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From the Principal's Desk

December 20, 2018



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

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



Bravo! Bravo!





This week we were treated to two beautiful performances. Tuesday evening's K-4 Christmas concert was amazing from start to finish. The children sang with such enthusiasm and joy throughout the program. Thank you all the way around to all of the teachers in the primary grades for the time and effort put into practicing with the students. A special thank you to Mrs. Wisneski and Mr. Toussaint for sharing their talents while putting together a memorable performance.





Today we closed our Advent performance season with the traditional 5th grade Nativity Pageant. This is always the best way to bring our Advent season at school to a close! Thank you to Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Sullivan, and Mr. Toussaint for working with the 5th graders.

Please, please remember that tomorrow, Friday, December 21st is an 11:30 am dismissal and there is NO Extended Day. Just like you, the faculty and office staff is anxious to begin their Christmas break so a timely departure of all of the students is much appreciated.

If you've not yet made your plans for New Year's Eve - consider the parish celebration! This family centered event is always well-attended and fun for all - see the information below as registration is necessary.

Students and faculty return to school on Thursday, January 3rd!

Once we return to school, the annual March for Life will be fast upon us. Please note that the day of the march, Friday, January 18th is an early dismissal day so that we may provide the opportunity for our faculty to attend. I certainly encourage as many families as possible to attend this life-affirming event that is so central to who we are as Catholics.

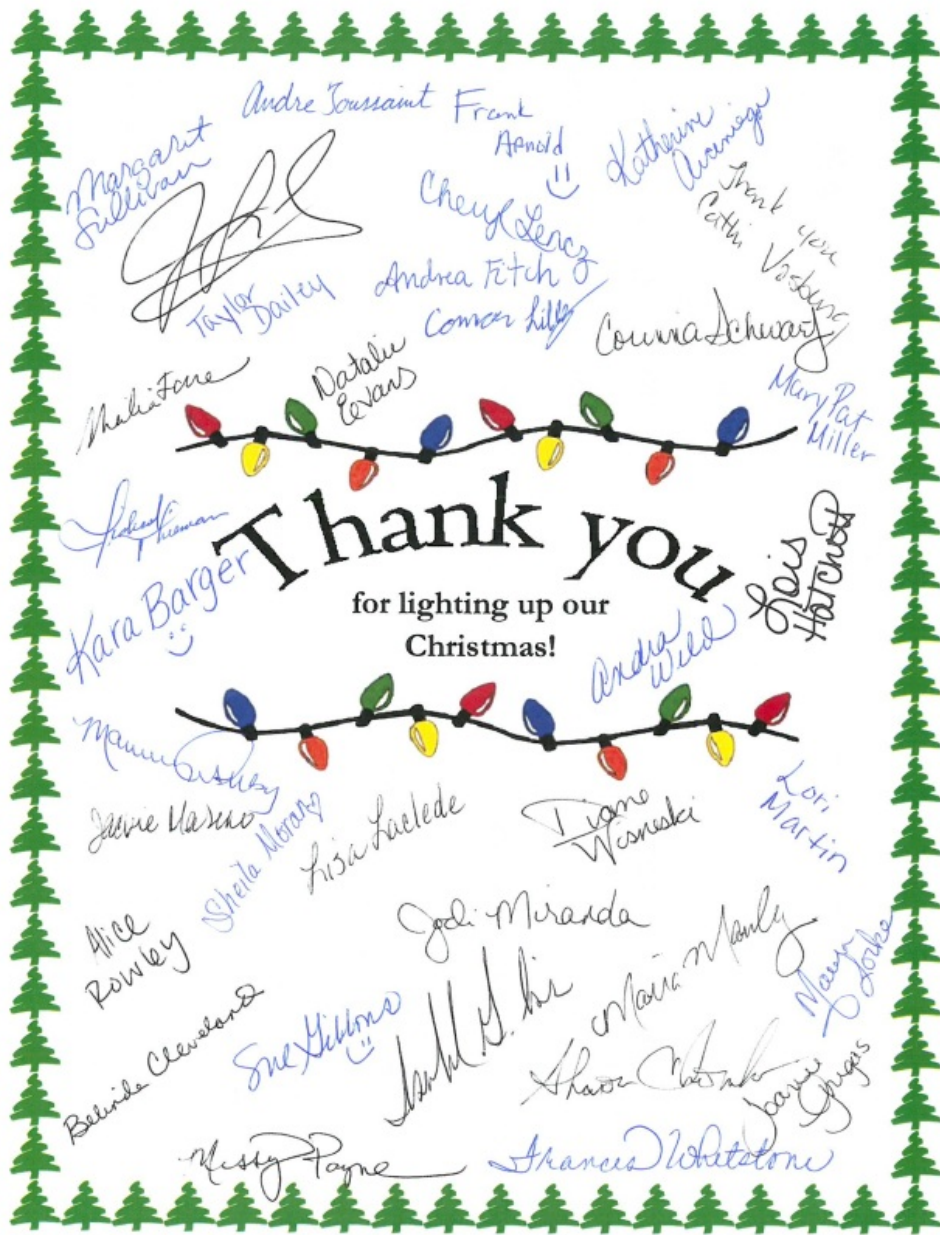
If I do not see you before everyone leaves on Friday, I certainly pray for a peace-filled Christmas and blessed New Year for each of your families.

From everyone in Whoville - Merry Christmas!



-Maureen Ashby

Principal



All students are invited to participate in the parish's poster contest supporting the March for Life!

Please note that submissions are due the Friday we return to school - January 4th!

MARCH FOR LIFE

www.MarchForLife.org | #WhyWeMarch

2019 THEME



UNIQUE
FROM DAY ONE

Poster Contest

Design a poster that demonstrates how each human being is “unique from day one”.

Submission Requirements:

Dimensions: 8 1/2" x 11"

Medium: Any 2-dimensional medium (pencil, pen, paint, marker, colored pencil, etc.)

Due by: Jan 4th

All submissions must be original artwork.

Winner's artwork will be made into a prayer card that will be distributed to March for Life participants from our parish community!

All contestants' posters will be on display at the March for Life breakfast on January 18th!

Contact activities@holyspiritchurch.us with questions.

Can't join us for the march?
Join us in spirit...

Spiritual March and Breakfast

6:00-10:30am
School Cafeteria

Pancakes, Sausage, Bisquits and gravy, Oatmeal
\$5/person, \$15 Cap for families

School families: Join us for breakfast before the school day begins!



2019

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
PARISH CELEBRATION**

DECEMBER 31, 2018

6:30-10:30 PM

FAMILY FUN!

MUSIC FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY DANCE AND LINE DANCING
FACE PAINTING
PHOTO BOOTH

RESERVATIONS MADE AT
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Holy Spirit Players is proud to present....

AUDITIONS



Who: 7th & 8th Grade Music Electives Sections A & B~ Trimester 2

Where: Music Room

When: Thursday January 3 during Music Elective Classes

Please stay tuned to Power Learning Music Page for audition materials.
Scripts have been sent home with each student and they are expected to
prepare for their audition.

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January 15th
7:00-8:30 PM
Meeting Rooms
1 and 2

Contact PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
for more information.





Devotional Events

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
December 31, 2018*

MASS

5:30 - 6:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:30 - 11:00 PM

BENEDICTION

11:00 - 11:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

11:30 PM - 12:30 AM

(TAKING PLACE DURING NYE EVENT)



Saturday, January 12th
6:45 AM - 1:30 PM

INOVA Blood Donor Services
Holy Spirit School

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Contact:

- Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435
or giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us
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Saturday, January 12th, Noon - 4:00pm

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BIOETHICS SEMINARS FOR ADULTS

WITH SR. TERESE AUER, O.P.

hosted by SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Human Happiness

Jan. 29 • 7:00pm

The Moral Law

Feb. 5 • 7:00pm

Conscience and Truth

Feb. 12 • 7:00pm

The Human Act

Feb. 9 • 7:00pm

The Moral Act

Feb. 26 • 7:00pm

Virtue

March 5 • 7:00pm

Free Admission • 17700 Dominican Dr., Potomac Shores, VA 22026 • St. Thomas Aquinas Hall (downstairs)



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Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 20, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Chess Club and Coding Club Winter Session - flyer
2. PTO Sponsored - Virginia 529 information session - flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life Poster Contest - flyer
2. March for Life - Spiritual March and Breakfast - flyer

3. Parish NYE Event - flyer
4. Marian Devotions - flyer
5. Blood Drive - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Dyslexic Edge conference - flyer
 2. ANSLL Registration flyers - Spring 2019
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