

# From the Principal's Desk

June 1, 2017



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## *Holy Spirit School*

*Celebrating 50 Years of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts  
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### Congratulations are in order...

It is hard to believe how quickly this current academic school year is winding down.

May I offer my early congratulations to our 8th grade class who have completed the Diocese of Arlington's middle school course of studies and will graduate next Wednesday, June 7th. All are certainly invited to the Graduation Mass at 7:00 pm in the church.

This class has matured into true young Catholic leaders with so many gifts and talents. Academically they have achieved high marks and have gained entrance into a multitude of Catholic high schools both in and out of the Diocese of Arlington. They have led our student organizations as officers and members learning that the gift of service provides an unspoken "thank you" that fills each of us with joy. They have graced the performance stage and entertained us all with wonderful presentations in The Lion King, Shakespeare, and Advanced Band. Mostly, they have become fine young men and women who have learned to think and to contemplate the world around us through the lense of our Catholic faith.

I could not be more proud of them and wish them all the very best.

Please remember that the last day of the 2017/2018 school year for the preschool and kindergarten students will be Friday, June 9th. Both of these groups have an early dismissal and there is no afternoon Extended Day for them.

For the remainder of our students, grades 1-7, the last day will be Wednesday, June 14th. This is an 11:30 dismissal day and there is no Extended Day.

Please be certain that all financial accounts are up-to-date with payments prior to the end of the year. Report cards and other transcript materials will not be released until financial obligations are met.

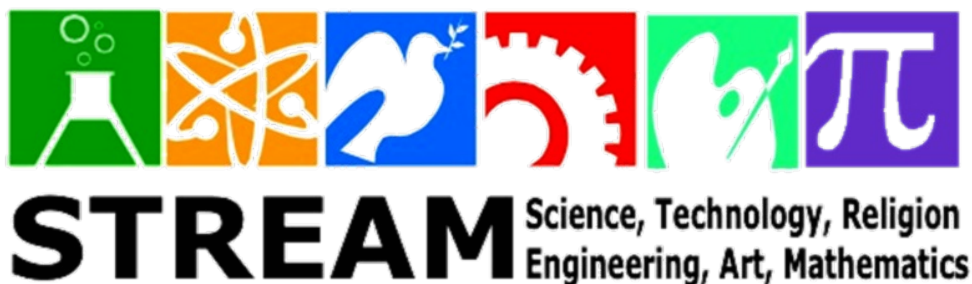
With regard to Extended Day billing: all accounts must be paid in full through the May 12th billing cycle by the end of the school year (i.e. anything that was on your June bill must be paid in full). For those who use Extended Day during the period May 15 - June 13, 2017, your SMART account will be billed in July for those charges. It goes without saying that prompt payment of those bills is appreciated. Those who do not meet that obligations will be unable to use extended day services until the bill is paid.

All summer reading and math assignments will be posted to the school website under the *Student Resources* tab by June 30th.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

*Holy Spirit 2016/2017 - Building the Future through Faith and Family*



Throughout next school year your child will be participating in STREAM activities, STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. The goal of STREAM is to provide students with real-world problem solving opportunities. STREAM allows students to think outside the box with project-based learning.

Your child will be working on many exciting STREAM projects! Below is a list of household materials that we will be using to create our STREAM projects. If you are willing to donate any of the items below then please send them in with your child. The office will also have a collection basket for items collected over the summer. Thank you in advance for helping our school

collect these items!

Save these items for STREAM!

- Aluminum Foil
- Baking Soda
- Balloons
- Cereal Boxes
- Clothespins
- Colored Tissue Paper
- Cork
- Duct Tape
- Egg Cartons
- Food Coloring
- Legos
- Oatmeal Boxes
- Paper Grocery Sacks
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Pipe Cleaners
- Plastic Jugs
- Popsicle Sticks
- Scrap Pieces Of Cloth
- Shoe Boxes With Or Without Lids
- Straws
- String
- Tissue Boxes
- Toothpicks
- Twist Ties
- Yarn



Spring Box Tops Collection

There is still time!

If you have not sent in your Box Tops for the Spring drive, please do so soon (the end of the year is right around the corner....)!

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## Holy Spirit is starting our own 4-H club!



4-H is about having FUN, LEARNING, EXPLORING and DISCOVERING. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities.

4-H gives members a chance to pursue their own interests - from photography to computers, from building rockets to raising sheep. 4-H members go places - to camp, to state, and national conferences. They learn to be leaders and active citizens.

Kids ages 5-8 participate in the CLOVERBUDS program  
(Spirited Cloverbuds)

Kids ages 9-19 participate in the COMMUNITY program (Spirit  
Flames 4-H Club)

Club will meet on 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons beginning in  
the fall.

Please see the flyer below in the Family Folder section.

Contact Mr. Pietuszka for more information!

[mpietuszka@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:mpietuszka@holyspiritflames.org)

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Remember there is a July 15 ordering deadline!



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Grade Level 2017-2018	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$39.00
Kindergarten	\$69.00
1st Grade	\$59.00
2nd Grade	\$56.00
3rd Grade	\$68.00
4th Grade	\$73.00
5th Grade	\$82.00
6th & New Middle School Students	\$127.00
Returning 7th & 8th Grade	\$116.00

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*Starting now thru July 15th*

1. Go to [www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)
2. Enter the school ID, **HOL134** (3 letters/ 3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

**Orders will be charged tax at checkout.**

School supplies will be delivered to the school  
and available at the August Open House.

For questions, please contact the school office at  
703.978.7117



Check it out...

FunBot is offering four 1-week camp opportunities  
here at Holy Spirit this summer

Holy Spirit families will receive \$100 off any two-



week camp in McLean or Arlington when using the code SPIRIT



Use code **SPIRIT**  
to receive \$100 off  
any two-week camp at  
McLean or Arlington



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One of our Holy Spirit families, the Durbacks, has the privilege of sponsoring an orphan from Columbia this summer via Kidsave's "Summer Miracles" program.

As a part of the experience, families are asked to promote Kidsave and their mission. Please visit the Durback's family page and consider helping this organization.

[Click here for information.](#)

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "June 1, 2017" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [Holy Spirit 4H Club](#)
2. [Box Tops for Education Collection Flyer](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Vacation Bible School flyer](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [PVI Soccer Camp brochure](#)
2. [Bishop Ireton Camp brochure](#)
3. [Typing Boot Camp flyer](#)
4. [FunBot Flyer](#)
5. [Spotlight on the Arts flyer](#)

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