

From the Principal's Desk

January 23, 2020

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Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2019 / 2020

"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"



Our Lady of the Sign

As a part of our ongoing series of prayer services centering on the various titles of our Mother Mary, today's was very timely. With the assistance of Father O'Donohue we learned about the icon showing Our Lady of the Sign. The image shows Mary during the Annunciation at the moment of saying, "May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

This particular icon is so fitting as we prepare to support the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. tomorrow. For those going to March, know that you will be held in all of our prayers as you join others in supporting the gift of life and speaking for the unborn.

A few reminders....

Registration materials for the 2020/2021 academic year were due yesterday. If you have not yet communicated with us regarding your student's intent to return, please do so immediately as we have already begun accepting new students.

Families seeking tuition assistance for the upcoming academic year, note that your must complete a FACTS application in order to be considered for aid. The deadline for filing an application is March 18, 2020 for families with only elementary-age students. An overview of the tuition assistance programs for the Diocese is included in the Family Folder Flyers section below.

If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please take a look at the flyer that is attached below as the deadline for ordering is fast approaching.

Interims for the second trimester will go home on Friday, January 31st.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday! I would encourage you to have your students wear their school uniform to the Mass that you attend. Our students will be assisting with the 9:00 am Mass. Please take a look at the schedule of events for next week; our service day will be on Tuesday as the students put together the birthday boxes that will go to the House of Mercy and Thursday is a dress-down day for the students. We look forward to celebrating with all of you next week.

We will have an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 26th from 1 - 2:30 pm. If you know of families who may be interested in our school, please let them know!

Monday, February 3rd will be an early release day as the faculty continues work on the DFE self-study; Extended Day will be open.

Information regarding Grandparents Day on February 14th is below, as well.

And, right around the corner will be the annual 5K Spirit Run to benefit the Resource Department! The race will be held at Lake Accotink on May 16th. Preparations have begun including the t-shirt design contest. Please see the information below and encourage your students to participate!

Than you for all you do to support Holy Spirit!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

**Catholic Schools Week begins
Sunday, January 26th!**

**Help us celebrate all the great things about
Holy Spirit!**



Schedule of Events 2020

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 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 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

- **"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 29

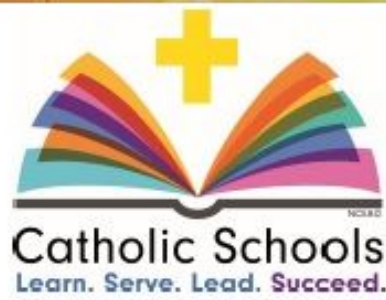
- **"Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day**
- PTO luncheon for the faculty/staff
- This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

- "Clergy Appreciation Day"
- 9:00am School Mass
- Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Peter, Father Carroll, Deacon LaDuca, Deacon Grodek and Deacon D'Souza 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 13 – January 22.

Small bins will be placed in each homeroom for donations.

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

Attention Holy Spirit School students!



Go down in Holy Spirit School history!

**Design the 5th annual
5K Spirit Run 2020 t-shirt.
See your design on more than
200 race shirts and on Holy
Spirit School and 5K Spirit
Run social media!
Winner also receives free race entry !**

Design must include "Holy Spirit School, 5K Spirit Run 2020 " and this year's school theme:

"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus."

Design can only be two colors (black is considered a color).

Submit your design on 8 1/2" x 11 " paper to front office .

Include your name and grade on the back of your design.

Deadline for submission is end of school day on Friday, January 31st.

Share your creativity and school spirit!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gibbons or Mrs. Walker

We Need Science Fair Judges!

Holy Spirit middle school students have been hard at work on some very creative science fair projects.

If you have experience in STEM, we need your help to judge their projects!

Judging will take place on Wednesday, February 19th from 8:15 to 11:15 am. Doors open for judges at 7:45 am. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

If available to help, please RSVP to Laura Laclede at sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org



"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



February 14th
is
GRANDPARENT'S DAY at Holy Spirit School!

9:00 AM Mass followed by classroom visits

Students come to school at the normal time. Grandparents join them for 9:00 AM Mass. Grandparents meet grandchildren in the school between 8:30 and 8:45AM for the walk to church. After Mass, Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren in the classrooms for refreshments and some enjoyable activities.

Students without Grandparents available are encouraged to 'adopt' a grandparent for the morning. This could be a friend or neighbor. Please send us a note if such an arrangement is being made



Holy Spirit School's Spring Talent Showcase & Dance



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, May2nd, 2020 @ 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 announced soon.



Important Forms will be coming soon!!

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ACADEMY



Holy Spirit School



Wednesdays

March 18th-May 13th

Soccer Academy

8 week sessions

3:30pm - 4:30pm Directly After School

Kindergarten - 4th Grade

\$120

Register Online at ThePSASports.com

Watch The
PSA Video



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All proceeds go to the school

*Hosted
by the*



Sunday February 9th

In the school cafeteria after the
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit,
orange juice, coffee, and more!

Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (max family cost of \$15)

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VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us to stop pro-abortion
extremism in Virginia!

Feb. 13, 2020

11:00 a.m. Rally at the State Capital
12:00 p.m. March for Life



TAKE THE BUS TO RICHMOND!

7:30 am Mass at Holy Spirit, 8:00 am Meet for bus departure

Reserve your seat at
HolySpiritChurch.us/RespectLife

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THAT MAN IS YOU!

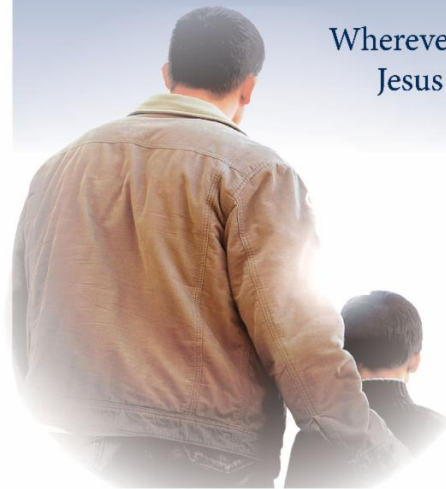
BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Saturday Mornings
Spring Session: February 1st-May 2nd
7:00 - 8:30 AM
In the *Quinn Room*, School Building

For more information, contact
Deacon Nick LaDuca at denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us
www.holyspiritchurch.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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2020 All Saints Car Raffle

You could win!



**Five 2020 Vehicles plus
20 cash prize drawings!**



Not actual car

*When you buy a ticket, the parish
gets a cut either way!*



Not actual car

How does my purchase help?

This year's raffle will contribute to providing improvements to the main Sacristy and the large Rectory meeting room.



*Many Holy
Spirit winners
over the years—
cars and cash!!*

Only \$5/ticket!

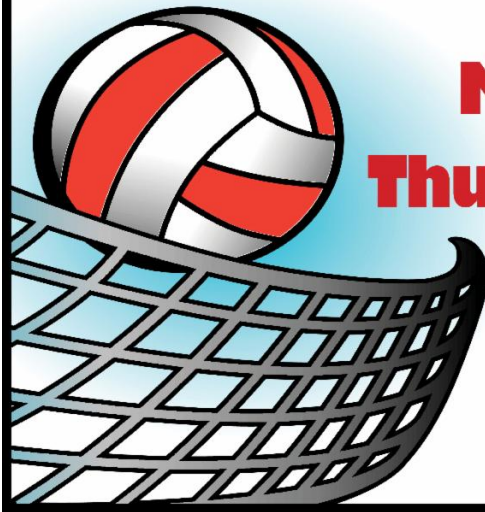
Last Entry Date: Sunday, April 19

For raffle ticket purchases, visit

www.holyspiritchurch.us/carraffle2020

Or contact Tom Kennedy at tfkinva@aol.com

Adult Volleyball Nights



Monday 8-9:30pm

Thursday 9-10:30pm

School Gym

Invite your friends!

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SCOUT SUNDAY



February 2, 2019



Calling all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and Trail Life Scouts!

Join Holy Spirit Parish at the 10:30am Mass to celebrate Scout Sunday. Come in your uniform as you are recognized for your work and dedication to serving God, your country, and others. After Mass, come with your family to Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 in the school (next to the Cafeteria), where the Mens' Club will be hosting a donut reception in your honor.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled

"January 23, 2020 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook Ordering flyer
2. Winter Chess and Coding Club sign-ups flyer
3. Catholic Schools Week schedule of activities - flyer
4. Pennies for Parties - Catholic Schools Week - flyer
5. Grandparent's Day - flyer
6. Diocesan Tuition Assistance Overview
7. 7th & 8th Grade Dance at St. Ambrose - flyer
8. 7th & 8th Grade Dance Emergency Form
9. 5K Spirit Run t-shirt contest flyer
10. Players Soccer Academy Spring session flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. That Man is You! flyer
2. Pancake Breakfast flyer
3. Virginia March for Life (Richmond) flyer
4. Car Raffle flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Scout Sunday flyer
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