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From the Principal's Desk

January 10, 2019



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

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

Registration for 2019/2020

Registration materials for our current families went home with your students yesterday. If you did not receive the envelope, please ask your child; if you have multiples here at the school the envelope went home with the youngest child.

The materials are due back January 16th.

Current families who have siblings you would like to have join us next year may send in the application materials beginning now. The application is available on the school website or you may contact Mrs. Laclede for the materials. Applications should be hand delivered as we need to see the child's original birth certificate.

Whether it be changes in family circumstances or families moving out of the area, sadly, we know that not everyone will return to us next year. If you know that you will not be returning, please contact Mrs. Laclede as soon as possible as we have been blessed over the past several years to have great interest in our school from

new families and it is important for us to know how many spots are available in each grade level.

With the news of snow swirling about for this weekend, a reminder that Holy Spirit School follows the Fairfax County Public School system with regard to closures for inclement weather.

On Saturday, January 12th, the parish will celebrate the retirement of our long-time Facility Manger, Larry Quinn. This event is open to all (please just RSVP) as we acknowledge his 50 years of service to the parish and school. With the possibility of inclement weather this weekend, please check the PARISH website for information regarding any changes to this event.

On Thursday, January 17th, we will have a school-wide assembly with a representative from the World's Finest Chocolate company here to explain the fundraiser to the students. I encourage all families to participate to the fullest in this new PTO fundraiser.

The annual March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 18th. This is an early dismissal day so that we may provide the opportunity for our faculty to attend the march (Extended Day will be open). I certainly encourage as many families as possible to attend this life-affirming event that is so central to who we are as Catholics. Please see the multiple flyers below with information about parish buses and activities.

Saturday, January 19th is the PTO sponsored Movie Morning at the University Mall Theaters; please see the information below.

Monday, January 21st is a NO school day in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

For those families with high school students - please note that FACTS

applications for tuition assistance are due January 22nd.

Interims for the second trimester are scheduled to go home, as needed, on Friday, January 25th.

Catholic Schools Week begins January 27th. A full schedule of events for the week will be forthcoming but please see below for information regarding our service project this year - Pennies for Parties.

Stay warm!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Please help spread the word to your family,
friends and neighbors!

An Open House for Prospective Families will
be held January 27th!



Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Inspiring Minds | Igniting Hearts

**A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
built on the traditions and values of
the Holy Catholic Church**

Open House

January 27, 2019

1-2:30 PM

Principal presentation at 1:00pm

www.holyspiritflames.org

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner!

Please see the information below regarding our service project for this year.



**"Pennies for Parties"
(Birthday in a Box)**

Help make birthdays happier for children in the community.

Each homeroom will decorate two large cake boxes – one for a girl and one for a boy – to help community families provide a special day for their children. Inside each box will be everything needed for a birthday party: cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, plates, cups, napkins, and party favors.

Our students will make a special birthday banner for each box, as well as other birthday drawings.

The boxes will be donated to the House of Mercy and will be distributed to those who may not have the means to provide a party for their children.

What are we asking of Holy Spirit students?

In order to purchase all of the fun birthday supplies, **donations of loose change and small bills will be collected in each homeroom from January 10 – January 24.**

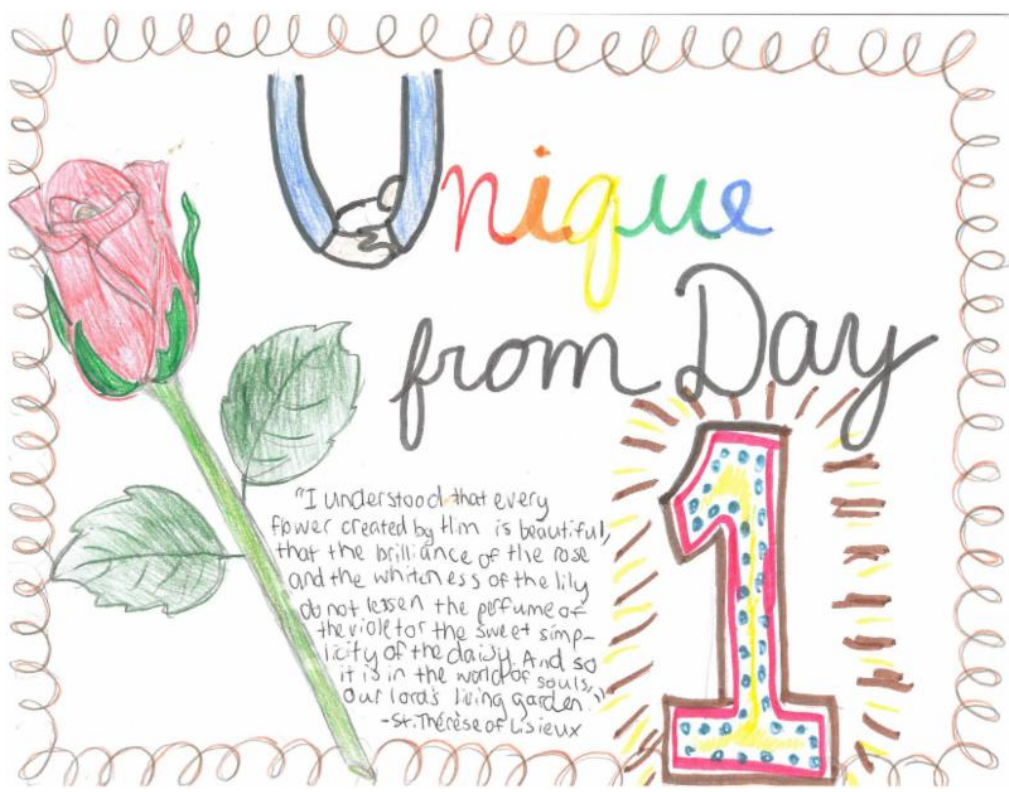
Small bins will be placed in each homeroom for donations.

We hope to collect enough to provide forty (40) birthday boxes.

Congratulations to Therese F. (6th grade) for winning the parish's poster contest supporting the March for Life!

Therese's beautiful design is being printed as a prayer card and will be distributed to those attending the March for Life.

Thank you to all of the students who submitted designs.



Sponsored by Holy Spirit's PTO

SAVING FOR EDUCATION WITH VIRGINIA 529

Learn how to start your college savings through
prepay tuition and receiving tax advantages.
Get tips on how to meet your saving goals!



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

Contact PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
for more information.



SATURDAY, JAN. 19th

MOVIE MORNING

Sponsored by Holy Spirit PTO

3 Featured Movies - Titles Be Announced

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00AM | FREE PARKING

(Show time 9:30AM - 11:30AM)

**UNIVERSITY MALL
THEATER**



PosterMyWall.com

10659 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

Holy Spirit School's Spring Talent Showcase & Dance



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, April 6th, 2019 @ 5:30 pm



The talent showcase is open to all students in all grades. You can sing, dance, play an instrument, perform a scene, recite a poem, or even perform a skill like hula hoop or martial arts! We've also had jugglers, magic acts, and comedy



the Lobby art show will again be held for those who wish to submit artwork.



Talent registrations (auditions) will be February 26th.

Important Forms will be coming soon!!

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM



When: February 26, 2019

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 6, 2019.

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

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

Performer Participation Form (for students): 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 will be allowed to perform one act. If your class is performing a group act, you may participate in both. **Please keep the act to 4 minutes.** If you cannot make it on February 26 but want to perform, email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinetech.org) to discuss.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

STAGE NEEDS: _____

For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version: _____





presents

The Fantasticks



book and lyrics by **Tom Jones**
music by **Harvey Schmidt**
produced by **Sharon Field** and **Rance Willis**
directed by **Eleanore Tapscott**

Try to remember a time when your greatest adventure was the first romance of your life. This funny and sentimental musical is the deceptively simple tale of a boy, a girl, and their meddling fathers who nudge them toward marriage by pretending to keep them apart. This long-running musical, with a nod toward Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, has been enchanting audiences with its universal themes and memorable songs, including the beautiful "Soon It's Gonna Rain" and "Try to Remember."

Sponsored by
the Holy Spirit



January 11th

8:00 P.M.

\$35 per ticket

Little Theatre of
Alexandria
600 Wolfe St.
Alexandria, VA

For more information
or to buy tickets,
contact Tom Kennedy
at tfkinva@aol.com or
call 703-323-8878.

NAILED IT!

You're Invited to...

Larry Quinn's Retirement Reception

Saturday, January 12th

Begins at 7:00 PM

Presentation at 8:00 PM

Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

Hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, dessert and alcoholic beverages for your refreshment.

Any Parish Ministry wishing to give a gift (spiritual or otherwise) is welcome to do so.

Please RSVP at HolySpiritChurch.us/Larry by January 8th





Saturday, January 12th

6:45 AM - 11:30 AM

**INOVA Blood Donor Services
Holy Spirit School**

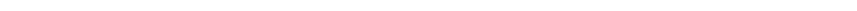
Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Contact:

• Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435
or giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us

• Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122
or cmcecka@yahoo.com

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.
Double up! Donate on ALYX.



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

Spiritual March and Breakfast

January 18th
6:00-10:30am
School Cafeteria

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

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

Adoration held all day.
Mass celebrated at 6:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:15 am.



46th Annual

March for Life

Friday, January 18th



Join us for Breakfast from 6:00 - 10:30 AM
in the School Cafeteria,
followed by a special Mass at 10:15 AM,
then travel with us to the March.

Busses will leave Holy Spirit at 11:00 AM and return around 4:30 PM.

*Our Lady
of Guadalupe,
pray for us!*



**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

To reserve a bus seat, click the blue "March for Life" button on the parish web site (www.holyspiritchurch.us). Sign up is first come, first serve. Breakfast is \$5/person.

Grieving the loss of a loved one?



The next series of the parish
Seasons of Hope Grief Support
Group starts on January 19
at 1:30 pm in the parish center.
See the bulletin for details.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Council Free Throw Competition



Sunday, January 20th
8:00 pm
School Gym

A free competition for boys and girls, ages 9-14. Each contestant competes by shooting free throws. Winners in each category receive a plaque and are advanced to District competition. All contestants receive a certificate. For more information, contact Mike Poumade at poumade@prodigy.net or 703-425-8769.

HOLY
SPIRIT
Catholic Church



Family Bingo for Life

"I praise you for I am wondrously made."
Psalm 139:14

All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn.

Saturday, January 26th

Holy Spirit School Cafeteria
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

<p>Admission (Includes Book of 3 Cards) All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players 12 Years and Older: \$5 • Players Under 12 Years: \$3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra Cards \$1 • Free for children under 5 years who are not playing. 	<p>Snacks Sold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks 	<p>Prizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Bingo Prizes • Additional prizes for other games <p>All children will receive a prize.</p>
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



For information, contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us.
Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit Council. Don't miss it!



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January 10, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. PTO Sponsored - Virginia 529 information session - flyer
2. PTO Talent Show Save the Date - flyer
3. PTO Talent Show Sign-up/Audition Form - flyer
4. Pennies for Parties - flyers

Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life - Spiritual March and Breakfast - flyer
2. March for Life - flyer
3. Fantastiks - flyer
4. Blood Drive - flyer
5. Larry Quinn retirement celebration - flyer
6. K if C Free Throw Competition - flyer
7. Seasons of Hope Grief Support Group - flyer
8. Bingo for Life - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. ANSLL Registration flyers - Spring 2019
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