

From the Principal's Desk

June 6, 2019



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

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

End of Year Good-byes...

Last night we bid farewell to the 8th grade Class of 2019. Father O'Donohue celebrated a beautiful Mass and the students were congratulated on their many accomplishments. We are thankful for all they have added to the history of our school and for all that their families have done to support them while students here.

Good byes are always difficult whether it be students graduating or families leaving whose orders take them to another assignment. To me the most difficult good byes are to the faculty whose life and professional journeys take them on a path away from Holy Spirit. I cannot thank these teachers enough for their dedication to the school and for all that they have done to help inspire the minds and ignite the hearts of the students in their care.

We wish the very best to Ms. Natalie Kowalczyk as she moves to Minnesota; Mrs. Margaret Sullivan as she moves to a different realm of the education field working for an education policy firm specializing in student support; Mrs. Mary Pat Miller who will be taking much cherished time to spend with her beautiful grandchildren; Mrs. Corinna Schwartz who will realize her desire of teaching on the high school level; and Mrs. Kate Knox and Mrs. Andrea Fitch who will take their talents to different educational settings.

Additionally, I would like to thank Mrs. Regina FitzSimmons for the years she spent assisting in the cafeteria and helping to keep some semblance of sanity during the lunch periods!

Change is difficult but know that the incoming faculty for next year is excited to be

here and to become a part of this beautiful community. I look forward to introducing them to you in August!



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Summer Reading List

The Summer Reading List with assignments for all rising kindergarten through 8th grade students is available via the link below. The list is also available on the school website under *Current Families Resources*.

[Summer Reading List 2019](#)



Summer Math Assignments are made for all rising 1st through 8th graders. They are in the process of being finalized by the teachers and these assignments will make use of the IXL platform. Assignments will be included with student report cards and are individualized to each student.



Strings Program for 2019/2020

Holy Spirit is exploring the possibility of adding a strings program for the 2019/2020 academic year.

For next year this program would be restricted to students in grades 3-7. The set-up would be similar to the existing band program in that in-school lessons would take place on Wednesdays.

Students would only be allowed to participate in one of the two programs: band OR strings, not both.

At this point we do not have information regarding associated costs and are simply trying to gauge interest from our families.

Thank you to those who have responded to the survey. If you have not had the opportunity, the link is below.

[Click here for questionnaire](#)

Thank you to all of those families who have responded to the letters that have gone out via the school book keeper. We appreciate your attention to them and to working with us. The school's fiscal year ends in June and it is most helpful to have all accounts settled.

A reminder that the Extended Day charges for the month of June are billed and pulled in July.

Please be sure to check your Boonli lunch account to be certain all charges have been paid. If your child forgot his/her lunch at some point, we did provide your student with lunch and the charge is in your account.

Notices with information regarding lost or damaged library books have gone home. Please check with your student to see if he/she received one.

With regard to school uniforms for the 2019/2020 academic year, please note that all students must be in the full new version of the uniform (the "grandfather year" is over with the conclusion of the school year in June). This includes the new logo being present on all maroon polo shirts and fleece jackets. We are adding a long-sleeve PE t-shirt to the uniform pieces for next year. These will be available at Flynn & O'Hara and are an optional piece (students may wear the short-sleeve t-shirt all year, if they so choose).

Thank you for your attention to this over the summer.

A reminder that Friday, June 7th is the final day of school for both the kindergarten and the prekindergarten students. This is an early dismissal day for these grade levels and there is no afternoon extended day for them.

The final day of school for grades 1-7 is Wednesday, June 12th. This too is an early dismissal day and there is no afternoon extended day.

For your planning purposes, some of the major dates for next year's academic calendar have been added to the main school calendar; i.e. beginning and end of the year; Christmas break; Easter break. Additional information will be added over the coming weeks.



For the 2019/2020 academic year, Holy Spirit is transitioning to FACTS for our tuition management. This is the same company which we already use for tuition assistance.

We are in the process of uploading pertinent information. When we reach the point where we need families to create accounts, we will pass along that information. For families who already have an account for tuition management (maybe a high school student), we have been told you will have single sign-on capability to the FACTS system for all of your students.



For families who applied for tuition assistance, just a brief update. I am still waiting on award information from the Diocese/Office of Catholic Schools with regard to particular scholarships and grants for the students in our school.

I am more than cognizant that the notification of aid is particularly late this year but the money from these particular items greatly impacts the bottom line of available aid to this school.

I appreciate your patience and will notify families as soon as possible.



Letters went home to all families who have not yet met their PSSC obligation.

Please be certain to log all of your volunteer hours via the school website.

A reminder that all PSSC hours must be completed and/or any fines for incomplete hours paid prior to report cards being distributed to your family.

Questions? Contact your PSSC coordinator.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

For those looking to get a jump on next year...



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Grade Level 2019-2020	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$30.00
Kindergarten	\$80.00
Grade 1	\$65.00
Grade 2	\$65.00
Grade 3	\$70.00
Grade 4	\$76.00
Grade 5	\$87.00
Grade 6	\$110.00
New Middle School Grade 7 & 8	\$110.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$105.00

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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

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Join us to commemorate our parish's patronal feast
of Pentecost with a

Solemn Mass and Vespers

Sunday, June 9th

6:30 PM

(No 6 PM Mass)

Holy Spirit Church

The music for these liturgies will be provided by Chantry, a professional vocal ensemble specializing in music of the Renaissance. The evening's music will include works by Palestrina, Anerio, and Lassus.



HOLY SPIRIT BASEBALL OUTING

**POTOMAC NATIONALS (MINOR LEAGUE) VS.
CAROLINA MUDCATS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019 6:35 PM

- \$12 TICKETS- reserved seats
- Fireworks show after game
- Free ball cap for group members
- Unused tickets can be used for a future game
- Two drawings for two tickets to a future game

RESERVE TICKETS AT
HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US
(CLICK THE VOLUNTEER
BUTTON) OR CONTACT POU-
MADE@PRODIGY.NET OR
703-425-8769

The knights will be collecting payments after
masses on June 8-9 and distributing tickets
after masses on June 15-16.

This is not a fund raiser - tickets are at cost for
group rate.

The Potomac Nationals of the Carolina League play at Northwest Federal Field at Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge, Virginia, and are the Carolina League affiliate of the Washington Nationals — just a short trip down I-95 or Hwy 123 and easy parking.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "June 6, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. EPI School Supply Ordering - flyer
2. 2019/2020 School Supply List

Parish Flyers:

1. VBS - flyer
2. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp - flyer
3. Project Manger - flyer
4. Solemn Mass and Vespers - flyer
5. Columbian Squires Membership Drive - flyer
6. Baseball Outing - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. PVI Summer Boys Soccer Camp
 2. PVI Girls Summer Soccer Camp
 3. BI STEM Day
 4. National League of Junior Cotillions - flyer
 5. National League of Junior Cotillions - registration
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