menu

Adult Menu

Youth Menu

Salad

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

Entree

• CHICKEN TENDERS
SERVED WITH HONEY MUSTARD OR
BBQ DIPPING SAUCE

Entree

• BONELESS BEEF SHORT RIB TIP CUTS
WITH PORCINI PORT WINE GLAZE
SLOW COOKED AND FORK TENDER BLACK ANGUS WITH NATURAL
JUICES AND FRIZZLED ONION THREADS

• BAKED CREAMY MACARONI & FOUR CHEESES
WITH BREAD CRUMB TOPPING

ALL MENUS

• ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH COUNTRY BREAD
BASKET WITH CREAMERY BUTTER

• CEDAR PLANK SHORT SMOKED SALMON
WITH FRESH HERB, LEMON AND OLIVE OIL SAUCE

Dessert

• DESSERT SERVED BY
THE
WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Sides

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

Beverages

• AN ASSORTMENT OF SOFT DRINKS &
WATER, TEA AND COFFEE

• RICE PILAF

• VELVETY MASHED POTATOES

• WITH ROASTED GARLIC AND WHITE TRUFFLE
SAUTED VEGETABLES

• BEER & WINE AVAILABLE AT AN
ADDITIONAL COST

2018

RESERVATION FORM FOR CATERED DINNER

Seating is limited. Reservations Required, deadlines:

Online: December 23, 2017

Check/ Paper: December 15, 2017

Reservations and payment for the Catered Family Dinner to be held on December 31, 2016 should be made online at www.HolySpiritChurch.us. Click on the Red "NYE Event" 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.

Have you made your reservations for the parish New Year's Eve dinner and dance yet? If not, [Click Here](#) to join us in celebration!



 WREATHS *across* AMERICA



REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom.



Please Join the Holy Spirit 4-H groups
Spirited Cloverbuds & Spirit Flames

To honor those who served by joining us and others to lay wreaths
at the grave of every soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

We will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Fashion Center at Pentagon
City food court. There is plenty of parking and it's Metro
accessible. From there, we will walk to the Cemetery together.

Want to attend? Please email Mr. Pietuszka
(MPietuszka@holyspiritflames.org) within your email, please
include the names (first and last) of each person in your party and
a good cell phone number to reach you that morning.



[Click here for the December 2017 and January 2018 school lunch menus.](#)

Send in a separate menu for each child in your family along with a check for payment. The cost of lunches is \$5.00/day/lunch.
Reminder that you must purchase milk/water separately in order for your child to receive it - beverages are not included in the lunch price.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labelled "December 14, 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Winter Chess Club flyer
2. December lunch menu
3. January lunch menu
4. Box Tops Flyer
5. Box Tops Collection Sheet
6. Wreaths Across America

Parish Flyers:

1. HS Parish - New Year's Eve event

Community Flyers:

1. "Hack BI" flyer
 2. PVI On the Move information
 3. ANSLI Registration Flyer 2018
-