From the Principal's Desk



March 22, 2018

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

Signs of Spring?

Who would have thought that the beginning of Spring would bring with it two snow days!

If you did not have the opportunity last week, please take time to read the letter from Dr. Jennifer Bigelow, Superintendent of Catholic Schools on the move to a trimester system beginning in the Fall of 2018. The letter may be accessed via the Family Folder section below.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, March 23rd is the final day to order at 2017/2018 yearbook. Ordering information is below.

The 8th graders will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday at 10:00 am; all are invited.

A final reminder that Holy Thursday, March 29th is an 11:30 am dismissal day and there is NO Extended Day. There is no school on Good Friday, March 20th and our Easter break is April 2- April 6th. I certainly pray that each of our Holy Spirit families celebrates a joyous Easter...we are an Easter people!

When we return to school on April 9th students may begin wearing their Spring uniform.

Also when we return, the middle school production of Peter Pan will take place on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 pm in the school gym.

The 3rd quarter will end on Friday, April 13th. Now would be a great time to have students dialogue with teachers and complete any missing work.

-Maureen Ashby Principal

Bucks for Books Read-a-thon

The giving period has been extended to Thursday, March 29th

We are well below the \$25,000.00 goal for this PTO fundraiser; please consider seeking pledges/donations.

Thank you to those who've already donated!



Holy Spirit School's Annual Read-a-Thon



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 (in memo put: B4B, student name & teacher)
- via electronic payment through the Holy Spirit School's website
 - https://www.holyspiritflames.org/ > Support Holy Spirit > Online Giving

Prizes

- The class that raises the most money will earn a dress-down day and extra water balloon time on Field Day
- The student that raises the most money will receive a dress-down day for their class

Additional instructions on how to donate and how to work with sponsor's will be available upon request. Forms can be found through Mrs. Ashby's communications, or from the Chair of the Committee, Teresa Schnitzius: tschnitzius@cox.net

Please click here for reading logs and printable donation instructions



Holy Spirit Board Game Club is Back!

Attention 1st & 2nd grade students, Come play fun board games with friends and Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Gibbons & Mrs. Whetstone!

When: April 12, April 19, April 26 & May 3
Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.
Where: Room 14

The club will meet Thursdays from April 12th to May 3rd. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school. Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

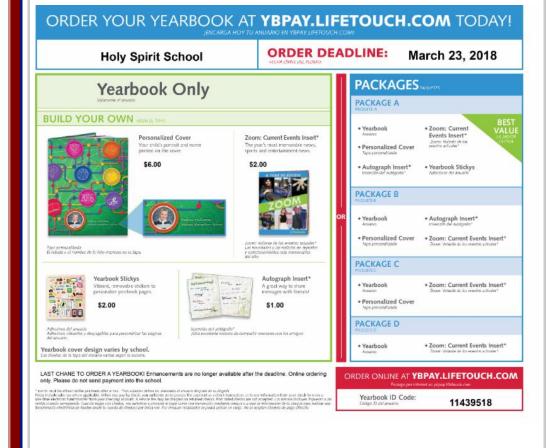
Participation is limited to 20 students.

Click here to sign up!

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Marino at 703-978-7117 X 1134 or via email at jmarino@holyspiritflames.org



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



Spring Sign-Up for Players Sports Academy Soccer Program

Start date postponed to Wednesday, March 28th



The Players Sports Academy strives to build confidence, cultivate friendships, and create enjoyment through sports. We aim to set ourselves apart by instilling the importance of social and character development within all our participants.





THE PSA &

Where: Holy Spirit School - Outdoor Field Space

Date: Wednesday's March 21, 28; April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16

Time: 1 Hour Sessions 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Grade: Kindergarten - 4th Grade

COST: \$120 per student (Siblings Discount Available)

Register: Online at www.ThePSASports.com

ThePSASports.com

PlayersSoccerAcademy@gmail.com

703-598-5039

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.

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

Holy Spirit School's Talent Showcase



Dinner & Dance



Saturday, April 28th 5:30-9:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00)

RESERVATION FORM





COME SEE SPIRIT GEAR, AWESOME ACTS, ART, AND MAYBE SURPRISES

TALENT * DANCING * DINING * SURPRISES

Registration includes catered dinner and DJ, with dancing after the show.

Pre-registration is required.

ADULT MEAL

(A)Penne Amatriciana with Meatballs -or- (B) Cheese Ravioli with Locoto Cream Sauce Caesar Salad Assorted Rolls & Butter – Cake – Beverages – Coffee

STUDENT MEAL (& under 4)

Chicken Nuggets - Caesar Salad - Assorted Rolls & Butter - Cake - Beverages

Name:		
# adult meals (\$14.00 ea) (A)	(B)	
# student meals (\$8.00 ea)	Under 4 (free)	
Total Amount Enclosed: \$	<u></u>	
return form and payment (check ma	de out to Holy spirit PTO) by April 20	тн 🔏 🤇

Make checks payable to *Holy Spirit School*. Submit form and check via backpack mail:
Attn: Joe Terpenning
Spring Talent Show Committee
c/o Sarah Terpenning grade 7 Dailey

Questions: Email Joe Terpenning at (jterpenning@infinitetech.org)

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase & Dance



Saturday, April 28th

ART SHOW SIGNUP

The Lobby Art show is looking for works of sculpture, photography, writing, painting, drawing or other displayable media. If you have a talent for creating, the lobby show is looking for you!!

Requirements for Submission:
Flat work no larger than 22 X 24 including mat/frame, needs to have hanging hardware attached. Sculptures no bigger than 24 x 20 with a weight limit of 10 pounds, must stand on it own.
Please limit submissions to one work per person.

Please include a title, description, and your name and grade on a card with the work submitted.

Deadline for submission: April 16th.	Please submit all works to Mrs. Liss by April 18.	
NAME	grade/teacher	1
Type of work:		





Friday, May 18th, 2018 8 am – 1 pm

Your help is needed to make Field Day a success!

Have FUN while earning volunteer hours
Sign up here: http://signup.com/go/djQJzRQ

What's Different This Year? Even more volunteer opportunities to bring food and supplies! Remember, every \$20 for food equates to 1 volunteer hour

Questions? Contact Jessica Driscoll at jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents who volunteer to be coaches MUST BE FULLY CHILD PROTECTION COMPLIANT in order to participate in Field Day

Click here to sign-up!



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?! <u>Click Here</u>

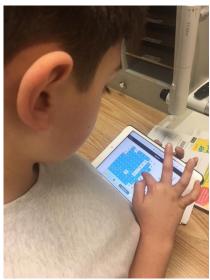


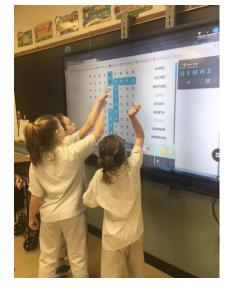
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Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow







(Pushing learning activities to individual devices)

The teachers continue to explore the uses of Classflow as part of the ActivPanel experience. Teacher created interactive lessons can be "pushed" to individual student devices to enhance the learning.

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



Holy Spirit Catholic Church Annandale, VA



Capital Campaign Newsletter

New Pledge Total – 1.9 Million!

DO YOU STILL HAVE YOUR PLEDGE CARD?

343 (17%) of the approximately 2,000 Registered Parish Households have made campaign pledges. We need the remaining families to participate as well. Please be sure to respond as soon as you are able so that we may continue momentum toward our shared goal!

Holy Spirit has 2,000 Registered Parish Households... Holy Spirit Campaign has received 343 Pledges... Holy Spirit Leadership has 1 Question....

> HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE YET? PLEASE RESPOND TODAY...

A MESSAGE FROM HOLY SPIRIT PARISH LEADERSHIP

We want everyone to know that the ultimate campaign objective is a 100% participation from our Holy Spirit parishioners. Whether you give of your time, talent and/or treasure, your personal sacrifices and prayers are greatly appreciated! Although raising money is essential to accomplishing our projects, the true measure and lasting value of the "Building Communion & Community" Capital Campaign will be how it has brought us closer together through our shared love of Holy Spirit Parish and our Catholic Faith. May God continue to bless our Parish Family.

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?"

And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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



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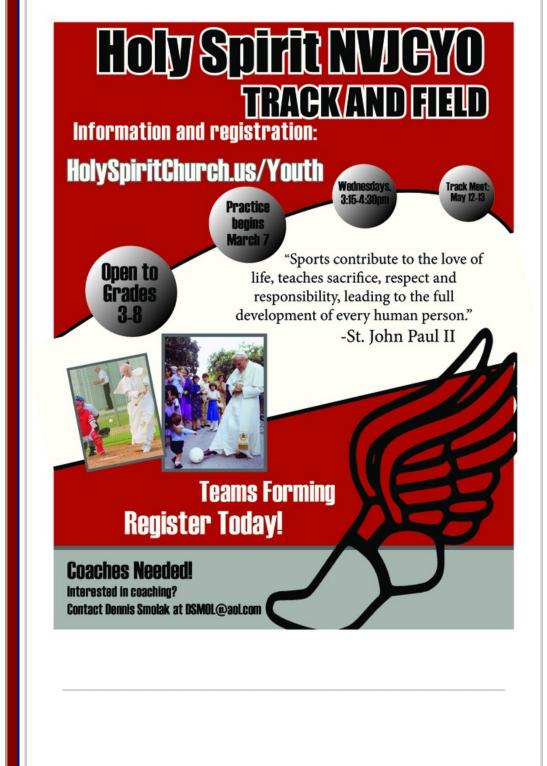
Grades 1-8 "Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person."

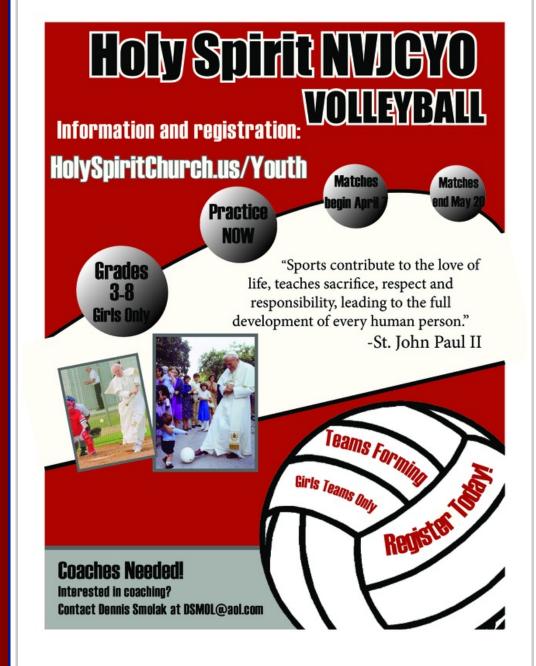
-St. John Paul II



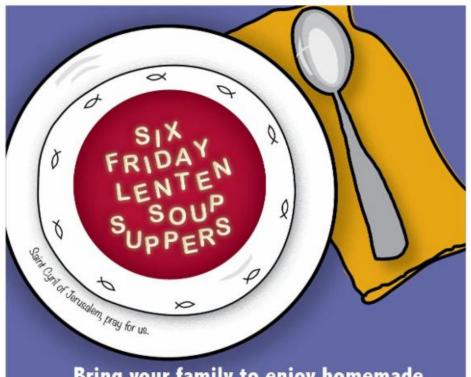
Coaches Needed!

Interested in coaching? Contact Dennis Smolak at DSMOL@aol.com *Teams Forming*Register Today!





Coaches still needed for Girls Grade 3/4 Team!



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

www.holyspiritchurch.us



BREAKFAST



Sunday

April 8th

In the school cafeteria after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more! Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not_to exceed \$15)

> HWLY SPIRIT





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 22, 2018 "(or <u>CLICK HERE</u>). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

- 1.Letter from Dr. Bigelow, Superintendent of Catholic Schools
- 2. "Bucks for Books" flyer, reading logs, donation instructions, etc.
- 3. April Lunch menu
- 4. Players Soccer Academy flyer
- 5. Yearbook ordering flyer
- 6. PTO Talent Showcase Reservation form
- 7. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show form
- 8. Field Day Announcement

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. CYO Tennis flyer
- 3. CYO Volleyball flyer
- 4. CYO Track and Field flyer
- 5. Lenten Soup Suppers
- 6. Pancake Breakfast
- 7. VBS flyer

Community Flyers:

1. St. Rita Chess Tournament flyer

