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From the Principal's Desk

March 1, 2018



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

Holy Spirit School's Annual Read-a-Thon



"Bucks for Books" begins tomorrow!

The PTO's Spring fundraiser, "Bucks for Books" begins tomorrow, Friday, March 2nd and runs through March 16th. Each day in school students will be reading for at least 15 minutes (look for "Reading Logs" on teacher PowerLearning pages). Read-a-thon events are great for helping to instill a love of reading in our children!

This year's event has been streamlined to a more "in-house" event although the intent is still to raise money via pledges and donations. The PTO is hoping for each family to raise \$100.

You can decide with your child if he/she wants to seek flat-rate donations

from family and friends or per minute/per page/per chapter donations - it is all up to you and your family. Sending in the donations could not be easier: checks can be made payable to Holy Spirit School (on the memo line note "Bucks for Books" and the family name on whose behalf the donation is made) or credit card donations can be made via the school website (click on "Support Holy Spirit", then "Online Giving"). Be sure to indicate that the donation is going to "Bucks for Books" and again, provide the family name on whose behalf the donation is made.

See the flyer below for additional information. A hard copy of the flyer can be printed via the "Family Folder Flyers" section at the bottom in order to send it along to family and friends.

Thank you for supporting the PTO and the school!

Going along with the excitement of "Bucks for Books" is our Dr. Seuss Day celebration! Although tempered a bit this year by falling on a Mass day Friday, we still have loads of fun planned. If you get the opportunity, please stop in to see the wonderful displays the grade levels are putting together to highlight various beloved Dr. Seuss books. See the flyer below for information on acceptable accessories, etc.

Vocations Mass

On Tuesday, March 6th Holy Spirit will once again host the annual Diocesan Vocations Mass. This is a special day and mass as all of the 8th graders from across the diocese celebrate mass here with Bishop Burbidge and representatives from the Office of Vocations.

This year all of these students, their chaperones, clergy and religious from across the Diocese, as well as, Bishop Burbidge will be staying here on campus for lunch. As you can imagine having over 1300 additional people with us will be quite an undertaking. Below is a Sign-Up Genius if you can assist us in welcoming and directing folks where they need to be. We welcome any and all help!

A reminder that 3rd quarter interims will go home tomorrow, as needed. For those with students in grades 3-8, please be sure to check the portal for grades and missing assignments.

March 12th will sneak up on us before we know it. This is a no school day for teacher professional development.

Additionally, our annual Fathers Day Mass will take place Friday, March 16th. Please see the flyer below.

One more reminder to those families applying for Tuition Assistance for the 2018/2019 academic year. The deadline for submitting an application to FACTS is March 16th; families MUST submit an application and the supporting tax documents in order to possibly be eligible for assistance. Information and a link to FACTS is available via the school website.

Phew, that was a lot! Thank you for reading all the way through and for

supporting Holy Spirit in so many ways!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



8th Grade Annual Diocesan Vocations Mass

[Click here to assist as a School Ambassador](#)

Access Code: Vocations

Dr. Seuss Day!
Friday, March 2nd

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss Day, also known as Read Across America Day, on Friday March 2nd.

Students will celebrate with their homeroom classes by creating a display that honors one of Dr. Seuss's famous books. The displays will be near the entrance of the school. You are invited to stop in and see the finished products on Friday March 2nd.

On Friday afternoon, students will gather to hear a classic Dr. Seuss story and enjoy a special snack! The winner of the Dr. Seuss display will also be announced.



Considering March 2nd is a Friday this year, students will not completely dress up for the occasion. However, if your child would like to bring Dr. Seuss accessories for after Mass, they are encouraged! Dr. Seuss hats, Fox on Sox (fun socks), Thing 1 and Thing 2 wigs, or even a 'Wocket in your pocket' are just some fun ideas for your child to sport. Additionally, please send your child with their favorite Dr. Seuss book so they can read it during the event! We can't wait to celebrate!

Friday, March 2nd
Kick-off!

Holy Spirit School's Annual Read-a-Thon



Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Spirit School,

This year's annual *Read-a-Thon* will begin on Friday, March 2nd. We kick-off our fundraiser with a school-wide celebration of Dr. Seuss. This annual celebration really gets our students inspired to read! Let's use that enthusiasm to help raise money for Holy Spirit. As you know we are always trying to find ways to engage our children in new and interesting ways, such as our recent addition of a robotics program and other STEM projects; these exciting projects require extra funds. That's where you, your friends and families come in.

We are asking each family to raise \$100

Your tax-deductible contribution can be

- a flat amount (not directly tied to minutes of reading), or
- from sponsors based on actual minutes read (each minute = \$1)

You can help us build STEM projects and encourage reading

- via check written to Holy Spirit School, or
 - via electronic payment through the Holy Spirit School's website
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Please join the Holy Spirit School
Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers
Holy Spirit School

March 16, 2018
9:00am

Our school day will begin at 9:00am in the church. Dads and children are welcome to meet us there. If Dads are unable to attend, children are welcome to invite uncles, big brothers, or adopt one of their friend's Dads with a prior note from their parents. If not coming at 9:00am we will be glad to receive the children at the regular 8:00 school time. Receptions will follow mass in your children's classrooms.

Spring Portraits Your Way



SEE BEFORE YOU BUY!

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Picture Day

Holy Spirit School
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
\ martes, 20 de marzo, 2018

Order forms will be sent home on Friday, March 2nd

On Spring picture day students are welcome to wear their Sunday best. No jeans, shorts, or athletic wear should be worn.

Have you signed up with Amazon Smile yet?

If not, this would be a great time...



Now your support
goes 3 times as far

From Mar 12 – 31, Amazon will triple the
donation rate to 1.5% on your first eligible
purchase at smile.amazon.com.

amazon
smile

**Search for Holy Spirit Catholic Church when
designating your charity choice.**



**It is time to order your yearbook!
Deadline for ordering is March 23rd**

Holy Spirit School

ORDER DEADLINE: March 23, 2018

RECIBO ENVIADO AL ALUMNO

Yearbook Only

Sólo el año de

BUILD YOUR OWN ARREGLA TU TAPA



Personalized Cover
Your child's portrait and name printed on their cover.
\$6.00

Tapa personalizada
El retrato y el nombre de tu hijo impreso en la tapa

Zoom: Current Events Insert*
The year's most memorable news, sports and entertainment news.
\$2.00



Zoom: selección de las mejores noticias de las novedades y los eventos de deportes y entretenimiento más memorables del año



Yearbook Stickers
Vibrant, removable stickers to personalize yearbook pages.
\$2.00

Adhesivos del anuario
Adhesivos vibrantes y despegables para personalizar las páginas del anuario



Autograph Insert*
A great way to share messages with friends!
\$1.00

Insertos del autógrafo*
Una excelente manera de compartir mensajes con los amigos

Yearbook cover design varies by school.
Los diseños de la tapa del anuario varían según la escuela.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK! Enhancements are no longer available after the deadline. Online ordering only. Please do not send payment into the school.

* Prices may be affected in the yearbook after school. *Los precios pueden ser afectados al momento de imprimir el anuario.
Prices in dollars only. Tax not applicable when you pay by check. Price sufficient to process the order as a cash transaction, or to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your checking account. A service fee may be charged on returned checks. Your bank charges are not accepted. Our website includes payment in the United States only. Cuentas de pago con cheques, nos autorizamos a procesar el pago como una transacción mediante cheque o a usar la información de tu cheque para realizar una transferencia electrónica de fondos desde tu cuenta de cheques por única vez. Por cheques rechazados se podrá aplicar un cargo. No se aceptan cheques de pago efectivo.

PACKAGES PAQUETES

PACKAGE A PAQUETE A

- Yearbook Anuario
- Personalized Cover Tapa personalizada
- Autograph Insert* Insertos del autógrafo*

- Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: selección de los eventos actuales*
- Yearbook Stickers Adhesivos del anuario

BEST VALUE
¡EL MEJOR VALOR!

PACKAGE B PAQUETE B

- Yearbook Anuario
- Personalized Cover Tapa personalizada

- Autograph Insert* Insertos del autógrafo*
- Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: selección de los eventos actuales*

PACKAGE C PAQUETE C

- Yearbook Anuario
- Personalized Cover Tapa personalizada

- Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: selección de los eventos actuales*

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- Yearbook Anuario

- Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: selección de los eventos actuales*

ORDER ONLINE AT YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM

Reserva por internet en ybpay.lifetouch.com

Yearbook ID Code:
Código ID del anuario.

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It's time to "roll" out the fun with skating. This semester students K-8th grade will be roller skating during Physical Education classes Monday, February 26, 2018 through Friday, March 09, 2018. As usual class needs 3-4 parent volunteers to distribute/collect equipment, help students with skates/safety

gear and act as skate patrols to insure safety. Please keep in mind that as a volunteer you **MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD PROTECTION IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON.**

[Click here to sign-up to volunteer](#)

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM

When: March 14, 2018

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 28, 2018.

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 March 14 but want to perform, email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitetech.org) to discuss.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

STAGE NEEDS: _____

For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version: _____

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase



When: April 28, 2018



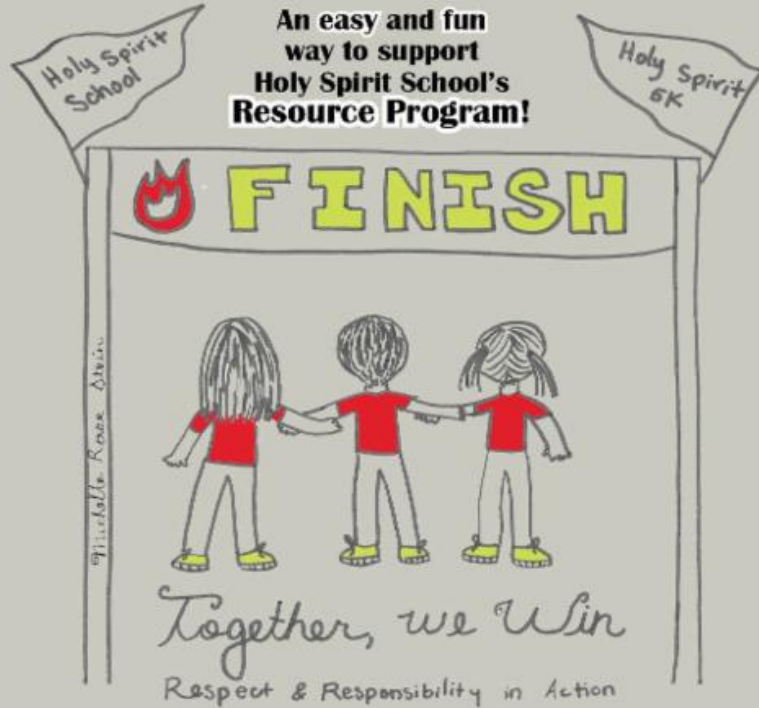
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! It is a great way to earn your hours in a fun atmosphere. All manner of jobs form small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Please click the signup link below:

[Click here to sign up to volunteer!](#)

Holy Spirit 5K Spirit Run

An easy and fun
way to support
Holy Spirit School's
Resource Program!



May 19, 2018

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

Online registration required. Visit HolySpiritFlames.org



Do you own a business or would your employer agree to sponsor our race?

Please see the information available on the school website under the 5K Spirit Run tab.

For those who maybe can't sponsor - won't you consider running/walking? We would LOVE to have our entire school community participate!

Ready to Sign-Up to Race?!

[Click Here](#)



Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

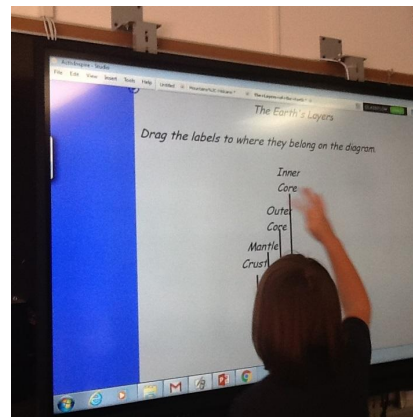
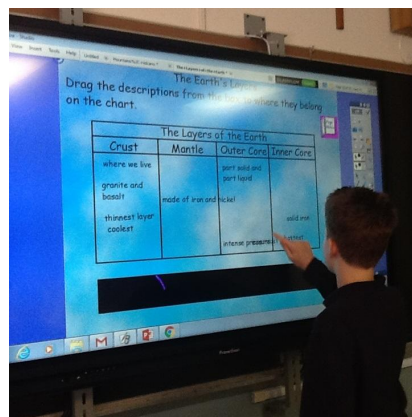
&

little sparks

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Inspiring Minds | *Igniting Hearts*

Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow



All of the new ActivPanels have been installed in the classrooms. We are putting final touches (some rooms needed audio installed and all panels need the ActivConnect activated) and teachers have already begun to use the panels in their rooms. It is lovely to walk by a classroom that has the lights on, the shades up, and the ActivPanel on with full visibility!

We continue to need to raise funds to pay for the panels. As was relayed at the outset, the cost of the panels alone is \$140,000.00. The PTO is using the money raised at the auction along with transferring funds from the DIAL account to fund half of this cost. Although I was able to secure the additional

money to put the panels in, that other \$70,000.00 must be paid off. If you've not donated - even \$50 adds up when many contribute - please consider so doing.

Thank you to those who have already contributed - I am deeply appreciative of your generosity.

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](#)



Holy Spirit
Catholic Church
Annandale, VA



Capital
Campaign
Newsletter

Over \$1 Million already Pledged... We are off to an amazing start!

We want to encourage all parishioners to keep an open mind and heart as you reflect on Father O'Donohue's request to prayerfully consider the needs of Holy Spirit at this time. Anyone who did not attend a reception will receive a brochure packet in the mail along with a letter from Father O'Donohue asking for your full participation in the "Building Communion & Community" capital campaign. It will take all of us working together to make this a successful effort.

334 families attend receptions!

Thank you to all of our families who attended a reception. We are glad you were able to take the time to join us. Your active participation and questions were outstanding. If you attended a reception and have yet to return your pledge card, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support Holy Spirit Parish through the "Building Communion & Community" capital campaign, and then please return in your card as soon as possible.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."
- Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do we put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. (Stewardship Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Lent)

If you have any questions, please call our Campaign Director Charles Recznik at 703.978.8074



Girls 2018 Volleyball Needs Coaches!

Even if you are new to the sport your help is needed to make this program a success. Please volunteer. Call Dennis Smolak (703)795-7110 for more information. Or email at dsmol@aol.com.



Bring your family to enjoy homemade soup every Friday in Lent.

Fridays February 16 - March 23
School Cafeteria
5:30 -7:00 PM Soup Suppers
Free will donations accepted.
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Soup Makers Needed! Contact Carol Eldridge (703) 978-7141 or cle74@hotmail.com OR www.holyspiritchurch.us **Volunteer!**

† Lenten Food Drive

To Benefit The St. Lucy Food Project

Hunger continues to burden many in our diocese. More than 205,000 people in our diocese do not know where their next meal will come from. Our neighbors continue to need our help!

Pick up your blue St. Lucy food bag in the church narthex beginning March 10th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

Blue Bag Food Collection March 17 & 18 | All Masses Holy Spirit Church

The St. Lucy Food Project is in need of the following items: (no glass items please)

- Cooking Oil
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Meat/Fish
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Breakfast Cereal (hot & cold)
- Dried & Canned Beans
- Children's Snacks
- Shelf-Stable Milk

Check Donation or Gift Card:

Please consider donating critical (tax deductible) funds on collection day for continued food delivery throughout the year. Write your check to "CCDA" with "Holy Spirit St. Lucy" written in the Memo. Or you can mail check to: "Program Director, St. Lucy Project, 8426-28 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110" if you miss the collection. We also gratefully accept Walmart and Giant gift cards.



For more information about the drive, please contact
Vince Cannava, Holy Spirit Food Ministry, 571-442-4673 (cell)



Family Bingo!

Saturday,
March 17

In Holy Spirit School
Doors Open 6 PM
Games Begin 7 PM

Celebrate with us!
St. Patrick's Feast Day
&
Fr. John O'Donohue's
Birthday

Admission (includes book of 3 cards)

- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
- Players Under 12 Years: \$3
- Extra Cards \$1
- Free for children under 5 years who are not playing.

Prizes

- Cash Bingo Prizes - Grand Prize \$100
- Other Games At Least \$30

Snacks Sold

- Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks

If you are
Fr. John
snacks are
on us!

Saint Patrick,
pray for us.



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

HOLY
SPIRIT
Catholic Church



JUNE 25-29
9 AM-12 NOON
LUNCH INCLUDED!

REGISTER NOW!!
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH
RISING K-5TH
GRADERS



HOLY SPIRIT
Catholic Church

Register at holyspiritchurch.us/vacation-bible-school/
Cost is \$65 first child, \$35 second child, \$30 third child,
4th and subsequent children come for free
Adult and Youth Volunteers Needed!
(Children of adult volunteers are free!)



The advertisement features a background of brown mulch. At the top, the text "Boy Scout" is in yellow and "Mulch Sale" is in white. Below this is a yellow banner with "ORDER NOW!" in dark red. At the bottom, the website "www.annandale50.mytroop.us" is in white, and the "Holy Spirit Catholic Church" logo is in white.

Boy Scout Mulch Sale

ORDER NOW!

www.annandale50.mytroop.us

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

Teacher Job Fair

Office of Catholic Schools
excellence by design



5 Reasons to Teach in Catholic Schools

- Students who come to school ready to learn and grow.
- Parents who partner with teachers to help students reach high expectations.
- Parish and school communities who support and celebrate teachers.
- Colleagues who excel as teachers, mentors, and co-workers, and form strong faith-based communities to learn, grow, and pray together.
- God may be calling you to do this important work. Listen carefully.

To learn more about how to share your gifts, come to the Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair on March 10, at Paul VI High School. Visit arlingtondiocese.org for more information.

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to join them for the 15th Annual



Be not afraid ...learn from Me

A Lenten Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship through the Lens of Salesian Spirituality

Saturday, March 10, 2018
9:00 am – 12:45 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel
8601 Wolftrap Road
Vienna, VA 22182

Keynote Speakers

Rev. Mark Hushen, OSFS,

Chief Mission and Legacy Officer of Ashley Addiction Treatment
"Train the Mind, Change the Brain – Change the Brain, Change the Game"

Rev. David Kenehan, OSFS

Retired, United States Army Chaplain
"My Life with Jesus – Be Not Afraid"

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS

Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel
Principal Celebrant

Very Reverend James J. Greenfield, OSFS, Provincial

Homilist

Pre-registration required
Register online: oblates.org and click on
the Live Jesus icon

Sign-in & Continental Breakfast: 8:00 am
Program begins: 9:00am

BISHOP IRETON THEATER ARTS PRESENTS

The
Addams
Family

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY



MARCH 9,10,16,17 at 7:30pm
MARCH 11 at 2:00pm

Kidz Coding Camps

@ Holy Spirit School

8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA



Animation Studio

Grade 3-8

Create animated cartoons just like the pros. Learn the basics of animation as you draw your own characters and bring them to life with code. You will use visual programming to control the speed and type of animation as you add animals, dragons, monsters, and avatars into your coding projects. Create a portfolio of fun projects including original animated games, cartoon strips, music videos, and interactive worlds to share with friends and family.

No prior programming experience required.

July 9th—11th

Half Day Camp— 9AM—Noon

- Day 1: Frame Based Animation
- Day 2: Character Animation
- Day 3: Animated Storytelling
- Day 4: Music Videos
- Day 5: Two Player Games

JavaScript Coding

Grades 6 – 9

An introduction to JavaScript for intermediate or advanced coders. Students will be introduced to JavaScript as they complete engaging lessons, solve challenging puzzles, and build their own games in JavaScript.

Topics Covered: JavaScript syntax, sequencing, repetition, conditional logic, nested loops, automation, pattern recognition, simple motion, keyboard and mouse events, creating and using an HTML canvas, operators, expressions, variables, collision detection, using arrays and objects to store structured data.

July 9th—11th

Half Day Camp—1PM—4 PM

- Day 1: JavaScript Basics
- Day 2: More JavaScript Basics
- Day 3: JavaScript Game Design
- Day 4: JavaScript Games
- Day 5: Collaborative Exercise

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Grade Entering in Fall: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____ Phone # (during camp hours): _____

Email: _____

Payment: \$250/camp (includes snack)

Session: ___ AM ___ PM ___ Both

___ Check (Made payable to: Mark Pietuska) ___ Cash ___ Credit Card (You will receive a phone call to make payment)



[Click here for the April 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.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 1, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. "Bucks for Books" flyer
2. Dr. Seuss Day announcement flyer
3. Fathers Day Mass flyer
4. April Lunch menu
5. Yearbook ordering flyer
6. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer form
7. PTO Talent Showcase Signup/Audition form

5K Spirit Run:

1. 5K Launch Letter
2. 5K Sponsorship Letter

Parish Flyers:

1. "Building Communion and Community" - HS Catholic Church Capital Campaign Newsletter
2. Lenten Soup Suppers
3. Lenten Food Drive flyer
4. Family BINGO flyer
5. VBS flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Kidz Coding Camp
2. Boy Scouts Mulch Sale
3. Live Jesus - Lenten retreat
4. Diocese of Arlington Teacher Fair

