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From the Principal's Desk

March 5, 2020

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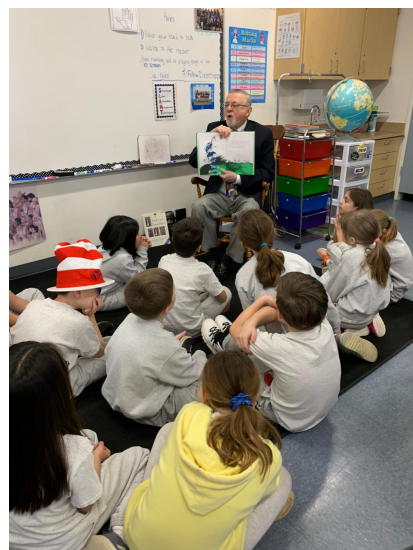
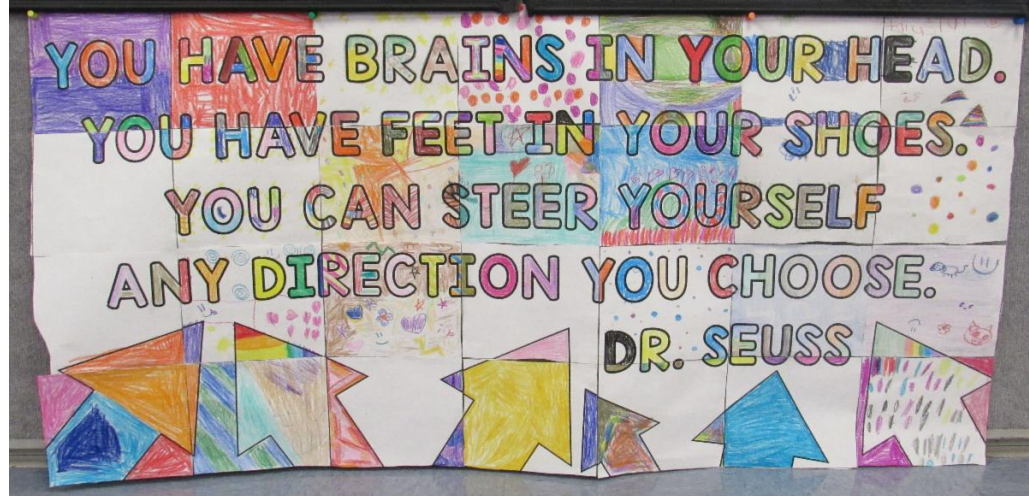


Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts
2019 / 2020

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

March Events - Coming in like a Lion!

Here it is only March 5th and the month has roared into action! On Monday we celebrated Dr. Seuss Day complete with buddy reading time and time to watch a phenomenal trailer put together by some of the actors in the upcoming Suessical production. And, of course it would not be a reading "holiday" without Mr. Eisenhardt being here to read to classes throughout the school.



This Saturday, March 7th, the PTO is sponsoring a talk by Mr. Peter Ryan on personal technology addition. I would encourage you to read the information below and to attend the event on this important topic.

The 8th grade students will be attending the Diocesan Vocations Mass next Monday. The Mass is being held at All Saints School and is a beautiful opportunity for these students to engage in an upbeat faith-filled morning complete with speakers, music, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, and lunch with all 1000+ 8th graders from across the Diocese. We pray that all of the students may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they have the opportunity to discern where God may be calling them.

A reminder that the parent portal closes in the morning on Tuesday, March 10th.

Thursday, March 12th is the much-anticipated production of Seussical! Please see the advertisement below and take note of the start time now being at 7:30 pm.

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

Please note that 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 (note that the next Spirit Gear Day is during that week - 3/18 - but the day will be open to not just Spirit Gear but all school colors).

For those applying for tuition assistance for the 2020/2021 academic year, the deadline is March 18th. Information regarding tuition assistance may be found at the end of the newsletter in the Family Folder section, as well as on the school website.

Our annual celebration of Fathers is scheduled for March 20th. The Feast of St. Joseph is the day prior and our celebration is a 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 we return from Easter break on Monday, April 6th.

Enjoy the lovely weather!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!
Note the new start time for the show...**

7:30 pm

Doors open at 7:00 pm





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



We Are Collecting Blankets for Lent!



As part of our Lenten preparation, the children of the Virusky 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.



It's Recorder Time!!

**It is recorder time for those in 3rd & 4th Grade!
All students will need to bring soprano recorders and a two
pocket folder to music class starting in Trimester 3!**

Your first day of recorder will be:

3rd Grade:

3M- Thursday, March 19

3A- Friday, March 20

4th Grade:

4V- Tuesday, March 17

4L- Thursday, March 20

Your 3rd/4th Grade student will need to bring their recorder and folder to every music class in the third trimester. Recorder attendance and class preparedness will be reflected in their music grade.

Where to Get a Recorder:

The recommended brand is Yamaha, which you can find at the following locations:

Music and Arts Center- Locations in Springfield, Falls Church, Oakton, Burke, Mclean and more. Please visit musicarts.com for inquiries.

Twinbrooke Music- in the Twinbrooke Shopping Center. Please visit Themusicstores.com for inquiries.

Amazon.com- search "Yamaha soprano recorder."

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Toussaint. atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org



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

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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.

Sponsored by the PTO

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION SEMINAR

presented by Peter Ryan



Saturday, March 7
6:30-8pm

Peter Ryan is a Catholic husband and father of four who is in the process of founding LookUp4Life, a non-profit organization focused on spreading awareness regarding the negative impact of excess personal technology use (video games, social media, pornography), particularly on the youngest generations.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGNUP.](#)

Parental Warning: We want to make sure parents are fully informed about the content of the Personal Technology Addiction presentation, particularly if they plan on bringing their children. The content will discuss topics such as the impact of excess personal technology usage and its impact on our youth and young adults in particular. For instance, Mr. Ryan discusses its correlation to depression, suicide, and changes in young adult sexual activity levels (i.e., the impact of the excess screen use is strong enough to change sexual activity levels from prior times). Nothing graphic is covered and there will be no images. Additionally, the presentation will discuss strategies to use in the home such as written technology guidelines for the home. Parents need to determine if they want their children to hear this from Mr. Ryan or if they want to be the first to discuss with their children at home. Mr. Ryan's 14-year old daughter has seen the presentation and is comfortable with the material.



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/8050B4BADAB2DA1F94-screen>



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

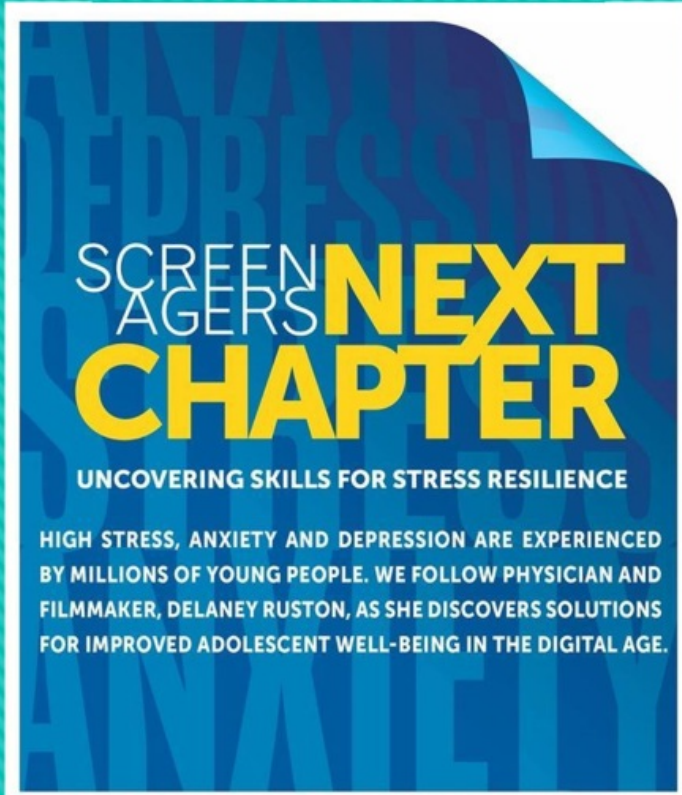
[Click here to RSVP!](#)



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>

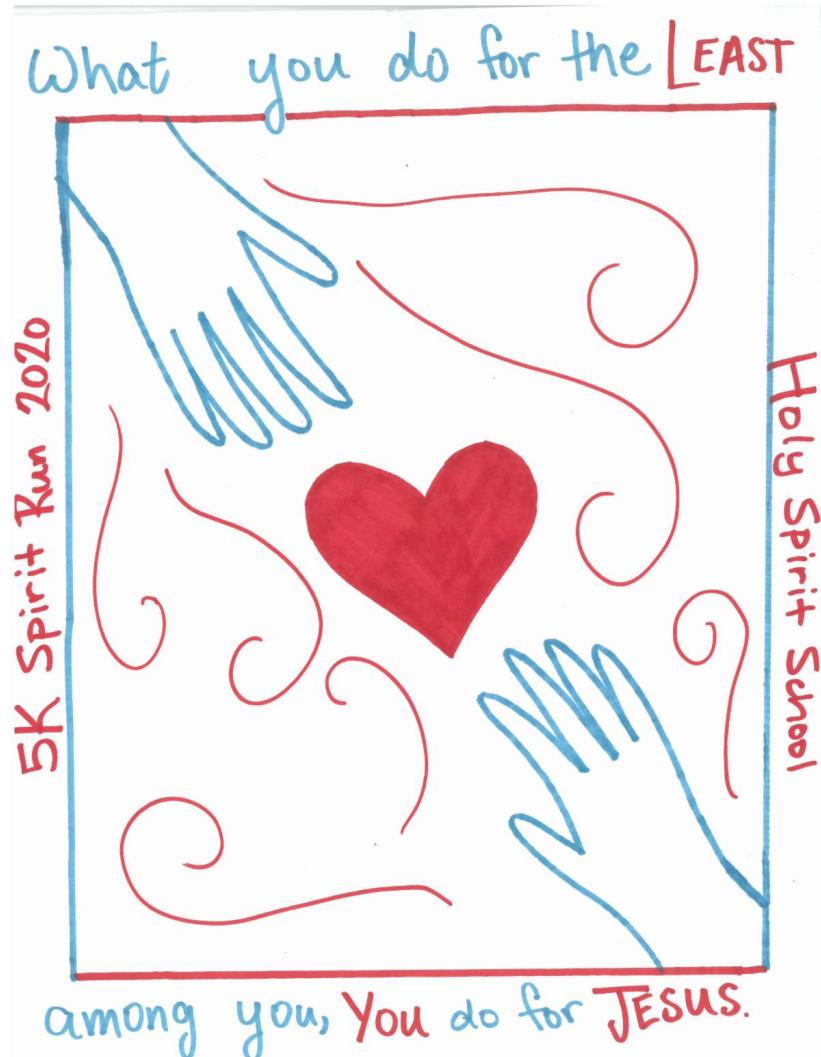
PLEASE NOTE: Parents who volunteer to be coaches must be fully Child Protection Compliant in order to participate in Field Day

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



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!

Sponsorship information



**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.holyspiritchurch.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)



Join the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales for

Live Jesus 2020

A Lenten Morning of Prayer, Reflection and
Fellowship



Saturday, March 21,
2020

Sign-in & Continental Breakfast: 8:00am
Program: 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

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

Presenters:

Rev. Brian Zumbrum, OSFS
"Seeking Unity by Living Jesus"

Br. Dan Wisniewski, OSFS
Sr. Anne Elizabeth Eder, OSFS
Ms. Paula M. Riley
"Friendship, Foundation, and Family"

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Register online: events.oblates.org/live-jesus/

GENDER IDEOLOGY THE CULTURAL CHALLENGE AND CATHOLIC RESPONSE



MASS 8:30 AM

9:00 REFRESHMENTS

9:30 AM-1:00 P.M.

12:10-1:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Talks

Gender Revolution: Cultural and Political change

Science: the Facts about about sex and Gender

Catholic anthropology and the challenges of Gender Ideology



Mary Rice Hanson is the Kate O'Beirne Fellow in Catholic Studies at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. She also directs the Catholic Women's Forum, a network of Catholic professional women and scholars seeking to amplify the voice of Catholic women in support of human dignity, authentic freedom, and Catholic social teaching.

Mary is an expert on topics related to women, faith, culture, family, sexual morality, and gender ideology. She has been a keynote speaker for the Holy See during the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women for the past three years (2019: "Gender Ideology: Ideological Aggression Against Women and Girls" and "Valuing Unpaid Caregiving: The Human Dimension"; 2018: "The Integral Education of Rural Women and Girls" and 2017: "The Distinctiveness of Women's Work and Women's Empowerment"). She speaks frequently at national, regional, and diocesan conferences and conducts workshops for Catholic parishes and dioceses on sexuality, gender identity, and pastoral care.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:00 am -1:00 pm

RSVP is helpful for ordering refreshments but not mandatory

Use the link to RSVP by March 11, 2020

<http://bit.ly/Mary31420>

**Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church
Parish Hall**

46639 Algonkian Parkway

Potomac Falls, VA 20165



Present

Saturday, March 21, 2020
George Mason University Exploratory Hall



DYSLEXIC EDGE

PATHWAYS TO STEM EXCELLENCE

About

A one-day event to help parents, teachers and industry create future STEM leaders and entrepreneurs by building confidence in students with dyslexia.

The day includes a morning conference of sessions and speakers paired with an afternoon of STEM celebrations. During our STEM Celebrations, children of all ages will get to participate in a variety of STEM activities, engineering challenges, and live demos.



Topics

- The science of dyslexia
- The STEM dyslexia connection
- Best teaching practices in reading and in STEM fields
- Identifying dyslexia
- Assistive technology
- Evaluating for dyslexia

Come Join Us

To register, exhibit, sponsor or speak,

visit www.thedyslexicedge.org

SAURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES
TROOP 55018



Girl Scout Cookie Sale!

FEB/22-MAR/8
\$5 & \$6
BOXES



PRE-ORDER!
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AJANELLCLINE@GMAIL.COM



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 5, 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. Car Raffle flyer
2. CYO Spring Sports Signups flyer
3. Lenten Soup Suppers flyer
4. St. Patrick's Day BINGO flyer
5. Lenten Food Drive flyer
6. Whiskey Cake Sale flyer
7. Presentation on the Anointing of the Sick flyer
8. Day of the Unborn Child Rosary flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Dyslexic Edge Conference flyer
 2. Boy Scout Mulch Sale Order Form
 3. Live Jesus 2020 flyer
 4. Gender Ideology flyer
 5. Khary Stockton Soccer Camp flyer
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