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From the Principal's Desk

December 21, 2017



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

Merry Christmas



The administration, faculty and staff wishes all of our Holy Spirit families a blessed Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year. Thank you for all you do for us through the year!

Betty Zonole
Mrs. Mc Namara
Mrs. Ashby
Mrs. Holmes
Mrs. Whitstone
Mrs. Conlano
Mrs. Schwartz
Mrs. Gibbons
Sister Anna Rose, FSC
Mrs. Cleveland
Mrs. Brock Kenney
Mrs. Evans
Mrs. Liss
Caitlin Hansen
Mrs. Miranda
Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Mustone
Mrs. Lucile
Mrs. Hougherty
Sharon Chonka
Mrs. Petuska
Mrs. Barger
Ms. Dickey
Cathy Grogan
Mrs. Andra Wild
Mrs. Wonski
Mrs. Simonse
Mrs. Voshay
Cheryl King
Nashra



-Maureen Ashby

Principal



This past weekend, our 4-H clubs along with faculty, alumni, and fellow students had the opportunity to lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery with Wreaths Across America.

Before they started on their walk to the cemetery they were told that "Every soldier dies two deaths, the first when he/she takes their last breath, the second is the last time someone speaks their name."

We thank our school community members who this weekend were able to honor our fallen and to speak the names of those brave men and women who fought to defend our nation, keeping the spirit of all these men and women alive another year.



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



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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!**



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
&

little sparks
PRE-KINDERGARTEN

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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





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!



[Click here for the January 2018 school lunch menu.](#)

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 21, 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Winter Chess Club flyer
2. January lunch menu

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
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