## From the Principal's Desk



February 22, 2018

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Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts
2017 / 2018

"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

# 3rd Quarter Interims are right around the corner!

The 3rd quarter seems to be flying by! Please note that interims for the 3rd quarter will be going out as needed on Friday, March 2nd.

Additionally on March 2nd we will celebrate Dr. Seuss Day here at school (see the information below) and the PTO will kick off their read-a-thon fundraiser - "Bucks for Books" (be on the lookout for information in the immediate future).

I wanted to take a moment to speak to what I am sure is on many of your minds and the minds of especially the older children - it is the topic of school violence. I would encourage you to listen carefully to your children if they have been exposed to the media coverage surrounding not only what took place in Florida but when threats like those made to Fairfax High School take place. I have no doubt that if we as adults are having difficulty processing these events then our children are as well.

As you know at the start of the year we had emergency drills to practice for the possibility of an intruder on campus and an intruder in the building. Those drills will be repeated in the coming weeks but know that I am being as cognizant as possible with the timing of those drills and current events. As I did in the Fall, I will make you as parents aware when those drills have been

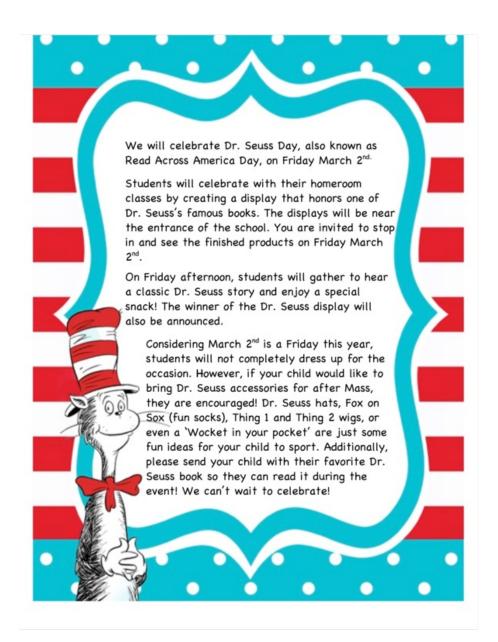
completed so that, if necessary, you can talk to your children about them.

A reminder to those families applying for Tuition Assistance for the 2018/2019 academic year. The deadline for submitting an application to FACTS is March 16th; families MUST submit an application and the supporting tax documents in order to possibly be eligible for assistance. Information and a link to FACTS is available via the school website.



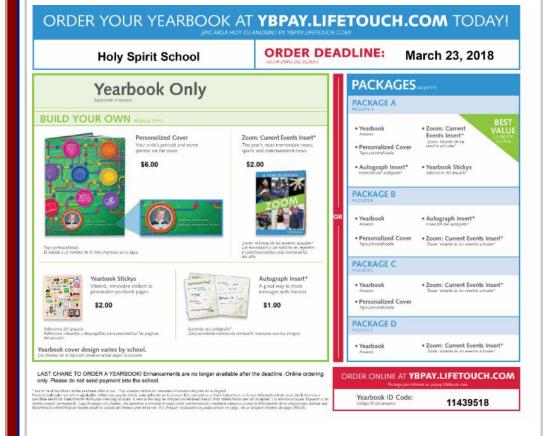
# -Maureen Ashby Principal

Dr. Seuss Day! Friday, March 2nd





It is time to order your yearbook! \$18.00 Early Bird Rate





It's time to "roll" out the fun with skating. This semester students K-8th grade will be roller skating during Physical Education classes Monday, February 26, 2018 through Friday, March 09, 2018. As usual class needs 3-4 parent volunteers to distribute/collect equipment, help students with skates/safety

gear and act as skate patrols to insure safety. Please keep in mind that as a volunteer you MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD PROTECTION IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON.

#### Click here to sign-up to volunteer

### Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM





When: March 14, 2018

Where: Meeting Room 3 Time: 3:15 – 5:30pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 28, 2018.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR: SINGERS, ACTORS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS, MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS, MARTIAL ARTISTS, DANCERS, CLOWNS

\*\*\* ANY TYPE OF PERFORMANCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO \*\*\*

<u>Performer Participation Form (for students):</u> complete this if you wish to perform in the show. This slip is due prior to or on the day of the auditions/registration. Everyone who signs up to perform will perform.

#### PERFORMER PARTICIPATION FORM

Student's Name:	
Performing with (if in a group)	
Talent/Act:	
Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. Everyone one act. If your class is performing a group act, you may pakeep the act to 4 minutes. If you cannot make it on March email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitetech.org) to discrete	rticipate in both. <u>Please</u> 14 but want to perform,
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# Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase





When: April 28, 2018

#### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! It is a great way to earn your hours in a fun atmosphere. All manner of jobs form small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Please click the signup link below:

Click here to sign up to volunteer!

## 5K Spirit Run to benefit Holy Spirit's Resource Program Saturday, May 19th Lake Accotink Park

Thank you to those who have already agreed to be sponsors for the race - we cannot do this without the generosity of local and school family run businesses.

Do you own a business or would your employer agree to sponsor our race?

Please see the information available on the

school website under the 5K Spirit Run tab.

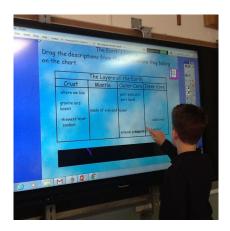
For those who maybe can't sponsor - won't you consider running/walking? We would LOVE to have our entire school community participate!

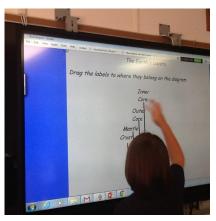
# Ready to Sign-Up to Race?! <u>Click Here</u>



Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow

First round of professional development...in the books





All of the new ActivPanels have been installed in the classrooms. We are putting final touches (some rooms needed audio installed and all panels need the ActivConnect activated) and teachers have already begun to use the panels in their rooms. It is lovely to walk by a classroom that has the lights on, the shades up, and the ActivPanel on with full visibility!

The professional development the teachers had on Friday really got their imaginations going as they learned more about all of the features of the panels. We will continue with PD in March and into the future so we make the most of this wonderful investment.

We continue to need to raise funds to pay for the panels. As was relayed at the outset, the cost of the panels alone is \$140,000.00. The PTO is using the money raised at the auction along with transferring funds from the DIAL account to fund half of this cost. Although I was able to secure the additional money to put the panels in, that other \$70,000.00 must be paid off. If you've not donated - even \$50 adds up when many contribute - please consider so doing.

Thank you to those who have already contributed - I am deeply appreciative of your generosity.

Several methods of payment are available: follow the link below; send a check made payable to Holy Spirit School (designating "ActivPanel" on the memo line); or make use of the Online Giving tool via the school website under the *Support Holy Spirit* tab.

Click here to donate to the Learning Today....Leading

<u>Tomorrow Campaign</u>



Holy Spirit Catholic Church Annandale, VA



Capital Campaign Newsletter

## Last chance to attend a Reception!

Is the future of Holy Spirit Parish important to you and your family?

The past few weeks of receptions have been truly extrordinary. However, we are not finished yet. There is still one more reception, so don't miss what promises to be both an informative and enjoyable event with fellow members of Holy Spirit Parish.

We want to share our project plans with you and then let you decide how to get involved. Here is the final reception date:

Tuesday, February 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

RSVP for a reception by turning in your reply card, calling the Parish Office at 703.978.8074 or via email <a href="mailto:campaign@holyspiritchurch.us">campaign@holyspiritchurch.us</a>

The reception will be held in School Meeting Room #1.

PS: If you realize at the last minute you can attend but haven't RSVP'd, please join us.

#### "Here I am!' he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

If you have any questions, please call our Campaign Director Charles Recznik at 703.978.8074



Bring your family to enjoy homemade soup every Friday in Lent.

Fridays February 16 - March 23 School Cafeteria

5:30 -7:00 PM Soup Suppers Free will donations accepted.

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Soup Makers Contact Carol Eldridge (703) 978-7141 or cle74@hotmail.com Needed!

www.holyspiritchurch.us



**BREAKFAST** 



# Sunday

February 25<sup>th</sup>
In the school cafeteria after the

7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more! Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not to exceed \$15)

## **† Lenten Food Drive**

## To Benefit The St. Lucy Food Project

Hunger continues to burden many in our diocese. More than 205,000 people in our diocese do not know where their next meal will come from. Our neighbors continue to need our help! Pick up your blue St. Lucy food bag in the church narthex beginning March 10th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

### Blue Bag Food Collection March 17 & 18 | All Masses **Holy Spirit Church**

The St. Lucy Food Project is in need of the following items: (no glass items please)

- Cooking Oil
- · Peanut Butter and Jelly
- · Canned Pasta
- . Canned Meat/Fish
- . Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- · Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- · Breakfast Cereal (hot & cold)
- . Dried & Canned Beans
- Children's Snacks
- · Shelf-Stable Milk

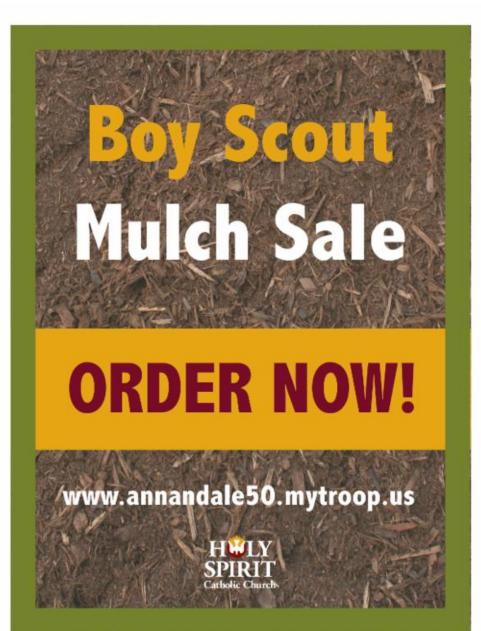
#### Check Donation or Gift Card:

Please consider donating critical (tax deductible) funds on collection day for continued food delivery throughout the year. Write your check to "CCDA" with "Holy Spirit St. Lucy" written in the Memo. Or you can mail check to: "Program Director, St. Lucy Project, 8426-28 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110" if you miss the collection. We also gratefully accept Walmart and Giant gift cards.



For more information about the drive, please contact Vince Cannava, Holy Spirit Food Ministry, 571-442-4673 (cell)







#### 5 Reasons to Teach in Catholic Schools

- · Students who come to school ready to learn and grow.
- · Parents who partner with teachers to help students reach high expectations.
- · Parish and school communities who support and celebrate teachers.
- Colleagues who excel as teachers, mentors, and co-workers, and form strong, faith-based communities to learn, grow, and pray together.
- · God may be calling you to do this important work. Listen carefully.

To learn more about how to share your gifts, come to the Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair on March 10, at Paul VI High School. Visit arlingtondiocese.org for more information. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to join them for the 15th Annual



A Lenten Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship through the Lens of Salesian Spirituality

Saturday, March 10, 2018 9:00 am - 12:45 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel 8601 Wolftrap Road Vienna, VA 22182

Keynote Speakers

#### Rev. Mark Hushen, OSFS,

Chief Mission and Legacy Officer of Ashley Addiction Treatment "Train the Mind, Change the Brain - Change the Brain, Change the Game"

#### Rev. David Kenehan, OSFS

Retired, United States Army Chaplain "My Life with Jesus - Be Not Afraid"

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

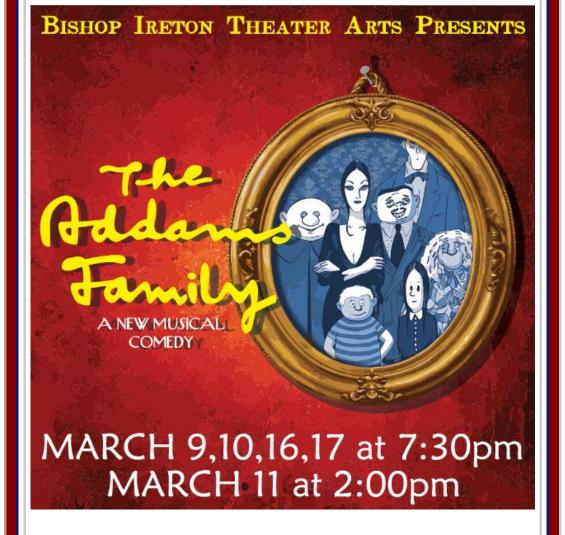
Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel Principal Celebrant

Very Reverend James J. Greenfield, OSFS, Provincial Homilist

Pre-registration required Register online: **oblates.org** and click on the Live Jesus icon

Sign-in & Continental Breakfast: 8:00 am

Program begins: 9:00am



## **Kidz Coding Camps**

### @ Holy Spirit School

8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA

#### **Animation Studio**

#### Grade 3-8

Create animated cartoons just like the pros. Learn the basics of animation as you draw your own characters and bring them to life with code. You will use visual programming to control the speed and type of animation as you add animals, dragons, monsters, and avatars into your coding projects. Create a portfolio of fun projects including original animated games, cartoon strips, music videos, and interactive worlds to share with friends and family.

No prior programming experience required.

#### July 9th—11th Half Day Camp— 9AM—Noon

- Day 1: Frame Based Animation
- Day 2: Character Animation
- Day 3: Animated Storytelling
- Day 4: Music Videos
- Day 5: Two Player Games

#### JavaScript Coding

#### Grades 6 - 9

An introduction to JavaScript for intermediate or advanced coders. Students will be introduced to JavaScript as they complete engaging lessons, solve challenging puzzles, and build their own games in JavaScript.

Topics Covered: JavaScript syntax, sequencing, repetition, conditional logic, nested loops, automation, pattern recognition, simple motion, keyboard and mouse events, creating and using an HTML canvas, operators, expressions, variables, collision detection, using arrays and objects to store structured data.

#### July 9th—11th Half Day Camp—1PM—4 PM

- Day 1: JavaScript Basics
- Day 2: More JavaScript Basics
- Day 3: JavaScript Game Design
- · Day 4: JavaScript Games
- Day 5: Collaborative Exercise

Name:	Grade Entering in Fall:
Address:	
Name of Parent(s):	Phone # (during camp hours):
Email:	
Payment: \$250/camp (includes snack)	Session:AMPMBoth
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Click here for the March 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 labeled "February 22, 2018 "(or <u>CLICK HERE</u>). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

#### School Flyers:

- 1. Dr. Seuss Day announcement flyer
- 2. March Lunch menu
- 3. Yearbook ordering flyer
- 4. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer form
- 5. PTO Talent Showcase Signup/Audition form

#### 5K Spirit Run:

- 1.5K Launch Letter
- 2. 5K Sponsorship Letter

#### Parish Flyers:

- 1. "Building Communion and Community" HS Catholic Church Capital Campaign Newsletter
- 2. Lenten Soup Suppers
- 3. Parish Pancake breakfast
- 4. Lenten Food Drive flyer

#### Community Flyers:

- 1. Kidz Coding Camp
- 2. Boy Scouts Mulch Sale
- 3. Live Jesus Lenten retreat
- 4. Diocese of Arlington Teacher Fair

