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From the Principal's Desk

January 3, 2019



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

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

Welcome Back!

And in a blink of an eye (or so it seems) we are back!

I hope everyone enjoyed the break from school and that we are all ready to tackle 2019 with enthusiasm!

Please be on the lookout early next week for registration materials for the 2019/2020 school year. These are due back by Wednesday, January 16th.

Families with siblings who will be new to Holy Spirit next year can register those children at this time.

On Saturday, January 12th, the parish will celebrate the retirement of our long-time Facility Manager, Larry Quinn. This event is open to all (please just RSVP) as we acknowledge his 50 years of service to the parish and school.

The winter session of Scantron testing is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 14th.

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.

Happy to see everyone's smiling faces this morning!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

All students are invited to participate in the parish's poster contest supporting the March for Life!

Please note that submissions are due tomorrow, Friday, January 4th!



MARCH FOR LIFE
www.MarchForLife.org | #WhyWeMarch
2019 THEME

UNIQUE
FROM DAY ONE

Poster Contest

Design a poster that demonstrates how each human being is "unique from day one".

Submission Requirements:
Dimensions: 8 1/2" x 11"
Medium: Any 2-dimensional medium (pencil, pen, paint, marker, colored pencil, etc.)
Due by: Jan 4th

All submissions must be original artwork.

Winner's artwork will be made into a prayer card that will be distributed to March for Life participants from our parish community!
All contestants' posters will be on display at the March for Life breakfast on January 18th!

Contact activities@holyspiritchurch.us with questions.

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: _____





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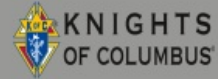
The Fantasticks



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!



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.

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

HOW TO *High School*

7th & 8th Grade Workshop

**@ SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Saturday, January 12th, Noon - 4:00pm

LEARN HOW TO...

- Make the Team
- Ace the Test
- Manage Money
- Organize Your Planner
- Enjoy High School
- Find Your Thing
- Explore Your Brain
- Achieve Great Things



Free! Lunch included!

RSVP: tiny.cc/howtohighschool

howtohighschool@jpthegreat.org

17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026



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Greatness

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BIOETHICS SEMINARS FOR ADULTS

WITH SR. TERESE AUER, O.P.

hosted by SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Human Happiness

Jan. 29 • 7:00pm

Conscience and Truth

Feb. 12 • 7:00pm

The Moral Act

Feb. 26 • 7:00pm

The Moral Law

Feb. 5 • 7:00pm

The Human Act

Feb. 9 • 7:00pm

Virtue

March 5 • 7:00pm

Free Admission • 17700 Dominican Dr., Potomac Shores, VA 22026 • St. Thomas Aquinas Hall (downstairs)



Sister Terese Auer, O.P., is the chair of the Bioethics Department at John Paul. Sister Terese has been a Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (also known as the "Nashville Dominicans") for more than 30 years. She earned a Ph.D. from St. Thomas University in Houston, TX and is the author of John Paul's four year Bioethics Curriculum.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January 3, 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

Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life Poster Contest - flyer

2. March for Life - Spiritual March and Breakfast - flyer
3. March for Life - flyer
4. Fantastiks - flyer
7. Blood Drive - flyer
8. Larry Quinn retirement celebration - flyer
9. K if C Free Throw Competition - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. ANSLL Registration flyers - Spring 2019
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