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# From the Principal's Desk

November 8, 2018



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## Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2018 / 2019

**"Let us love one another because love is from God"**

## Veterans Day Thank You Ceremony



Tomorrow, Friday, November 9th, the school children, led by the 6th grade safety patrols will honor those in our school community who help keep us safe. All those in our community who are veterans, active duty military, and/or first responders are invited as honored guests. Of course, all parents are welcome.

For those who plan to attend, please park in the upper parking lot.

Our flag ceremony will begin at 8:00 am so it is important for all students to be on time tomorrow. Please note that we will halt the car line for the ceremony so that no traffic is flowing in front of the school.

The ceremony itself should last about 10 to 15 minutes.

IF it rains (again!) tomorrow morning, the ceremony will be held in the gymnasium. As they arrive, students and guests will go directly to the gym in preparation.

I do hope that many can attend as we honor the wonderful work and the many sacrifices that these members of our community make on our behalf each and every day.

### **IN OTHER NEWS...**

If you have not had the opportunity to send in your hero information for our Wall of Heroes, please know we are still gladly accepting forms.

The faculty looks forward to meeting with you during the upcoming parent/teacher conferences. A reminder that the schedule is tight at times, so being on time and keeping to the schedule is important so that all parents get the full opportunity to meet with the homeroom teacher.

A reminder that Friday, 11/9 is an early dismissal day and Extended Day will be open. There is no school for students on Monday, 11/12.

We will have an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, November 14th from 9 - 10:30 am and from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. If you have friends or family looking, please let them know. As always, we are happy to provide individual private tours if that works better for schedules.

Please pray for the 8th graders as they complete their preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, November 19th.

Tuesday, November 20th is a no school day for the 8th grade students. The Thanksgiving break for all students begins Wednesday, November 21st.

The parent portal for grades will close on Tuesday, November 27th and the 1st trimester ends Friday, November 30th.

As quick as that, the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd. We will begin our toy drive to benefit Santa's Ride on Monday, December 3rd. That drive will end on Friday, December 7th when we celebrate our annual Giving Mass. Please look for information in the next couple of weeks.

Lastly, with regard to the morning car line in front of the school, I would respectfully ask that parents not cut across the center of the parking lot regardless of how many cars are (or are not) in line. By having everyone follow the established traffic pattern it assists us with keeping the traffic spread out and reinforces safety as everyone knows what to expect in the lot. When exiting the campus, I would ask that cars not cut across the upper parking lot as the back driveway is used by the prekindergarten families to enter and exit the campus.

As always, please refrain from using your cell phone while your car is moving.

Thank you!

*-Maureen Ashby*  
**Principal**

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From the desk of....  
The Holy Spirit Tooth Fairy

Please donate any extra, unopened  
Halloween candy to Holy Spirit School  
by Friday morning, November 9th.

Candy will be donated to Martha's  
Table for the homeless.

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Coming Soon!  
Looking for a great night out?  
Support Holy Spirit with dinner out at  
Ledo Pizza!

**You must have the flyer with you in order for the school to receive credit!**

Holy Spirit PTO Family Night at

**Ledo**  
**PIZZA**

Bring this  
flyer with  
you!

Enjoy a great family dinner while raising money for  
Holy Spirit Catholic School PTO

**Wednesday November 14, 2018**

**West Springfield Ledo Pizza**  
8324 Old Keene Mill Road  
West Springfield, Virginia 22152

Holy Spirit Catholic School PTO receives 20% of dine-in sales for each flyer presented! **(Must bring the flyer to get credit)**

Holy Spirit Catholic School PTO also receives 20% of takeout orders when mentioning Holy Spirit! Call ahead for takeout!  
**703-451-5336**

**If any staff or parents order catering the entire week of the fundraiser, our school will get 10% of the check total!**

**Bring a friend and tell your neighbors too! (Just remember to bring a flyer!)**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL PTO**

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Sponsored by the Squire Roses

# Children's Advent Event

Join us for arts and  
crafts, storytime, games  
and food. Learn more  
about St. Nicholas and  
other Advent traditions!



Sunday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
After 9am Mass  
School Cafeteria

(For families with children 5th grade  
and younger.)

For more information,  
contact [mvalugin@gmail.com](mailto:mvalugin@gmail.com).



**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

High School Youth Group

# Christmas Coat Drive

**December  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Drop items off in bins  
in Church vestibule  
or outside the  
Youth Room**



**The High Schoolers are collecting the following items:**

winter jackets    hooded sweatshirts    wool hats  
sweaters    gloves    scarves

**For more information, contact [youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us)**



# discover you

Calling all **prospective** teachers ...



Please come to one of the following **Information Programs for Prospective Teachers** scheduled throughout the Diocese and meet with Sister Patricia Helene, IHM, head of the Marymount University Catholic School Leadership Program, Sister Karl Ann Homberg, SSJ, Assistant Superintendent, and Janet Vetrano, Licensure Specialist to learn more about the opportunities and advantages of teaching in our Catholic Schools.

To register, please contact Janet at [janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org) by **November 9, 2018**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 **St. Thomas More Cathedral School**  
7:00 - 8:45 p.m. 105 North Thomas Street • Arlington, VA 22203  
*presentation begins at 7:00 p.m.* 703.528.6781

Thursday, November 15, 2018 **All Saints School**  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 9294 Stonewall Road • Manassas, VA 20110  
*presentation begins at 1:00 p.m.* 703.368.4400

Friday, November 16, 2018 **St. Francis of Assisi School**  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 18825 Fuller Heights Road • Triangle, VA 22172  
*presentation begins at 1:00 p.m.* 703.221.3868

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SATURDAY NOV. 10 AT 7:30 PM



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "November 8, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

### School Flyers:

1. Ledo Pizza Night - flyer
2. Hero Wall - flyer

### Parish Flyers:

1. Children's Advent Program
2. High School Youth Group - Christmas Coat Drive



Community Flyers:

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