

From the Principal's Desk

March 16, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

*Celebrating 50 Years of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts
1966 - 2016*

Snow makes for a short week!

I suppose it was inevitable - and, yet I was ready to end the Winter season with no snow. I hope that everyone enjoyed the extra day off and a couple of mornings to sleep in a little bit.

During this Lenten season we continue to provide our students opportunities to prepare themselves for the Easter celebration. Grades three through eight have each had the opportunity to go to Confession. Students will be also be participating in Stations of the Cross beginning next week with different groups attending over the next three weeks; please see the school calendar if you would like to join your child.

We are looking forward to celebrating fathers and all those who have a part in raising our students. Many wonder why we choose this time of the year for this celebration but we do this because March 19 is the Feast of Joseph the Husband of Mary and we look to him to guide all parents to protect and watch over their children just as he watched over Jesus.

We will have Adoration in the school chapel on Wednesday, March 22nd. Please see the information below to volunteer to assist us.

The Parent Portal will close in preparation of the end of the 3rd quarter on Friday, March 31st. The quarter will close on Friday, April 7th and report cards will go home on Thursday, April 13th.

Thursday, April 13th is Holy Thursday; this is an 11:30 am dismissal and there is NO afternoon Extended Day. In the morning we will have a presentation of

the Living Stations; please join us.

Hopefully Spring is upon us! Thank you for all you do for our school community.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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



We will have Adoration in the school chapel throughout the school day on Wednesday, March 22nd.

Please click here to volunteer to help us be sure that our Lord is never left alone.

Access Code: Adoration

Thank you!

66%

REGISTERED

270 students registered and 141 have not.

80%

GOAL RAISED

We have raised \$20,086 and need to get to \$25,000.

\$100

GOAL PER FAMILY

If each family raises \$100 the school could reach its goal.

Read-A-Thon

Thank you to all those students and families who participated in the PTO's Read-A-Thon venture.

Online Donations will be accepted until March 20. Checks will be accepted until tomorrow-Friday- to be included in the class/individual prizes.

Please remember that our Pi Day activities (including the dress down day) are postponed to Monday, March 20th



The Holy Spirit Student Council is proud to announce...

Spring Spirit Week!

When? March 13-17

What's Happening?

Tuesday: **PI DAY** 

*buy your raffle tickets beginning Monday for a chance to "PIE" a Holy Spirit Staff Member in the face!

\$1= 1 ticket \$5= 6 tickets \$10= 12 tickets

Friday: **Happy St. Patrick's Day** 

(and Father O'Donohue's BIRTHDAY!) Wear all your green accessories! Regular uniform required, no face paint or hair dye as we will be going to mass.

Dear Holy Spirit Families~

It is hard to imagine that spring is around the corner when we have barely had a winter, but it will be here before we know it! In preparation, the Student Council is sponsoring a Spring Spirit Week. As always, the Student Council works hard to create an environment where all students, regardless of their grade level, feel like they are part of a whole.

One of the week's activities this year will be the first ever "Pi Day"- not a typo, but rather a play on the mathematical term meaning 3.14159265359. We are going ALL out for this special day and thanks to the willingness of some famous Holy Spirit faces, the students have the opportunity to possibly throw a pie in the face of a staff member!

All the students have to do is purchase as many raffle tickets as they want and choose the staff member they would like to "pie". Their raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing and if your student's name is selected, they will get to throw a pie into the face of their selected person.

The Student Council Officers will be coming around the week of March 6th- March 10th to sell raffle tickets to the homerooms. Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00 OR 12 tickets for \$10.00. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Gabriel Project as part of our community outreach.

The following Holy Spirit Staff member faces will be the ones getting "PIED"

Mrs. Ashby	Father O'Donohue	Mrs. Evans	Mrs. Crone
Miss Dailey	Coach Gregas	Mrs. Miller	Mrs. Schwartz
Mrs. Marino	Mr. Pietuska	Mr. Gordon	

We are so excited for this week and we are so appreciative to have so many good sports on staff here at Holy Spirit. We always want to find ways to give back to the community and we love to have fun while doing it. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Taylor Dailey and Kathryn Virusky

To add to the fun, Tuesday, March 14th (now Monday, March 20th) is a dress down day for the students. Each grade is asked to dress in the following color:

8th-Red

7th- Orange

6th- Yellow

5th-Green

4th-Blue

3rd-Pink

2nd-Purple

1st-White

Kindergarten- Yellow

PreK-Orange



Please join the Holy
Spirit School
Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers

Holy Spirit School

March 17, 2017

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.



He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

~Clarence Budington Kelland~

Reminder

Boy Scout Troop 50 is holding an open house on Saturday,

March 18th from 1-3, in the field behind the school for all interested boys in grades 5-8 and their families. This is a terrific way to explore Boy Scouts and our troop!

Summer Camp Make friends
Campouts Ski Trip Backpacking
Learn new skills Fun Adventure

JOIN US IN TROOP 50 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Open House

March 18, 2017, 1-3 pm

Look for us in the field behind **Holy Spirit School**,
5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA, or in Meeting Room
3 (downstairs in the school) for great activities.

All boys ages 11-17 are welcome.
No prior scouting experience required.



Can't make the Open House?

We meet most Mondays during the
school year. Join us for our next
meeting on **Feb. 27 at 7:15
pm in Meeting Room 3.**

May 27-29 is a **campout**
for **new Scouts**. Meet other boys
who have just joined the Troop!



Troop 50 offers a Catholic scouting program approved by our pastor and sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish. We emphasize opportunities to **grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually** while learning to be **good citizens and leaders**. Our Scouts have opportunities to learn about their faith and earn religious emblems and have performed many service projects in the parish and community.

Interested in joining? Want to know more?

Contact Scoutmaster Dan Brunk: daniel.brunk@yahoo.com

5K Spirit Run

May 20, 2017 | 8:00 am | Burke Lake Park



Register now for a chance to win!

The first fifty students to register for the 5K Spirit Run will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an afternoon of fun with Father O'Donohue for his or her class! Contact sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org or shicks@holyspiritflames.org for more details.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpiritRun5K2017>

[Click here to register!](#)

[Click here for Race Letter](#)

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Yearbook pre-order deadline is
March 31st!



Your student's name imprinted in foil

Personalized Yearbook Cover

Make your student's yearbook unique by adding their name in foil on the cover.

\$5.00



Autograph Insert

Autograph inserts allow students space to share messages with friends.

\$1.00



Yearbook Stickys

Removable stickers let students have fun personalizing the pages of the yearbook. Over 65 stickers.

\$2.00

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LAST CHANCE TO PREORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

<p>#11439517</p> <p>Announcing... The Holy Spirit School 2016-2017 YEARBOOK</p> <p>Early Bird Sale Ending! Last chance to order a yearbook. Online orders only</p> <p>Our yearbook is planned to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories • Sturdy soft cover <p>Add on any of the following yearbook extras:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's name imprinted in foil on the cover • Autograph insert and signing pen to share messages with friends • Yearbook Stickys are repositionable and are a fun way to personalize pages <p><small>Schools may adjust yearbook features and the final yearbook features may vary.</small></p>	<p>Early Bird Sale Ending!</p> <p>Yearbook Pricing: \$18.00</p> <p>Online Orders Only YBPay.lifetouch.com</p> <p>Sale Deadline Date: March 31, 2017</p> <p>Price will raise to \$25 after March 31st. Preorder to save! Enhancements will no longer be available after the deadline.</p>
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Order Online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID Code: 11439517



A note from Father Tom Ferguson, Vicar General for the Diocese of Arlington:

As a general rule, the obligation of abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church's observance of the penitential nature of this holy season.

This year, however, Friday of the second week of Lent corresponds with Saint Patrick's Day (March 17), which has traditionally been an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese. Having taken into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, and having judged that it would serve the spiritual good of the faithful, Bishop Burbidge has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2017.

Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.

Spring Picture Day! Tuesday, March 28th

Students should "dress up" in their Sunday Best (there should be no jeans, gym shorts or t-shirts). All students have their picture taken and no money is collected the day of pictures. Picture packages will be delivered to the school and sent home. Parents have a choice of purchasing partial or total packages. If parents do not wish to purchase the pictures the package must be returned to the school.

The flyer features a blue header with the text "Your Way" in a white script font. Below the header are three photographs of students: a girl in a white jacket and black top, a boy in a blue plaid shirt, and a boy in a red and white shirt. A blue banner below the photos reads "SEE BEFORE YOU BUY!". The main body of the flyer is green and white, with a photo of a girl in a blue shirt and floral skirt on the left. The text on the right reads: "Mark Your Calendar for Spring Picture Day", "Holy Spirit School", "Tuesday, March 28, 2017", and "Martes, 28 de marzo, 2017". At the bottom left, contact information is provided: "Questions Call 703-802-0105 or toll free 1-855-573-4141" and "agarrett@lifetouch.com". The Lifetouch logo is at the bottom right.

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Back again this summer!

Fun Bot Lab, a LEGO® Robotics & Media Camp, will be offering 4, 1- week sessions of summer camp from June 26th to July 7th at our campus at Holy Spirit. The Fun Bot Lab program provides a solid foundation of engineering, programming, and movie-making for rising Kindergarten through 8th Graders.

Use code FUNBOT25 for \$25 off each week of camp. There are also discounts for siblings and attending multiple sessions.

Go to funbotlab.com to register today, spots are filling up!
Email courtney@funbotlab.com if you have any questions or call us at 703-831-7747.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Fridays March 3 - April 7 | Supper 5:30 - 7 PM

Bring your family and enjoy homemade soup every Friday in Lent. Free will donations accepted.



Soup Makers Needed!

Can you donate your favorite meatless soup to the Friday Lenten Soup Suppers?

Lenten Soup Suppers?

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

OR

[Volunteer!](#)

click the yellow button



Holy Spirit is now on Facebook!

Please help us spread the word about our great school by "liking" our page and "sharing" our news.

And don't forget...

Holy Spirit School is also Twitter!



@HSS_Flames



Lunch Menu

Please remember that beverages are **not** included in the cost of the hot lunch meals. If your child is having milk or bottled water with lunch that must be paid separately (the link is available under the *Current Families* tab).

[Click here for the April lunch menu](#)



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 16, 2017" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

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5K Spirit Run:

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Parish Flyers:

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Community Flyers:

1. [FunBot Flyer](#)

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