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From the Principal's Desk

October 25, 2018



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

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

Oh, the weather, the weather, the weather! Trunk or Treat will take place rain or shine.

Please remember that tomorrow, Friday, October 26th is a NO SCHOOL day for the students.

As maddening as it is, it seems as though we are due for rain on Friday - but we will hope for nothing more than a small sprinkle! If we do have significant rain, although it may not have the same look and feel as an outside event, we will still have Trunk or Treat on Friday evening; if necessary, we will be in doors. Families who reserved a car slot should still look to arrive at 5:30pm and we will have spots for you throughout the school hallways and into the cafeteria.

We are looking forward to a festive Spirit Week next week! Please be sure to check out the schedule below for all of the details.

If you've not yet done so, please sign up for your Parent/Teacher conference.

Veterans Day Thank You Ceremony



On Friday, November 9th at 7:50 am we will celebrate and thank all of our veterans, active duty military, and first responders. We invite all to join us out front of the school during our daily flag raising ceremony as we honor and celebrate those who give of themselves to protect our nation and our communities.

Health Screening



A note from Mrs. Wild:

Utilizing twenty one, hardworking parent volunteers, 95 students in grades 3 and 7 were successfully screened for vision, hearing, height and weight. Following the completion of their screening, students enjoyed a six station educational opportunity focusing on poisons. Students learned about the prevalence of poisons in the home, as well as the presence and identification of poisonous plants and snakes in Virginia. Students also learned about the unhappy fate of Socrates, forced to carry out his own death sentence by drinking a potion of hemlock. The highlight of the opportunity was a display of "look alike" foods and poisons. Students struggled to identify which was the food, reinforcing the teaching that chemicals should always remain in their original appropriately labeled containers. After learning the Poison Control phone number, students returned to their regular day excited about their experience.

Thank you to all of the Health Screening volunteers.

Enjoy the day off tomorrow and we will look for you at Trunk or Treat!

-Maureen Ashby
Principal



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 9th
Monday, November 12th

These conferences are mandatory so please take the time to sign-up now for a date and time with your child's HOMEROOM teacher.

Parents are meeting with the homeroom teacher and will be provided information from other subject area teachers as appropriate.

[Click here for sign-up](#)

Access code: 2018Conferences

**Please note that Trunk or Treat will
happen Rain or Shine!**

A colorful poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. The background is dark blue. At the top, the words 'TRUNK OR TREAT' are written in a large, orange, serif font. Below this, in white and orange text, it says 'A PTO SPONSORED EVENT FOR SCHOOL AND PARISH FAMILIES!' and 'Decorate your car and fill your trunk with candy!'. To the left, under the heading 'Prizes:', it lists '-Best decorated car!' and '-Best kid costume!'. In the center, a green car with its trunk open is decorated with pumpkins and candy. A sign on the car says 'Admission: Bag of Halloween candy'. Above the car, a black van is shown with a person inside, advertising 'Scoops 2U', 'Over the Rice', and 'Basic Burger'. The van also has a sign that says 'Dinner for sale!'. At the bottom, the event details are listed in large orange text: 'Friday, October 26th', '6:30 - 9:00 PM', and 'Upper Parking Lot'. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'For more information and to reserve your spot, visit holyspiritflames.org.', 'Limited spaces available.', and '(More than one family can share a spot.)'.

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!

Admission:
Bag of Halloween candy

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

Friday, October 26th
6:30 - 9:00 PM
Upper Parking Lot

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit 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!](#)



Can you help with the Fun Run?

[Click here to sign up!](#)

See below for the times that classes will be running.

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!

PreK & 4th grade - 8:30 - 9:15 am
3rd & 7th grades - 9:30 - 10:15
2nd & 8th grades - 10:30 - 11:15
Kindergarten & 5th grade - 11:30 - 12:15
1st & 6th grades - 1:15 - 2:00

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!

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 17th

Food Drive



Pre-K: dry spaghetti- any type

Kindergarten: dry pasta- any shape

1st Grade: cereal bars

2nd Grade: cereal (large boxes)

3rd Grade: baked beans

4th Grade: canned fruit

5th Grade: canned pasta like ravioli (Chef Boyardee)

6th grade: canned vegetables

7th grade: jelly (no glass please)

8th grade: canned meat (ham, chicken, tuna)



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.

**Box Tops collection sheets due
tomorrow - October 26th!**

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 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 8th 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.

Winter Uniform



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

**(Please note that students are welcome to begin
wearing their P.E. sweats and long pants now that
the weather seems to have turned chilly.)**

**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!**

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!



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.



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

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a:

Men's Morning of Reflection

Join other men from Holy Spirit Parish for a morning of spiritual reflection.

Saturday, November 3rd
11:00am-1:30pm
Meeting Room 3
(School Building)

Talk led by Deacon Nick LaDuca. Lunch provided.
No cost to you but your time!

Contact Greg Weidman at weidman.gj@gmail.com
for more information.

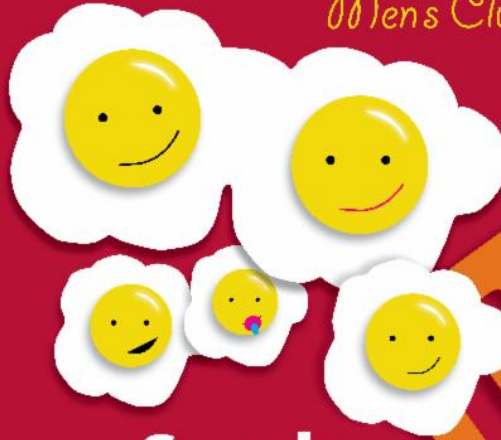


KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

HOLY
SPIRIT
Catholic Church

FAMILY BREAKFAST

*Hosted by the
Men's Club*



**Sunday
November 4th**

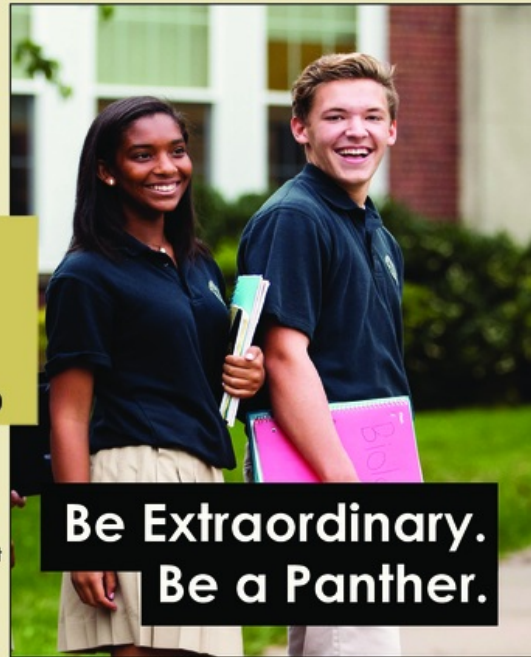
Join us in the school cafeteria after the
7:30, 9 & 10:30 am Masses

Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, oatmeal, fruit, bis-
cuits, hash brown potatoes, orange juice, hot chocolate and coffee.
Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not to exceed \$15).

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church



PAUL VI
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE Sunday
Oct 28
1-4 p.m.

10675 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax VA 22030

For sixth, seventh and eighth grade students:

For more information contact Eileen Hanley, Assistant Principal of Admissions and Student Life at 703-352-0925 or at ehanley@paulvi.net

Learn more at www.paulvi.net

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THURSDAY NOV. 8 AT 7:30 PM

FRIDAY NOV. 9 AT 7:30 PM

SATURDAY NOV. 10 AT 2:00 PM

SATURDAY NOV. 10 AT 7:30 PM



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 25, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

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

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter Sports Sign-ups
2. Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age - flyer
3. K of C Family BINGO - flyer
4. Men's Morning of Reflection - flyer
5. Parish Pancake Breakfast - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. PVI Open House - flyer
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