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# From the Principal's Desk

January 4, 2018



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**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts***  
**2017 / 2018**  
**"Respect and Responsibility in Action"**

***Welcome Back!***  
***Happy Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***

I hope that each of our Holy Spirit families enjoyed the time away from school. Hopefully we will be back to school tomorrow - such crazy weather!

I cannot stress enough the need for students to be dressed appropriately for the weather - including winter coats! If we are in school tomorrow we will be making the trek up the hill to the church for Mass. Additionally, it can be cold in the building - especially the hallways. Students should have their PE sweatshirts or school fleeces.

You should have received an envelope yesterday afternoon with re-registration information for the 2018/2019 school year. Please note the due date of January 17th for returning the paperwork. We have been very blessed to have increased enrollment at the school the past couple of years and several of the grade levels are "full" - for those reasons it is important for us to know your intent to return to the school as we begin to

receive applications from new families.

There will be updates made to the school uniform for the coming year; those will be rolled out in another week or two. The first updates will be to the "dress uniform" and then the PE uniform will be tackled at a later date. There will be a "grandfather" period of time for the current uniform and all of that will be explained.

The second session of Scantron testing begins next week, January 8th.

A reminder that the students are off from school on both January 15th and January 16th. The January 16th date is a professional development day for teachers.

The annual March for Life is Friday, January 19th. I certainly encourage all of our families to participate in this event and give voice to those without one. The parish has several buses going to the March - information is below and on the church website. Please note this is considered an excused absence from school.

The end of the 2nd quarter is right around the corner - January 26th. Now would be a great time for students to turn in missing work to their teachers.

The national Catholic Schools Week celebration will begin on Sunday, January 28th. Please look for a schedule of events soon.

Stay warm!

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

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**Holy Spirit**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN

*Inspiring Minds* | *Igniting Hearts*

***Looking for an end of year charitable donation?***

***Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow***

We are counting on our Holy Spirit families to assist with the purchase of the twenty-eight new Promethean ActivPanels that will be put into each of the teaching classrooms. At a cost of just over \$140,000.00 (plus an additional \$10,000.00 for new wiring) this is a huge endeavor.

The Promethean ActivPanel is an award winning device that is powered by an external Android-based mini PC which can be upgraded over time in order to keep pace with advances in technology.

For our 21st Century Learners interactive technology is as "normal" a part of their learning as the overhead projector was to most of ours. When used well, interactive technology increases teacher-student engagement and has been shown to boost overall performance. Although Holy Spirit School prides itself on maintaining a healthy balance between traditional learning methods and technology-based learning, as an institution that inspires life-long learners and ignites servant-leaders through a program of academic excellence grounded in the traditions and values of the Holy Catholic Church we know that we must keep pace with the changing world of education technology.

The students before us today and those who will join us in the future are set to be not only our future fathers, mothers, clergy and religious but also captains of industry, leading entrepreneurs, humanitarians, and scholars.

To those who have already donated, please accept, again, my thanks on behalf of all of the faculty and students.

For those who are ready to donate, please either follow the link below or you may also send a check made payable to Holy Spirit School. Please designate on the memo line "ActivPanel".

[Click here to donate to the Learning Today...Leading](#)

## It is time to sign-up for the Winter Chess Club session!

### Holy Spirit Winter 2018 Chess Club



Chess club is taught by experienced Silver Knights instructors using a curriculum developed by National Masters. Each weekly session is a mix of learning and play. Playing chess is a great way to develop a child's critical thinking skills, sportsmanship, and patience — all while having fun!

### REGISTRATION

To register or for more information, go to:  
[www.skenrichment.com](http://www.skenrichment.com)

To request financial aid, please visit our website.

#### Chess Club Details:

- ⇒ All grades and skill levels welcome!
- ⇒ All equipment provided
- ⇒ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting 2/5 and ending 5/14
- ⇒ Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- ⇒ Time: 3:20pm—4:20pm
- ⇒ Tuition: \$168 for 12 weeks
- ⇒ Make-up meetings on 5/21 or 6/4, if needed
- ⇒ Club does not meet on 2/19, 3/12, 4/2



[www.skenrichment.com](http://www.skenrichment.com)

Questions? Email: [Info@skenrichment.com](mailto:Info@skenrichment.com) or call: 703.574.2070

Unsure what to do with your used cell phones,

**laser & inkjet cartridges, laptops, MP3s, iPods  
and tablets, eReaders and notebooks?**

**Donate them to us!**

**We're partnering with CFK to recycle used  
electronics and raise money for our school.**

**Please bring your items to  
Mr. Pietuszka.  
Thank you for your support!**



# High School Youth Group Christmas Coat Drive

The Holy Spirit High School Youth Group will be collecting useable outerwear garments to donate to Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). These items will be distributed to day laborers, residents of Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, and children at the ACCA Child Development Center whose parents cannot afford warm winter outerwear for them.

The High Schoolers will be collecting the following items before and after all Masses on January 6th and 7th and there will be a drop-off box located just outside the

**Youth Room in the school:**

**Winter Jackets - Sweaters - Hooded Sweatshirts**

**Gloves - Warm Wool Hats - Scarves**

**Please help keep our community warm this winter by donating any of these items! Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

For more information, contact us at  
[youthministry@holyspurchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspurchurch.us)

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45th Annual

# March for Life

Friday, January 19th



Join us for Breakfast at 8:30am 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!



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

# FAMILY BREAKFAST

*Hosted by the  
Men's Club*



**Sunday**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Join us in the school cafeteria after the  
7:30, 9 & 10:30 am Masses**

Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, oatmeal, fruit, biscuits,  
hash brown potatoes, orange juice, hot chocolate and coffee.  
Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not to exceed \$15).

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

# Council Free Throw Competition



**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 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](mailto:poumade@prodigy.net) or 703-425-8769.

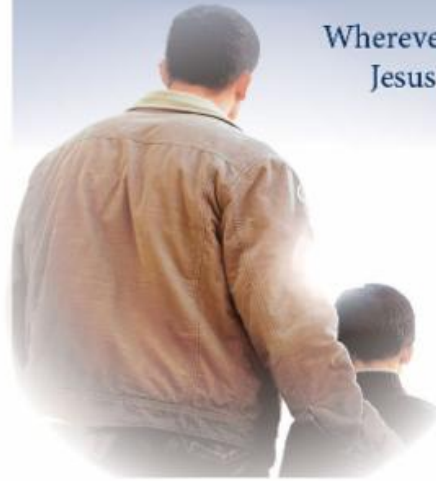
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# THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

**Saturday Mornings**  
**Spring Session: January 13<sup>th</sup>-April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 - 8:30 AM**  
*In Meeting Room 3, School Building*

For more information, contact  
Deacon Nick LaDuca at [denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us)  
[www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)



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

*and take you further.*

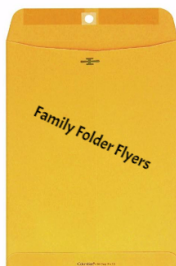


[Click here for the January 2018 school lunch menu.](#)

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.

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labelled "January 4, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#) ). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

### School Flyers:

1. Winter Chess Club flyer
2. January lunch menu

### Parish Flyers:

1. High School Youth Group Coat Drive flyer
2. March for Life flyer
3. Parish Pancake Breakfast flyer
4. This Man is You flyer
5. Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition flyer

### Community Flyers:

1. "Hack BI" flyer
  2. PVI On the Move information
  3. ANSLI Registration Flyer 2018
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