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From the Principal's Desk

June 14, 2018



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I certainly wish each of our Holy Spirit students and their families a wonderful summer. May you all enjoy the sunshine and warm weather, have fun adventures, read terrific books, and spend quality with our Lord. Thank you for all that everyone has done to make the school year wonderful.

The Summer Reading List has been posted to the school website under the *Student Resources* tab. Additionally, students will find in their report card envelopes the instructions for their IXL math summer work. Please remember that there are both whole group and individualized standards to be practiced.

We will have our final school Mass tomorrow at 9:00 am. Please join us if you are able.

We have an 11:30 am dismissal tomorrow and there is NO extended day.

Thank you again for everything!



Yearbooks

We are anticipating the arrival of the what we need for the yearbook fix this afternoon. We will be working quickly to get everything set for disbursement of the yearbooks to the children tomorrow morning.

As mentioned, for kindergarten and prekindergarten if there are older siblings in the school, the books will go home with them. For those who do not have siblings we will have the books in the front office for pickup at your convenience.

Again, I am more than sorry for the inconvenience and frustration this has caused.



Please remember that if you do not intend to purchase the Spring picture packet, it must be returned to the office! Thank you!

End of Year Billing Information:

A reminder that all financial obligations to the school including tuition, Extended Day fees, cafeteria fees, library fees, PTO PSSC fines, etc. must be paid in full prior to report cards being provided to families. Two separate letters went home this week - one for PSSC; one for general school obligations - detailing outstanding fees.

The only exception to this is for those families who use Extended Day through the end of the year. In June, families will receive an Extended Day billing for the period April 11-May 11. It will be due on regular due dates of June 1st or 9th. **In July, families will receive an Extended Day billing for the period May 14-June 15. It will be due on regular due dates of July 1st or 9th.**

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Lasting Rewards

by Laura Thieman

The end of the school year is a meaningful time to celebrate hard-earned accomplishments. But how do we support children's internal motivation beyond looking to a tangible reward or incentive? Reward systems are not an end unto themselves, since they cannot teach what is built from within. But what if we look deeper?

Understanding the value inherent in an accomplishment or an act in and of itself is a lasting way to foster internal motivation. For example, the feeling of breaking a large assignment into pieces and working on mastering one part at a time; the joy of scoring a goal or winning a tournament; being able to sort out a conflict with a friend and bring it to resolution. This refers to that inner experience of accomplishment in working hard at something and seeing it come to fruition. Even an improved spelling grade becomes a meaningful opportunity to notice the perseverance needed to get through those tough spelling words.

When we draw attention to the child's inner experience of being part of something greater than themselves, it helps them to grow their motivation from within. They start to experience the positive feelings associated with giving their "all" and bringing forth their best effort. For example, when a group of children in our neighborhood planned and organized a bake sale and donated the proceeds to our parish building fund, we parents were amazed. Their efforts were self-directed and the joy and energy was palpable. This motivation came from the children. What a wonderful feeling it is as parents to see our children be motivated from within towards kindness, hard work, perseverance and many other attributes.

As we support our children in growing this internal awareness and compass, we also call to mind our ultimate call to greatness as daughters and sons of God: sainthood. This is our call to love as God loves and to spend eternity giving Him glory.

Here are a few practical ways to build internal motivation:

- Notice gestures and acts of kindness your children do without being asked. This could include having a helpful heart at home, calming down a sibling, smiling at a child who is sad, or offering a kind word to a friend who is discouraged.
- Tend to the process more than the outcome. The 5 games in a row that the team lost might have provided critical lessons for that final win.
- Recognize and thank God for the gifts you see in your children and pray for wisdom to help develop those gifts and talents over time.

5K Spirit Run
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Thank you to the Holy Spirit community for a wonderful
2018 Spirit Run!**

We had a great morning despite the race being postponed due to flooding at Lake Accotink.

It was great to see not only Holy Spirit School families, but also families from the parish come together as one Holy Spirit Church community.

This year we had **255 on-line registrations** and **157 runner/walkers** cross the finish line on June 9th. Our Spirit Run made **\$14,500** that goes **directly to our resource program** to support students with various special needs.

Thank you to our **sponsors and on-line donors** whose generous donations totaled more \$10,290.

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Mrs. Locke and Locked on Learning who donated the first place prize. Mrs. Walker who also contributed to the first place prize. Pev's Paint Ball who donated the second place prize, and Hard Times Café who donated the third place prize.

Thank you to Data Engineering Solutions and the Nguyen family and Elsa Velez of CRL Technologies, who each donated \$1,000.

Thank you to Michelle Stein for her t-shirt design; the Parish Activities Office for all their marketing support; Father O'Donohue for leading the Fun Run!; volunteers, parents, teachers.

Thanks also to DC Road Runners, our timing company and Lake Accotink for hosting our Spirit Run.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Sue Gibbons who headed the race and worked tirelessly for months to pull together this wonderful community building event.

Can't wait for next year!

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Summer time brings learning opportunities for faculty!

We may be hitting the Summer months but the faculty will still be learning! Opportunities for professional development for faculty with the ActivPanels will be available to them through Promethean - the company who developed the ActivePanel technology we have in our classrooms.

We continue to work towards paying the balance due for the panels. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Several methods of payment are available: follow the link below; send a check made payable to Holy Spirit School (designating "ActivPanel" on the memo line); or make use of the Online Giving tool via the school website under the *Support Holy Spirit* tab.

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



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "June 14, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. EPI School Supply Order flyer
2. Flynn & O'Hara Ordering flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. MS Youth - The Mystery of the Eucharist
2. HS Youth - Responding to Relativism
3. Columbian Squires flyer
4. Aspiring Saints Boot Camp flyer
5. VBS flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Fairfax County Public Library Summer Reading Program
 2. BI - I.T. Girls Coding Camp flyer
 3. Bishop Ireton Summer Camp flyer
 4. ABGC Fall Registration
 5. LBSS Field Hockey Camp flyer
 6. PVI Boys Soccer Camp flyer
 7. John Paul the Great Summer Camp flyer
 8. William & Mary Summer Enrichment Courses
 9. Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camp
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