

From the Principal's Desk

March 12, 2020

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"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"

Please note...

I am sending this out early a little earlier in the day today so that you are aware that as we continue our preparations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, students will be bringing home with them today all of the textbooks and workbooks that they may need should our school be closed moving into next week. I have asked teachers (particularly for the primary grades) to provide guidance to parents as to what may be needed in school tomorrow given we have a half day and I do not want students to carry everything back and forth.

Thank you to the 121 families who have thus far responded to the questionnaire that was sent out yesterday. If you have not completed it, I would ask that you please take two minutes and provide us with the information needed.

If our school is closed, you will receive information as to what the learning expectations are for your children. As you might suppose there will be differences depending on grade levels. Please know that there will not be an expectation that your children will be in front of a screen every day all day but that teachers may include in daily lessons videos that may assist with the explanation of curriculum topics. Additionally there will not be an expectation that students are online at specific times for "live" classes. Faculty will have posted "office hours" in case you or your student have questions.

Of interest to you may be the guidance which has been published out of the Chancery offices for the Diocese of Arlington.

(<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/press-releases/2020/updated-diocese-of-arlington-response-to-concerns-of-the-coronavirus/>)

The most recent information from Diocesan School Health Coordinator (dated March 12, 2020) may be found here:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/catholic-schools-office/>

It is still on!

Please join us this evening for a fabulous performance!



The second trimester ends tomorrow, Friday, March 13th (report cards will go home on March 20th).

Please note that tomorrow, Friday, March 13th is an early dismissal day in order for teachers to have time to work on report cards; Extended Day is open. And, Monday, March 16th is a NO school day for students while the teachers participate in professional development.

The Student Council is planning a "mini" Spirit Week for the week of March 17th. Please see the information below.

Our annual celebration of Fathers is schedule for March 20th. The Feast of St.

Joseph is the day prior and our celebration is way to recognize the importance of the strong male figures in the lives of our children. Please see the flyer below for information.

Tuesday, March 24th will be Spring Picture Day - watch for flyers coming home about that. Students are allowed to wear their "Sunday Best" - no shorts, no jeans, no open-toe sandals, please - for these pictures.

The DFE Visiting Team will arrive on campus on Tuesday, March 31st. A reminder that there will be an early dismissal on Friday, April 3rd in order for that process to close; Extended Day will be open.

Please remember that even as the weather has turned a little warmer these past few days, March can still be chilly and we do go outside for recess. Students may not switch over to the Spring uniform until Monday, April 6th.

On Holy Thursday, April 9th the 8th grade will present a Living Stations of the Cross prayer service at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

April 9th is an early dismissal day and there is NO Extended Day. We are off beginning Good Friday, April 10th and return to school on Monday, April 20th.

I hope that you will join me in praying for all of our government officials, medical personnel, and first responders as our country weathers these coming days and weeks. Please also remember individuals and families for whom the impact of wide-spread closures and disruptions may cause unseen anxiety and stress.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



HOLY SPIRIT'S MINI SPIRIT WEEK!

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!
Tuesday, March 17th – Friday, March 20th


Tues: St. Patrick's Day-Dress Up in your BEST St. Patty's Day Attire

Wed: PTO Spirit Day Gear/School Colors

**Thurs: Join us at 2:00pm in the Gym to watch a game of
Basketball. ~Faculty Members vs. 8th Graders~**

**Fri: Regular Uniform with your Craziest Socks-to Honor National
Down Syndrome Day on 3/21.**

Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Student Council



***To clarify, students may be dressed down (out of
uniform) on Tuesday for St. Patrick's Day**

We Are Collecting Blankets for Lent!



As part of our Lenten preparation, the children of the Viruaky Homeroom are asking for new or gently used blankets to donate to the Catholic Charities Mercy Truck. This truck provides basic household items for those in need in the rural areas of Virginia. Please help us support our local community by donating your blankets as early as tomorrow! The drive will run through Tuesday April 7th.



Please join the Holy Spirit School Community for a Mass in Celebration of Fathers

|
March 20, 2020
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.



The Holy Spirit PTO is proud to show
**SCREEN AGERS: Growing up in the Digital
Age**

April 23rd at 6:30 PM
Holy Spirit Catholic School

An award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world.

No cost to attend we just ask you sign up here so
we can get a rough headcount:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BADAB2DA1Fg4-screen>



For more information check them out at:
<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ScreenagersMovie/>

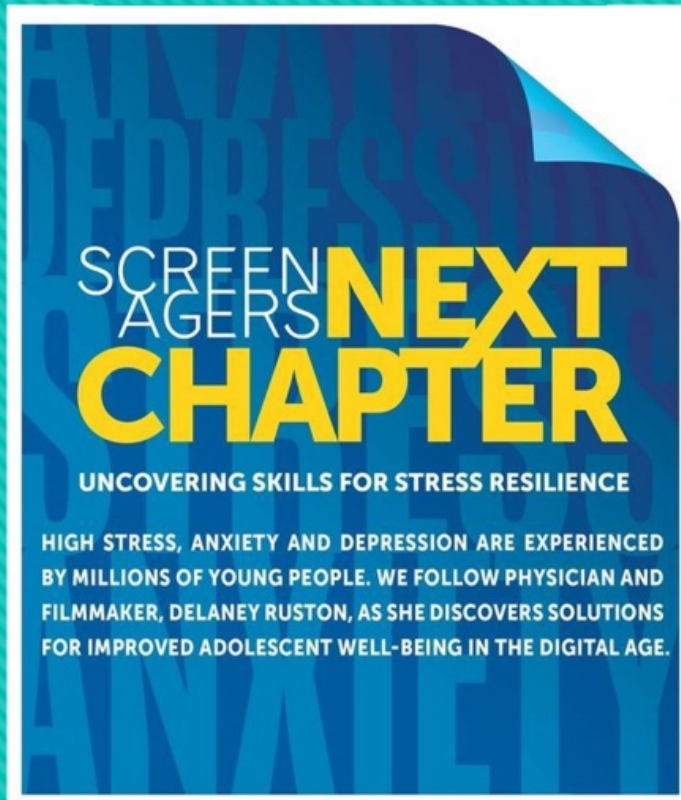
[Click here to RSVP!](#)



SCREENAGERS (Official Trailer)

The Holy Spirit PTO is proud to show
SCREEN AGERS: The Next Chapter

April 30th at 6:30 PM
Holy Spirit Catholic School



No cost to attend we just ask you sign up here so we can get a rough headcount:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4badab2da1f94-screenagers2>

For more information check them out at:

<https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ScreenagersMovie/>

[Click here to RSVP!](#)



Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER (official trailer)



Be a part of Field Day...

- HAVE FUN!
- earn volunteer hours
- help make Field Day a success

Friday, May 15th
8 am – 1 pm

Lots of volunteer opportunities!

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/ntVjvLx>

PLEASE NOTE: Parents who volunteer to be coaches must be fully Child Protection Compliant in order to participate in Field Day

Questions? Email Jessica at jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com

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

5K Spirit Run!!!!
May 16, 2020
Lake Accotink Park

What you do for the LEAST

5K Spirit Run 2020

Holy Spirit School

among you, You do for JESUS.

Have you registered yet?

Registration for the race is up and running, as well as information regarding sponsorship.

All of the money raised goes into the Resource Department to help support the great work that is being done. Did you know that 10% of the total Holy Spirit School student body is assisted in some way or another by our Resource team?

Won't you help?

Message from the Race Coordinator.

[Click here to register!](#)

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Get the Latest News!

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- **Photos**
- **Parish Activities**
- **Feast Days & More!**

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**We are called to share & spread
the Gospel using every means!**

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Needed!

The Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Office will be collecting Easter Candy for its annual Easter Egg Hunt. The collection will be after all Masses on April 4th and 5th. Please drop off donations in the bins located in the vestibule of the Church.

Thank you!!!



This candy will be used for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 19th at 3 p.m. All children through 5th grade are welcome to participate! Just bring your baskets and prepare to hunt!



Bring your family! Enjoy homemade soup every Friday in Lent!

Fridays February 28 - April 3

School Cafeteria

5:30 -7:00 PM Soup Suppers

Free - donations accepted

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Soup Makers
Needed!**

Contact Carol Eldridge
(703) 978-7141 or
cle74@hotmail.com

OR

www.holyspirtchurch.us

Volunteer!

Family Bingo!

Saturday, March 14

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 and not playing.

Prizes

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

Snacks Sold

- Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft

*If you are
Fr. John
snacks are
on us!*

*Saint Patrick,
pray for us.*



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

IRISH WHISKEY CAKE SALE!

**MARCH 14th
AND 15th
AFTER ALL
MASSES**



**ALL PRO-
CEEDS GO TO
FUND OUR
HIGH
SCHOOL
SUMMER
WORKCAMP!**

**\$12 FOR A LOAF CAKE
\$17 FOR A BUNDT CAKE**



† 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!

Blue Bag Food Collection March 14 & 15 | All Masses Holy Spirit Church

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

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

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



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



Day of the Unborn Child Rosary

Wednesday Mar. 25
7:00pm
in the Church

Join us! Annual presentation by
Deacon Tom Grodek & Rosary in
commemoration of the Day of the Unborn Child



Please join Our Deacons Three!
Deacon Nick LaDuca, Tom Grodek, &
Malcolm D'Souza present a talk on the Theological,
Pastoral, & Practical aspects of this Sacrament of Healing

Talk on the Anointing of the Sick



Saturday, March 28 at 10 AM
Holy Spirit School
in the Quinn Room



“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presby-
ters of the church and they should pray over him and anoint
him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith
will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up.”
(James 5:14-15)





Young Adult **VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS!**

Ages 21-39 Wednesdays 8:15-9:30pm
@Holy Spirit Gym

Workcamp 2020: Winchester, VA

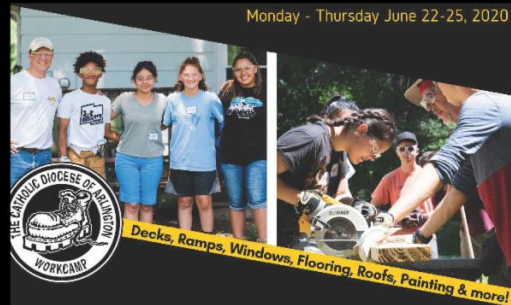
CONTRACTORS NEEDED

Contractors needed to lead projects
Monday - Thursday June 22-25, 2020

Workcamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our parish. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit this week of their time to teaching the youth and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need!

To Volunteer, contact Leslie McClellan
at youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us

Monday - Thursday June 22-25, 2020





**Sixth Annual K-8th Grade
Catholic Schools Chess Tournament**
Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 1PM to 5PM
Check-in begins at 12:30PM

Hosted by

St. Rita School
3801 Russell Road
Alexandria, VA 22305



Three divisions by age groups with trophies for top individuals and teams in each division. Participants need not be USCF members or participate in their school's chess club.

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION: www.stritachess.com REGISTER BY
March 20th to SAVE \$5.00

15th Annual Special Education Conference

Supporting Inclusive and Evidence-Based High Leverage Practices for Students with Disabilities

Dr. Mary Brownell

Keynote Speaker



Increasing Student Performance with High Leverage Practices

Dr. Mary Brownell, Ph.D., is a professor of Special Education at the University of Florida with research interests in teacher education, teacher quality, and collaboration. Currently, she is the Director of the Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability, and Reform (CEEDAR) Center. Dr. Brownell has secured multiple grants from the U.S. Department of Education, totaling more than 64 million dollars, focusing on students with learning disabilities, beginning special education teacher quality and teacher attrition, professional development for multi-tiered systems of support, Reading First coaching, and teacher education. She has published widely and won multiple awards, including the TED Pearson Award for Excellence in Teacher Education, the Division for Research Hallahan and Kauffman Distinguished Researcher Award, the Division for Learning Disabilities Jeannette Fleischer Career Leadership Award, the American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE), and the David Imig Teacher Achievement Award for lifetime achievement in teacher education.

Saturday, April 18, 2020

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Hayfield Secondary School
7630 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22315

- ▶ Registration for adults and students is available online or by phone at 703-204-3941
- ▶ Visit the conference website for details, a list of workshops, exhibitor information and to download the conference app
- ▶ Student Strand for FCPS youth with disabilities, ages 14 -22
- ▶ Concessions will be available for cash purchase throughout the day
- ▶ FCPS educators who attend the entire conference can earn five recertification points
- ▶ This year's conference focuses on increasing student performance with high leverage practices



Website

Additional information is available on the [Special Education Conference Website](#) or visit www.fcps.edu and search "Special Education Conference 2020"



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 12, 2020 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Diocesan Tuition Assistance Overview

2. Screenagers flyer
3. Next Chapter flyer
4. Father's Day Mass flyer
5. It's Recorder Time! flyer
6. Student Council Mini Spirit Week flyer
7. Lenten Blanket Drive

Parish Flyers:

1. Lenten Soup Suppers flyer
2. St. Patrick's Day BINGO flyer
3. Lenten Food Drive flyer
4. Whiskey Cake Sale flyer
5. Presentation on the Anointing of the Sick flyer
6. Day of the Unborn Child Rosary flyer

Community Flyers:

1. St. Rita School - Catholic School Chess Tournament
 2. FCPS Special Education Conference
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