

## From the Principal's Desk

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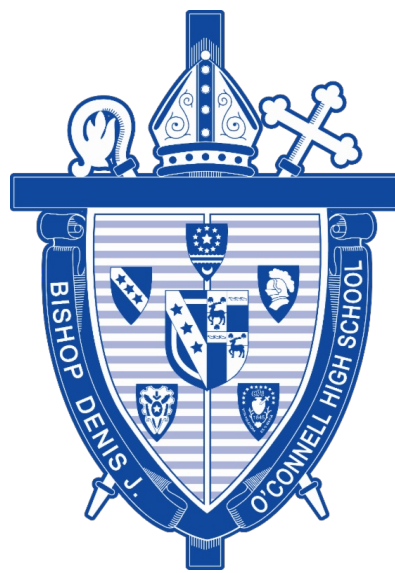
**Holy Spirit School**  
*Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts*  
**2019 / 2020**

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

## **Congratulations Class of 2020**

A HUGE congratulations to the Class of 2020 on their acceptances to high school!

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished thus far as students and look forward to hearing about all of the great things that you do once you make the leap to the next level of learning and to the fabulous schools shown below.



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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL





A HUGE congratulations to all of our students and their parents/guardians! You are doing a fabulous job as we continue to acclimate ourselves to this new platform for learning. I echo the messages I see coming from so many of the teachers; please know that we are cognizant of the learning curve for all of us and we know that the "school day" takes place and looks different from home to home.

I take great joy in looking at the various PowerLearning pages and seeing all of the video presentations that students are preparing and sharing with their classmates; just phenomenal.

One of the areas that we have to effectively tackle because these are considered school days and there are expectations for daily learning, is attendance. We are looking for a reasonable and easy way for us to take care of this but know that for right now, it is the regular completion of and turning in of assignments that allow us to know that your students are engaged in learning each day.

The 2019/2020 Yearbook is still being actively worked on by faculty members. We would LOVE for you to contribute pictures that can be considered for use in this annual memory book. If you would like to contribute pictures of the varied ways your family is tackling distance learning, please email them to [Yearbook@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:Yearbook@holyspiritflames.org).

**The deadline for 2020-2021 elementary FACTS Grant & Aid applications has been extended to Friday, April 17, 2020.** Families are encouraged to submit as soon as they are able in advance of that deadline. In addition, families should know that applications received after the new deadline in April will be considered on an as-available basis determined by any remaining available funds.

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This year part of my own Lenten journey has been participating in the Dynamic Catholic, Best Lent Ever series. This includes a daily video message relating to various Saints. The past two days have struck me in particular as we navigate this new landscape.

One of the things talked about in the past couple of days is the way we evangelize our Faith. I think very pointedly about how we all, as parents, have this beautiful opportunity to "up our game" on evangelizing to our children in this moment. I hope that you are taking advantage of the opportunities to begin and end your "school days" with the prayer offerings that are available on the general Family Information page in PowerLearning and the many ideas that the individual teachers are

providing. We are called to evangelize our Faith with great intentionality not just to those who have not yet had the opportunity to learn about Jesus but most especially to the children that God has placed in our care as their parents/guardians.

The second was a segment about how two of the most common experiences in today's world are being overwhelmed and being bored and how our faith is a cure to both of these. A connection was made to viewing life through the lense of truth, beauty, and goodness. When these three are present in our lives we really can't be overwhelmed or bored because we have found a simplicity and balance in life.

In my home, for all of the chaos and disappointments that go along with having two children who are completing major academic milestones this year but maybe not with the pomp and circumstance that is traditional to those, we would probably consider this to be one of the best, most family connected Lents we have had in a long time. Being present to one another in ways not also possible during the normal hustle and bustle of life has had its own calming effect and brought a tremendous amount of joy to our family life.

I pray you are all finding the joy that is the underlining to the season of Lent.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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