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From the Principal's Desk

January 17, 2019



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

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

Oh, the weather outside!

What an adventure we have had with the weather this week! It is my understanding that there is the possibility of more inclement weather Thursday night into Friday. We are scheduled to have an early dismissal on Friday so please read the following with the various possibilities:

Scenario 1: On time school start (8:00 am) - 11:30 am dismissal as planned with Extended Day open in the afternoon

Scenario 2: 2 hour delay - our early dismissal is cancelled and we will dismiss at regular time in the afternoon - 3:15 pm with Extended Day open in the afternoon

If we go into the afternoon with classes ALL students must bring a bag lunch - there will be NO hot lunch served on Friday.

Scenario 3: FCPS closes schools for students - we are closed as well.

In other news....

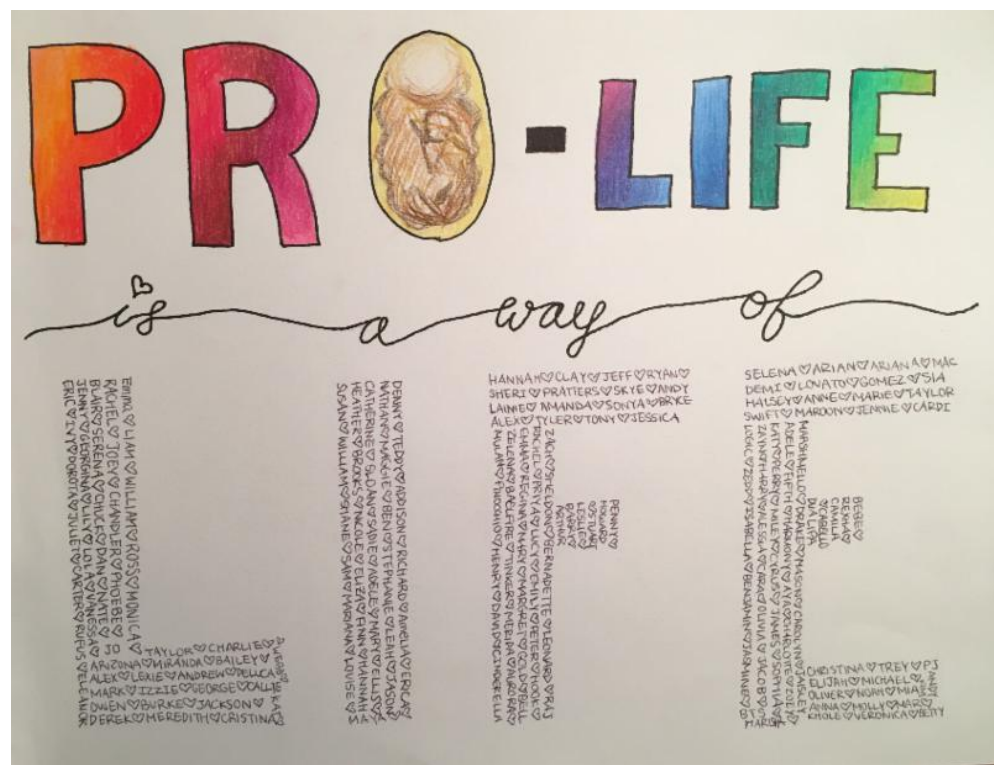
If your child is attending the March for Life tomorrow, Friday, January 18th and will not be in school (or is leaving early), please be sure to email attendance@holyspiritflames.org to let us know. Thank you!

On Friday, March 1st we have the honor of having Bishop Burbidge visit our school and celebrate Mass with the students. As a part of this day, Bishop has lunch with the faculty and staff in the afternoon and thus this day is now an early dismissal day for students. Please begin to plan accordingly; Extended Day will be open in the afternoon.

Congratulations to 8th grader Danica F. on being selected to Fifth Chair All-District XI band. Well done!

Congratulations to Serena L. (8th grade) for winning 1st place in the Junior Division of the Youth Apostles 20th Annual Pro-Life Poster Contest!

Congratulations as well to Christopher S. (8th grade) for winning 3rd place and for Honorable Mentions to Danica F, (8th grade), Stella P. (7th grade), and Julia R. (8th grade). The theme for the year was "Pro-life Is a Way of Life." There were 531 entries from across the Diocese.



Registration materials for current families went home with students last week. The materials were due back on Wednesday. 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.

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.

Saturday, January 19th is the PTO sponsored Movie Morning at the University Mall Theaters; please see the information below with the list of movies being shown that morning. Please note that the movie Bohemian Rhapsody is a PG-13 movie - parents should consider carefully what your children view.

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

Day.

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 is below including information on our service project - Pennies for Parties.

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting a FREE viewing of Dan Habib's new film, *INTELLIGENT LIVES* on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7pm. This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. *INTELLIGENT LIVES* challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70-minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public. For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Bishop O'Connell High School: Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, Va.


-Maureen Ashby

Principal

**World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
Kicked-off Today!**


If you've not sent in the chocolate check-out

form - please do so asap
Each family is asked to sell a minimum of 2
boxes of chocolates



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS


*Aspiring Minds
Igniting Futures*



WORLD'S FINEST
CHOCOLATE


Check out chocolate
and/or turn in money any day!

You can make the difference!
 Help us raise money to improve **our school for your children** by selling 1 or more boxes of 60 assorted \$1.00 World's Finest Chocolate Bars.




Program Starts:
Thursday, January 17th
 Last day to check out a box of chocolate:
Friday, February 1st
 Last day to turn in money:
Monday, February 4th

FREE membership to Three Winners on every bar. Access thousands of local and national coupons from your smart phone or computer!




Safety first, students should not sell door to door. Please be careful handling the chocolate. Do not leave chocolate in your car, in direct sunlight or near any source of heat.





Find a GOLDEN TICKET
inside your box of chocolate and win a prize!




Top Seller for Each Grade
The Top Selling Student for each grade will receive a \$25 Amazon Gift Card!



Earn Every Prize From Every Level You Reach!

<p>Sell 1 Box Get out of a homework assignment with a Homework Pass!</p> 	<p>Sell 2 Boxes Go to Popcorn and Movie Night!</p> 	<p>Sell 3 Boxes Go to the Pizza Party!</p> 	<p>Sell 5 Boxes Spray a can of Silly String on Father O'Donahue!</p> 
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All student incentives are based on all money due being turned in no later than Monday, 2/4/19.



Chocolate Check Out Form


Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

I would like to check out 1 box of 60 \$1.00 chocolate bars. I understand I am responsible for selling the entire box and turning the money into the school no later than Monday, 2/4/19.
Chocolate cannot be returned once it is checked out.

Parent's Signature: _____


Phone #: _____ email: _____

Detach and return to school



Find a Golden Ticket in your box, and you will receive a special surprise!

Detach and return to school



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

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



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**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!

January 27 - February 1, 2019

Please see the information below regarding

our service project for this year and the complete schedule for the week



Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 27

- 9:00 & 10:30 Parish Mass
 - Please join us in celebrating Mass with the Holy Spirit parish community. Students are encouraged to show their school pride by wearing their uniform.
- Open House for prospective families from 1:00 – 2:30pm in the school.

Monday, January 28

- **“Parent Appreciation Day”**
- Look for your parent “thank you” in the morning carpool line.
- Prayer Service – 8:30am

Tuesday, January 29

- **“Service Day”**
- Students will put together “birthday parties in a box” which will be donated to a local shelter/food pantry (please see attached information on our “Pennies for Parties” small change drive)

Wednesday, January 30

- **“Faculty and Staff Appreciation” Day**
- PTO luncheon for the faculty/staff
- This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).

Thursday, January 31

- **“Student Appreciation” Day**
- Dress-down day (follow school policy for dress-down days)
- All school movie/popcorn in the afternoon

Friday, February 1

- **“Clergy Appreciation Day”**
- 9:00am School Mass
- Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Peter, Father Carroll, Deacon LaDuca and Deacon Grodek do within the school and parish community, but also the efforts of those involved with the parish Religious Education office and youth ministry.



**“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.

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

**Movie choices for the morning
include:**

**Wreck It Ralph - Ralph Breaks the Internet
(PG)**

The Grinch (PG)

Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)

The PTO is covering the cost of the movie tickets not any concession purchases

Please remember that parents are expected to attend with and supervise their children during this event

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
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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



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

Admission

(Includes Book of 3 Cards)
All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn.

- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
- Players Under 12 Years: \$3
 - Extra Cards \$1
- Free for children under 5 years who are not playing.

Snacks Sold

- Pizza • Hot Dogs
- Nachos • Soft Drinks

Prizes

- Cash Bingo Prizes
 - Additional prizes for other games
- All children will receive a prize.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

For information, contact knights@holyspirtchurch.us.

Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit Council. Don't miss it!

Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:
HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth

**Girl's
Volleyball**

**Track
& Field**

Tennis

**Grades
3-8**

"Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person."

-St. John Paul II



**Registration
Opening Soon!**



**Assistant Coaches
Needed!**

**Interested in coaching?
Contact CYO@holyspiritchurch.us**

PARISH CHILI DINNER

Saturday, February 2nd

5:30 - 7:30 PM

School Cafeteria

Join us for a delicious chili dinner
after the 5:30 pm Mass.
All are welcome!

Mild &
Spicy Meat
Chili!

Vegetarian
Chili!

Baked
Potatoes!

Salad with
Italian
Dressing!

Beer,
Sodas
& More!

Desserts!



Ages 11 & Up: \$7
Ages 6 - 10: \$4
Ages 5 & Under:
Free!

\$20 max per family!

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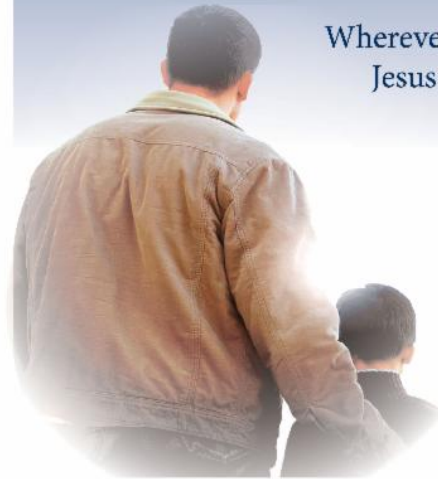


THAT MAN IS YOU!

THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

Saturday Mornings
Spring Session begins February 2nd
7:00 - 8:30 AM
Meeting Room 3, School Building

For more information, contact
Deacon Nick LaDuca at denladuca@holyspirtchurch.us
www.holyspirtchurch.us



Wherever you are in your spiritual life,
Jesus Christ wants to encounter
you right there...

and take you further.



www.thatmanisyou.org

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Married Couples Morning of Reflection



Join other married couples from the parish for a morning of reflection, prayer and fellowship, led by Deacon Tom Grodeck.
Contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us for more information.

February 16th

10:00 am-12:00 noon

Meeting Rooms 1 and 2



CWES JANUARY SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

(A CWES PTA-Sponsored Event)

Saturday, January 26, 2019 10:00AM

Canterbury Woods Elementary School
4910 Willet Drive, Annandale, VA, 22003

This is a Rated Tournament. Membership in USCF is required. If not a member, use this link for membership options: <https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/member.php>

First Round starts at 10:00AM. Pre-Registered students should arrive by 9:30AM.
Same-Day Registration will be open from 9:00AM to 9:30AM.

Four Sections. Please review each one before selection.

SECTION ONE: Grades K-12 4-Round Swiss G/45, d5
- Trophies for 1st to 3rd Place; Top U1800; and Top U1400

SECTION TWO: Grades 7-12 4-Round Swiss G/45, d5 (Must be U1800)
- Trophies for 1st to 3rd Place; Top U1400; and Top U1000/Unrated

SECTION THREE: Grades K-6 5-Round Swiss G/30, d5
- Trophies for 1st to 3rd Place; Top U1200; and Top U800

SECTION FOUR: Grades K-3 5-Round Swiss G/30, d5
- Trophies for 1st to 3rd Place; Top U800; and Top U500

Pre-Registration Fee (Register by Tuesday, January 22):	\$20.00
On-Site Registration Fee (Day of Tournament):	\$30.00

Register and pay easily on-line at:

<http://www.smartmovechess.com/cwes-tournament-registration.html>

Cash or Check: Please fill out the form below and submit to Canterbury Woods Main Office by Tuesday, January 22. Make Checks payable to CWES PTA.

Any questions, please contact us at cweschessclub@gmail.com

CWES Scholastic Chess Tournament – Saturday, January 26, 2019

Student Name _____ Guardian Name _____
School _____ Grade _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-MAIL _____
USCF Member Number: _____ Section: _____
BYE Requested (YES/NO)? _____ If Yes, Which Round? _____



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January 17, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. PTO Talent Show Save the Date - flyer
2. PTO Talent Show Sign-up/Audition Form - flyer
3. Catholic Schools Week schedule - flyer
4. Pennies for Parties - flyers
5. World's Finest Chocolate - box "check out" form

Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life - Spiritual March and Breakfast - flyer
2. March for Life - flyer
3. K if C Free Throw Competition - flyer
4. Seasons of Hope Grief Support Group - flyer
5. Bingo for Life - flyer
6. Parish Chili Dinner - flyer
7. That Man is You! - flyer
8. Married Couples Morning of Reflection - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. ANSLI Registration flyers - Spring 2019
 2. Canterbury Woods ES - Chess Tournament - flyer
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