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From the Principal's Desk

March 8, 2018



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Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2017 / 2018 "Respect and Responsibility in Action"





Smiles and Fun as We Read, Read, Read "Bucks of Books" Heading into Week 2

Students have been logging reading minutes but even more importantly spending time with favorite book characters as their imaginations have a chance to grow and expand while they immerse themselves in their chosen books.

We are just about one week into the PTO's Spring fundraiser, "Bucks for Books". Donations have begun to arrive and we hope that each family will participate by raising \$100. If each family is able to raise that amount the overall goal of \$25,000.00 will easily be met.

Please see the flyer below and click on the link to take you to donation instructions and reading logs.

Thank you for supporting the PTO and the school!

A reminder that Monday, March 12th is a NO SCHOOL day for the students as the teachers have professional development that day.

The flyer with details for the March 16th Fathers Day Mass is below. We look forward to spending time with our guests that day. Please remember that students arrive with their guests in time for the 9:00 am Mass and go directly to the church.

Spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 20th. Students are invited to wear their Sunday best (no jeans, shorts, or athletic wear should be worn). All students will have their pictures taken and picture packets sent home. If you do not wish to purchase any or all of the pictures, you must return the packet to school.

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

A last reminder to those families applying for Tuition Assistance for the 2018/2019 academic year. The deadline for submitting an application to FACTS is March 16th; families MUST submit an application and the supporting tax documents in order to possibly be eligible for assistance. Information and a link to FACTS is available via the school website.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Week 1 almost over!

**Thank you to those who've
already donated!**



Holy Spirit School's Annual Read-a-Thon



Dear Parents and Friends of Holy Spirit School,

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](#)



Please join the Holy Spirit School
Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers
Holy Spirit School

March 16, 2018
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.



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

Holy Spirit School

ORDER DEADLINE: March 23, 2018

RECIBO ENVÍO DEL PLAZO

Yearbook Only

Salvamente el anuario

BUILD YOUR OWN ARMA TU TAPA



Personalized Cover
Your child's portrait and name printed on the cover.

\$6.00

Tapa personalizada
El retrato y el nombre de tu hijo impreso en la tapa.

Zoom: Current Events Insert*
The year's most memorable news, sports and entertainment news.

\$2.00



Zoom: edición de los eventos actuales*
Las novedades y los eventos de deportes y entretenimiento más memorables del año.



Yearbook Stickers
Vibrant, removable stickers to personalize yearbook pages.

\$2.00

Adhesivos del anuario
Adhesivos vibrantes y despegables para personalizar las páginas del anuario.



Autograph Insert*
A great way to share messages with friends!

\$1.00

Insertos del autógrafo*
Una excelente manera de compartir mensajes con los amigos.

Yearbook cover design varies by school.
Los diseños de la tapa del anuario varían según la escuela.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER A YEARBOOK! Enhancements are no longer available after the deadline. Online ordering only. Please do not send payment into the school.

* Items may be affected in the yearbook after school. *Los artículos pueden ser afectados al anuario después de la escuela.
Prices include sales tax where applicable. When you pay by check, your authority as to payment the amount as a check transaction, or to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your checking account. A notice the may be changed no refund check. Your bank checks are not accepted. Our prices include shipping to the nearest shipping company. Cuentas de pago con cheques, nos autoriza a procesar el pago como una transacción mediante cheque o a usar la información de tu cheque para realizar una transferencia electrónica de fondos desde tu cuenta de cheques por única vez. Por cheques no aceptamos ni podrá aplicar un cargo. No se aceptan cheques de pago electrónico.

PACKAGES PAQUETES

PACKAGE A PAQUETE A

• Yearbook Anuario

• Personalized Cover Tapa personalizada

• Autograph Insert* Insertos del autógrafo*

• Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: edición de los eventos actuales*

• Yearbook Stickers Adhesivos del anuario

BEST VALUE
¡MÁS VALOR!
\$17.00

PACKAGE B PAQUETE B

• Yearbook Anuario

• Personalized Cover Tapa personalizada

• Autograph Insert* Insertos del autógrafo*

• Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: edición de los eventos actuales*

PACKAGE C PAQUETE C

• Yearbook Anuario

• Personalized Cover Tapa personalizada

• Zoom: Current Events Insert* Zoom: edición de los eventos actuales*

PACKAGE D PAQUETE D

• Yearbook Anuario

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ORDER ONLINE AT YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM

Reserva por internet en ybpay.lifetouch.com

Yearbook ID Code:
Código ID del anuario.

11439518

Spring Portraits Your Way



SEE BEFORE YOU BUY!

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Picture Day

Holy Spirit School
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
\\ martes, 20 de marzo, 2018

Order forms will be sent home on Friday, March 2nd

On Spring picture day students are welcome to wear their Sunday best. No jeans, shorts, or athletic wear should be worn.

All students will have their picture taken and everyone receives a picture packet. If you do not wish to purchase the packet (or parts of it), return it to the school.

Spring Sign-Up for Players Sports Academy

Soccer Program

Begins Wednesday, March 21st

THE PLAYERS SPORTS ACADEMY

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. AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER ACADEMY

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.

amazon
smile

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

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM



When: March 14, 2018

Where: Meeting Room 3
Time: 3:15 – 5:30pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 28, 2018.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:
SINGERS, ACTORS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS, MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS, MARTIAL ARTISTS, DANCERS, CLOWNS

*** ANY TYPE OF PERFORMANCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO ***

Performer Participation Form (for students): complete this if you wish to perform in the show. This slip is due prior to or on the day of the auditions/registration. Everyone who signs up to perform will perform.

PERFORMER PARTICIPATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Performing with (if in a group) _____

Talent/Act: _____

Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. Everyone will be allowed to perform one act. If your class is performing a group act, you may participate in both. Please keep the act to 4 minutes. If you cannot make it on March 14 but want to perform, email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinetech.org) to discuss.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

STAGE NEEDS: _____

For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version: _____



Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase



When: April 28, 2018

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! It is a great way to earn your hours in a fun atmosphere. All manner of jobs form small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Please click the signup link below:

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



Holy Spirit
5K Spirit Run

An easy and fun way to support Holy Spirit School's Resource Program!

Holy Spirit School

Holy Spirit 5K

FINISH

Michelle Rose Davis

Together, we Win
Respect & Responsibility in Action

May 19, 2018
LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

Online registration required. Visit HolySpiritFlames.org



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?!
[Click Here](#)



Holy Spirit

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

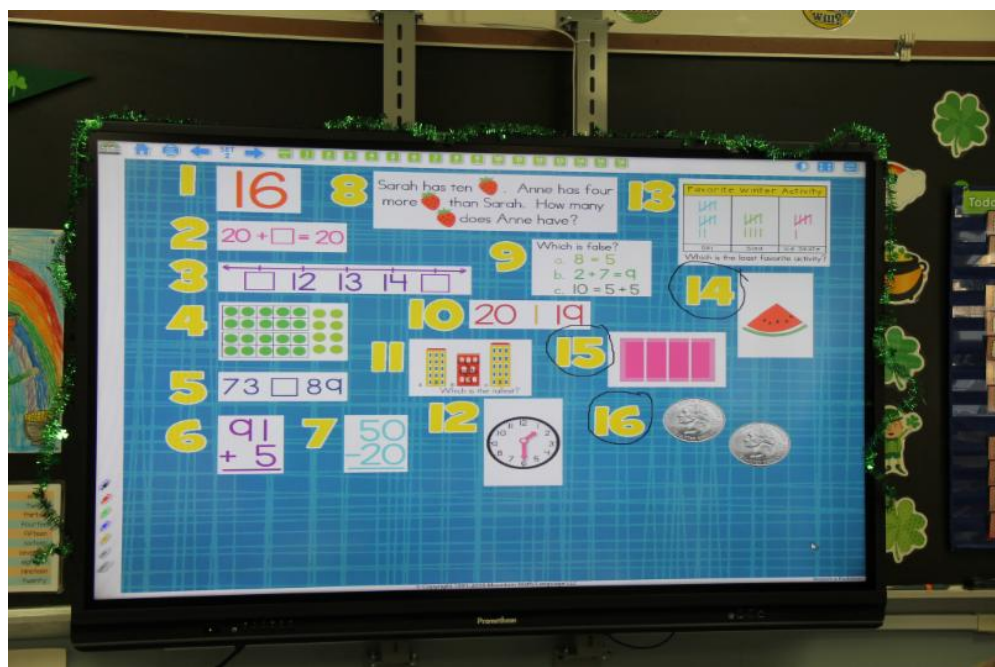
&

little sparks

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Inspiring Minds | *Igniting Hearts*

Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow



(First Grade's Mountain Math morning work)

The teachers have their next round of professional development training on Monday, March 12th. We are excited to learn about "Classflow" and all of the capabilities it has for creating interactive lessons.

We have raised \$8,890.00 since our November auction. We are making progress but still have quite a ways to go. I am certain that together as a community we will reach our goal.

Thank you to those who have already contributed - I am deeply appreciative of your generosity.

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

Over \$1.2 Million in Gifts & Pledges!

All gifts, no matter the size, are needed and greatly appreciated.
The campaign is based on the principle of equal sacrifice.

NEXT WEEKEND IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

Commitment Weekend will take place next weekend. By now every registered family at Holy Spirit Parish should have received a campaign brochure packet either at a reception, from a personal visit, or in the mail. Extra packets and/or pledge cards are available in the narthex of the church at the Campaign Information Table for anyone who has yet to receive these materials. Please take the time to review the brochure, which outlines our renovation and expansion plans. We need to hear from everyone in order to be successful!

As members of Holy Spirit, we ask that you reflect on the blessings you have received and share a portion of those gifts to help us accomplish our projects. We request that all of our families consider making a sacrificial pledge to the best of their ability.

Remember, the newly created spaces will benefit every member of the Holy Spirit parish family and impact the vibrancy of our faith life together, as well as our Catholic presence in the broader community, so please give this request prayerful consideration.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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



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
Needed!**

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

OR

www.holyspiritchurch.us

Volunteer!

† 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!

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

Blue Bag Food Collection March 17 & 18 | All Masses Holy Spirit Church

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
- Breakfast Cereal (hot & cold)
- Dried & Canned Beans
- Children's Snacks
- Shelf-Stable Milk

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 cards.



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



Family Bingo!

Saturday,
March 17

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 who are not playing.

Prizes

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

Snacks Sold

- Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks

If you are
Fr. John
snacks are
on us!

Saint Patrick,
pray for us.



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

HOLY
SPIRIT
Catholic Church



JUNE 25-29
9 AM-12 NOON
LUNCH INCLUDED!

REGISTER NOW!!
OPEN TO ALL YOUTH
RISING K-5TH
GRADERS



HOLY SPIRIT
Catholic Church

Register at holyspiritchurch.us/vacation-bible-school/
Cost is \$65 first child, \$35 second child, \$30 third child,
4th and subsequent children come for free
Adult and Youth Volunteers Needed!
(Children of adult volunteers are free!)



A poster for a Boy Scout Mulch Sale. The background is a close-up of brown mulch. The text is arranged in three main sections: a top section with 'Boy Scout' in yellow and 'Mulch Sale' in white; a middle yellow banner with 'ORDER NOW!' in dark red; and a bottom section with the website 'www.annandale50.mytroop.us' in white and the 'Holy Spirit Catholic Church' logo in white. The entire poster is framed by a green border.

Boy Scout Mulch Sale

ORDER NOW!

www.annandale50.mytroop.us

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

Diocesan Teacher Job Fair
Saturday, March 10th
9:00 - 11:00 am
@ Paul VI High School, Fairfax

Teacher Job Fair

Office of Catholic Schools
excellence by design



5 Reasons to Teach in Catholic Schools

- Students who come to school ready to learn and grow.
- Parents who partner with teachers to help students reach high expectations.
- Parish and school communities who support and celebrate teachers.
- Colleagues who excel as teachers, mentors, and co-workers, and form strong faith-based communities to learn, grow, and pray together.
- God may be calling you to do this important work. Listen carefully.

To learn more about how to share your gifts, come to the Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair on March 10, at Paul VI High School. Visit arlingtondiocese.org for more information.

BISHOP IRETON THEATER ARTS PRESENTS

The
Addams
Family

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY



MARCH 9,10,16,17 at 7:30pm
MARCH 11 at 2:00pm

Kidz Coding Camps

@ Holy Spirit School

8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA



Animation Studio

Grade 3-8

Create animated cartoons just like the pros. Learn the basics of animation as you draw your own characters and bring them to life with code. You will use visual programming to control the speed and type of animation as you add animals, dragons, monsters, and avatars into your coding projects. Create a portfolio of fun projects including original animated games, cartoon strips, music videos, and interactive worlds to share with friends and family.

No prior programming experience required.

July 9th—13th

Half Day Camp— 9AM—Noon

- Day 1: Frame Based Animation
- Day 2: Character Animation
- Day 3: Animated Storytelling
- Day 4: Music Videos
- Day 5: Two Player Games

JavaScript Coding

Grades 6 – 9

An introduction to JavaScript for intermediate or advanced coders. Students will be introduced to JavaScript as they complete engaging lessons, solve challenging puzzles, and build their own games in JavaScript.

Topics Covered: JavaScript syntax, sequencing, repetition, conditional logic, nested loops, automation, pattern recognition, simple motion, keyboard and mouse events, creating and using an HTML canvas, operators, expressions, variables, collision detection, using arrays and objects to store structured data.

July 9th—13th

Half Day Camp—1PM—4 PM

- Day 1: JavaScript Basics
- Day 2: More JavaScript Basics
- Day 3: JavaScript Game Design
- Day 4: JavaScript Games
- Day 5: Collaborative Exercise

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Grade Entering in Fall: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____ Phone # (during camp hours): _____

Email: _____

Payment: \$250/camp (includes snack)

Session: ___ AM ___ PM ___ Both

___ Check (Made payable to: Mark Pietuska) ___ Cash ___ Credit Card (You will receive a phone call to make payment)



[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 , 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. "Bucks for Books" - flyer, reading logs, donation instructions, etc.
2. Fathers Day Mass flyer
3. April Lunch menu
4. Players Soccer Academy flyer
5. Yearbook ordering flyer
6. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer form
7. PTO Talent Showcase Signup/Audition form

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. Lenten Soup Suppers
3. Lenten Food Drive flyer
4. Family BINGO flyer
5. VBS flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Kidz Coding Camp
2. Boy Scouts Mulch Sale
3. Live Jesus - Lenten retreat
4. Diocese of Arlington Teacher Fair

