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# From the Principal's Desk

October 11, 2018



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

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

## **The Book Fair is almost here! Trunk or Treat is almost here! Spirit Week is almost here!**

Are you ready for the Book Fair? It is one of my favorite weeks of the year and it starts next week! Please see the information below on when classes will be visiting the fair and the opportunity for ordering online.

Have you secured your spot for Trunk or Treat yet? The announcement and sign-up links are below for both securing a spot for your decorated car and for volunteering to help run the event. I hope that you are all able to clear your schedules for Friday, October 26th and can join us for an evening of fun, fun, fun!

One of our favorite week's of the year is almost here - Spirit Week! Please be sure to look at the information below so that your children can participate to the fullest. Concurrent with Spirit Week will be our annual Ton of Love food drive to benefit the Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project and the always spirited Turkey Shoot Out.

If you can volunteer in some of the P.E. classes ahead of the final Turkey Shoot competition the link is below. All proceeds from the Turkey Shoot go to the St. Lucy Project along with all of the non-perishable food items we collect. "Blue bags" for the food collection will be coming home next week.

A reminder that 1st Trimester interims will go home tomorrow, Friday, October 12th. Parents in grades 3-8 are encouraged to regularly check the parent portal to

keep abreast of your children's successes. Paper interims will go home only for those children who currently have a 75% or lower in a core academic subject or an "X" or a "1" in a Special.

Additionally, for all children in grades 3-8 the Scantron testing results from the Fall testing session will be going home tomorrow. If you have questions about the results, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher.

Despite the 1st Trimester not ending until November 30th, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for November 9 and November 12. Please be on the look out for the Sign-Up Genius to schedule your conferences in the next couple of weeks.

Friday, November 9th will be a half day for students and Extended Day will be open while conferences take place that afternoon. In the morning of the 9th we will have a special flag raising and ceremony in honor of Veterans Day. Information coming soon!

Monday, November 12th is a NO school day for all students while parent/teacher conferences take place.

A reminder that yearbook picture retakes will be Wednesday, November 7th. For those who purchased them, you should have already received your child's picture packet.

The 8th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, November 19th at 7:00 pm. The 8th grade students have been "gifted" a day-off on Tuesday, November 20th.

The Thanksgiving break for the whole school is Wednesday, November 21 through Sunday, November 26th.

## **Formation in Christian Chastity**

The Diocesan developed "Formation in Christian Chastity" program is taught to all children in grades 1-8 in all Diocesan schools and in parish religious education programs.

At Holy Spirit School, this curriculum is taught in the regular religion classes during one week in the Fall. This year the information will be taught during the week of October 15th.

**This is an "opt-out" program meaning that parents must sign and return the waiver in order for students to be excused from the program and the waiver must be received by Friday, October 12th.**

Course materials by grade level are available at the below link or via PowerLearning on the Family Information page under the Formation in Christian Chastity tab.

[Diocesan Formation in Christian Chastity Course Materials](#)

The opt-out form may be found in in the Family Folder section below or in PowerLearning on the Family Information page under the Formation in Christian Chastity tab.

Wow! That was a lot - hope you are looking forward to all of the excitement!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

**Come Join Us!  
Car Spaces Limited!  
Fun Unlimited!**



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

A PTO SPONSORED EVENT FOR SCHOOL AND PARISH FAMILIES!  
Decorate your car and fill your trunk with candy!

**Prizes:**  
-Best decorated car!  
-Best kid costume!

Over the Rice  
Scoops 2U  
Basic Burger  
Dinner for sale!

Admission:  
Bag of Halloween  
candy

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 9:00 PM  
Upper Parking Lot**

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit [holyspiritflames.org](http://holyspiritflames.org).  
Limited spaces available.  
(More than one family can share a spot.)

[Click here to sign-up for a car space!](#)

Plus we need volunteers because no  
great event happens without the  
folks behind the scenes!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

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## Book Fair

Sunday, October 14th - Friday, October 19th

Shop online for a larger selection Oct. 14th - Oct. 31st

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyspiritflames>

The Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase books and other educational items for you and your children. It is a great time to shop early for Christmas and to encourage your children to read! 25% of each purchase comes back to the school library. Parents are welcome to shop any time the Book Fair is open.

### HOURS

**SUNDAY 10-2**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00-3:30**

**TUESDAY 8:00-7:00**

**FRIDAY 8-11:30**

Classes will visit the Book Fair for a thirty-minute session. Students may bring money or make wish lists during their visit. Individual students may return to the Book Fair to make additional purchases with the permission of the teacher. Also, teachers will have "wish baskets". These are books selected by the teacher that they wish to use in the classroom. If you would like to give your child's teacher a gift, these will be available for purchase through Thursday.

I look forward to seeing you!

Alice Rowley  
Librarian



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**[Online shopping link](#)**  
**[Click here!](#)**

**Please remember that in order to volunteer to assist  
at the book fair (or to shop with your child during  
the school day) adults must be Child Protection  
Compliant**

## Book Fair Schedule by Class

Students are welcome to make purchases (or just wish lists) at the time of their visit. Students are welcome to come in to the book fair at any point of the day, at the Teacher's discretion. Thank you for your support!

PKC Monday, 11:30-12:00  
PKM Monday, 8:30-9:00  
KDW Tuesday, 10:00-10:30  
KW Monday, 10:00-10:30  
1K Tuesday, 2:00-2:30  
1B Tuesday, 1:30-2:00  
2H Tuesday, 8:30-9:00  
2L Tuesday, 9:00-9:30  
3P Monday, 11:00-11:30  
3A Monday, 10:30-11:00  
4V Wednesday, 1:30-2:00  
4L Wednesday, 1:00-1:30  
5S Wednesday, 10:30-11:00  
5A Tuesday, 11:00-11:30  
6G Wednesday, 8:30-9:00  
6S Wednesday, 12:00-12:30  
7D Tuesday, 10:30-11:00  
7B Wednesday, 2:00-2:30  
8K Monday, 1:00-1:30  
8T Monday, 9:30-10:00

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**Get ready - it is almost here!**

**Brought to you by the Holy Spirit  
Student Council...a week of  
guaranteed fun for the whole school!**

**When: OCTOBER 29 - November 2**

**MONDAY: "Decades Day" - Raid the  
closet of your parents and  
grandparents or get inspiration from  
some of the stellar pictures in your  
family albums - it will be a  
throwback day! Dress in the decade  
indicated below!**

Prek - 1990s  
Kindergarten - 1990s  
1st grade - 2000s  
2nd grade - 1920s  
3rd grade 1930s  
4th grade 1940s  
5th grade 1950s  
6th grade 1960s  
7th grade 1970s  
8th grade 1980s

**TUESDAY: "Fun Run Day" - All  
students wear their P.E. clothes to  
school. The twist? Wear your most  
colorful and craziest accessories.**

Just be ready to run and dance the day away!

**WEDNESDAY: "Costumes Galore"**  
Would you want to be a super hero? A doctor? A teacher? Your favorite book character? Be creative - all **SCHOOL APPROPRIATE** costumes are welcome.

(No masks, no hair dye, no weapons, no zombies, no devils, etc.)

**THURSDAY: All Saints Day** - all students should be in regular uniform as we will attend Mass on this holy day of obligation. Our Ton of Love food drive ends this day as well (see information below).

**FRIDAY: "Holy Spirit School Colors Day"** - Wear your best school spirit gear or your red, black and white as we wrap up the week with a Pep Rally and the Turkey Shoot Finals (see information below) - it is **LOUD**, it is crazy, it is fun for all!

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## TON of L♥VE 2018

**Monday, October 17- Thursday, November 1**

As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to support Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to the increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

\*please begin bringing items in the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>

Food Drive



Pre-K: dry spaghetti- any type

Kindergarten: dry pasta- any shape

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: cereal bars

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: cereal (large boxes)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: baked beans

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: canned fruit

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: canned pasta like ravioli (Chef Boyardee)

6<sup>th</sup> grade: canned vegetables

7<sup>th</sup> grade: jelly (no glass please)

8<sup>th</sup> grade: canned meat (ham, chicken, tuna)

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# Turkey Shoot Out



**WHEN:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** PE classes, gym

**FOR:** *Catholic Charities*

**COST:** \$1.00.

**Money will be collected starting on Monday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** in homeroom.

**Parent Volunteers:** Sign up at the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4fafad2aa13-turkey>

For a \$1-dollar donation, students will pair with their mass buddies in a free throw competition. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the gym to help keep score students shoot baskets. Volunteers will assign points to shots-- 3 points for every basket made, 2 points for hitting the rim, backboard or net and 1 point for any missed attempts. Each team will get a total of 5 free throws. The top mass buddy teams will compete in a final shoot out on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm with the entire school cheering them on; parents are also invited! There will be a trophy for the winning team to be displayed in the front office. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities in conjunction with our Ton of Love food drive.

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

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**Have you been clipping Box Tops?**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Maria Lopez and I am proud to be serving as the volunteer coordinator for programs that raise "FREE" money for our school. These programs include: Box Tops for Education, Giant A+ Bonus Bucks and Harris Teeter Together in Education.

**Did you know?**

During the 2017 – 2018 academic year, we raised over \$7,500 through these programs!

Box Tops for Education = \$2,077  
Giant = \$4,991  
Harris Teeter = \$113



**Box Tops for Education**

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school; each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ and they quickly add up to real cash for our school. Just look for pink Box Tops coupons on products, clip them, and send them to school. Watch for school wide collection contests. Sign up at [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) to stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of participating products. Box Tops members also receive exclusive coupon offers, recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash. Ways to find more Box Tops:

- Reach out to high school and college families as Box Tops for Education ends at 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Keep a collection box on the kitchen counter
- Tape a reminder to the garbage and recycling bin to check for Box Tops before throwing away packages
- Create homemade collection containers and share them with everyone you know (This makes a fun rainy day activity)
- Ask your dentist, doctor, hairstylist, co-workers or favorite retail stores to save Box Tops for your student
- Have a monthly contest among friends and family to see who can collect the most Box Tops
- Ask aunts, uncles, cousins, close neighbors and friends to help in your collection efforts
- Write Grandma a letter!

*Dear Grandma,*

*Please collect Box Tops for me. They are the little pink coupons you find on many products you likely already have in your home. Each is worth 10 cents and they add up FAST!*

*My school has contests throughout the year that make it possible for the kids who collect the most to win dress down days. With your help, my chances of winning will be even better.*

*Please clip and save them for me!*

*Love, your favorite grandchild*

**The Fall Collection Sheet (and a copy of this letter) may be found in the Family Folder section below.**

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**Winter Uniform**



**We will switch over to the winter school uniform on  
Monday, November 5th**

**Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for  
details**

**\*\* Please note that at this time we are no longer  
accepting used uniforms - we have quite a full  
closet and no more space. Thank you for  
understanding!**

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**For those thinking ahead...**



## Academic Year 2019-2020

### What is the program?

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through funding from diocesan parishes as well as the *Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

### Who is eligible?

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12).
  - *Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.*
  - *Not applicable to students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese and/or international students.*
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families who reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

### How do I apply?

- Submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date
  - Applications will be completed electronically online at [online.factsmgt.com/SignIn](https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn)
    - *Only one application is required per family.*
- Remit processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL should follow the high school submission date.

Due Dates: **HIGH SCHOOL**

**January 22, 2019**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**March 15, 2019**

### Awards

Awards are made for **ONE ACADEMIC YEAR** and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools determine the amount and the distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the schools will then credit the tuition accounts of approved families.

*\$3,537,470 awarded in 2018*

### ● For more information ●

#### Questions regarding process

Mary Manilla-Smith  
703.841.2519  
[m.manilla-smith@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.manilla-smith@arlingtondiocese.org)

#### Questions regarding application

FACTS Grant & Aid  
1.866.441.4637  
<https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/>

#### Award decisions

Please contact [your school](#).

#### Diocesan Tuition Assistance

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Tuition-Assistance/>

**Information available in PowerLearning and on the school website under the Prospective Families tab**

**Celebrate!**

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**Sign up for a day to intentionally  
pray for our parish priests. Let's fill  
their year with our prayers!**

Your name will appear in a calendar that will be  
given to our priests on Oct. 28,  
Priesthood Sunday. Sign up at:

**[HolySpiritChurch.us](https://HolySpiritChurch.us)**

(select the yellow "Volunteer" button.

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Join the Men's Club for this year's

# October Fest



Friday, October 12

7:30 PM

Parish Center

The Holy Spirit Men's Club invites all interested men of the parish to join them at their October Fest meeting.

Traditional October Fest fare will be served, including bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad, as well as German beer, soft drinks and water.

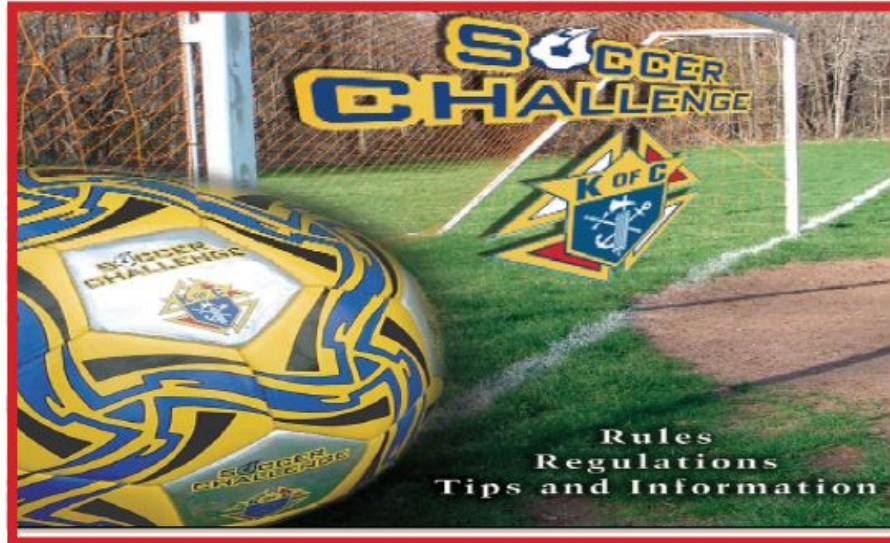
**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

For more information, email: [irwinmetro@yahoo.com](mailto:irwinmetro@yahoo.com)

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# SOCCER CHALLENGE

SPONSORED BY: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Saturday, October 13 9 AM - 2 PM**

Field behind Holy Spirit School

All individual boys and girls ages 9-14 years are invited.

Individuals kick soccer penalty kicks (12 yards) with scores for shot location in goal. 3 warm-up kicks, 25 kicks for record.

**Contact:**

**Mike Poumade**

703 - 425 - 8769 [poumade@prodigy.net](mailto:poumade@prodigy.net)

**More Rule Info:**

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/youth/soccer/soccerguide.pdf>



Join Us for Our Parish



All are invited!

and Screen *Paddington 2*  
ON THE GREEN

On the grass between the church and school. In school gym if raining.

See parish website to sign up for side dishes.

[HolySpiritChurch.us](http://HolySpiritChurch.us)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**Dinner 6:45 & Movie 7:15 pm**

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

# US FLAG COLLECTION

**RETIREMENT  
CEREMONY**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8  
7:30 PM**

**IN FRONT OF SCHOOL**

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**WORN FLAGS?**

**THE KNIGHTS ARE  
COLLECTING WORN US  
FLAGS THAT NEED TO  
BE RETIRED**

**OCT 20-21, 27-28  
NOV 3-4**

**IN CHURCH VESTIBULE**

# Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age

How to spot and avoid identity theft, fraud,  
and scams, to protect yourself and your family

**Saturday, October 27  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Holy Spirit School  
Meeting rooms 1 and 2**

**Guest Speaker:**  
Pamela Houghtaling  
AARP Fraud and Abuse Network

Identity theft and other scams cost Americans millions of dollars every year—over the phone, on the computer, and at your front door. What can we do to protect ourselves, our families, and our vulnerable neighbors from these scam artists?

Come find out at the Good Samaritan Society's annual fall event. In addition to learning about this important issue, you'll hear from our own Deacon Tom Grodek about how to balance trust in God with being a good steward of all that God has given you.

Anne Chason, a long-time parishioner and local author, will also share her book, *Alphabet Belonging to Christ*.

Fellowship and light refreshments will also be provided. All are welcome!



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# Family Bingo



**Saturday, October 27 In Holy Spirit School**  
**Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM**

**Come dressed as your favorite saint or in your favorite costume.**



Saint John-Marie Vianney

Saint Juan Diego

Saint Catherine of Siena

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Gregory the Great

Saint Rose of Lima

Saint Therese of Lisieux

## Admission

(Includes Book of 3 Cards)  
All proceeds will support Holy Spirit seminarians and religious.

- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
- Players Under 12 Years: \$3
  - Extra Cards \$1
- Free for children under 5 years who are not playing.

Costumes are optional.

## Snacks Sold

- Pizza
- Hot Dogs
- Nachos
- Soft Drinks

## Prizes

- Cash Bingo Prizes - Grand Prize \$100
  - Other Games At Least \$30
- All children will receive a prize.



For information contact Ron Poussard at [ronpoussard@mac.com](mailto:ronpoussard@mac.com)

COMING SOON TO BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL



# OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY  
OCT. 14  
(1-4 PM)

*"... set me on a path to success."*  
— SHEILA '82

*"... allowed me to develop not only as a student, but as a man of God."*  
— ZACH '18

*"... has given me both passion and purpose."*  
— CLARA '18

*"... a place where I am truly loved."*  
— ROSIE '18

## WINNER!



Cardinal Newman Society —  
2018 Catholic Education  
Honor Roll Schools



2019 #1 Best Catholic  
High School in Virginia



2018 Nan Tulchirsky  
Athletic Leadership  
Award



Named to Virginia Living  
Magazine's 2018 Top  
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Voted Best Private  
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of Arlington Magazine

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# 2018 BISHOP IRETON CHEER CLINIC



Spend an unforgettable day learning cheerleading and performing with the  
2016-2018 Christian Cheerleaders of America National Grand Champion

## BISHOP IRETON CHEERLEADERS

- WHO:** Girls 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade (No experience necessary!)
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 13th 2018, 8:30 – 2:30 (Game starts at 1:00)  
**The Clinic concludes with a halftime performance during the Varsity Football Game**
- WHERE:** Bishop Ireton High School Gym, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314
- COST:** \$50 – Cost includes t-shirt, hair bow, lunch & performance at halftime with the Varsity Cheerleaders!! Bring your friends and your cameras!! Don't miss out on this amazing experience!!
- REGISTER:** Register and pay online at [www.bishopireton.org/cheerclinic](http://www.bishopireton.org/cheerclinic)  
or fill out the form below & mail to:

Bishop Ireton Cheer Clinic  
201 Cambridge Rd., Alexandria VA 22314  
ATTN: CHEERLEADING  
Questions? - [bicheerclinic@hotmail.com](mailto:bicheerclinic@hotmail.com)

## COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company & ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: YS AS Referring Cheerleader: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to pay by check, please make payable to Bishop Ireton High School and write "Cheer Clinic" in the memo line.

Spots are limited – so don't delay and sign up today!



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 11, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT form
2. PTO's Trunk or Treat - flyer
3. Book Fair - flyer
4. Holy Spirit School 7th & 8th Grade Dance - flyer
5. 7th & 8th Grade Dance - contact/permission form
6. Spirit Week - flyer
7. Ton of Love Food Drive - flyer
8. Turkey Shoot Out - flyer
9. Box Tops letter
10. Box Tops collection sheet

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter Sports Sign-ups
2. K of C Soccer Challenge - flyer
3. Parish Pig Roast - flyer
4. Men's Club Oktoberfest - flyer
5. Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age - flyer
6. K of C Family BINGO - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Hack BI -flyer
  2. BI Cheer Clinic - flyer
  3. ABGC Winter Registration form
  4. Bishop O'Connell Open House - flyer
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