

# From the Principal's Desk

## September 13, 2018



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

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

## School Safety Drills Inclement Weather

Of the many and varied responsibilities of the administration and faculty one of the most important is the safety of the students at Holy Spirit. In order to be as well prepared as possible for various emergencies, we routinely drill for different scenarios.

Since the beginning of the school year, we have had one fire drill a week. This routine is followed for the first month of school and thereafter we have a fire drill once a month. We do our best to vary the days and times of the drills in order to give us teaching opportunities with the students as well as for us to consistently assess our procedures.

In addition to a fire drill this week, we also had our first "Secure the building" drill. The students were apprised ahead of time for this first lockdown drill of the year, again, so that we can teach them what will happen.

Next week we will have what I consider to be the most "emotionally charged" drill which is the intruder in the building drill. Again, the students will know ahead of time that this is coming and walked through the procedures by their teachers. If your student comes home at the end of the week discussing the drill, please reassure them that the purpose of the drills is to keep everyone safe and secure.

We will hold various other drills, hurricane, earthquake, etc. over the course of the year.

And then there is inclement weather. With all of the talk of Hurricane Florence over the course of the week, I would be remiss if I did not remind everyone that Holy Spirit follows Fairfax County Public Schools with regard to school closures caused by inclement weather. I would highly recommend that you sign up for alerts from FCPS and be mindful of watching the local morning news or listening to a local radio station if there is ever a question as to the possibility of weather closures.

A couple of calendar reminders:

Friday, September 21st is an early dismissal day for everyone; Extended Day is open and the teachers have professional development for the afternoon.

Fall Yearbook pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th; picture order forms went home with the children earlier in the week.

Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in the school library will be the middle school parent information meeting regarding the human growth and sexuality classes. Please look for a separate email from me to the middle school families regarding this program and meeting.

Thank you for all that you do to support Holy Spirit School!

*-Maureen Ashby*  
Principal



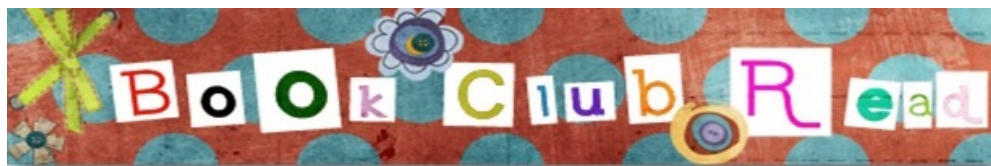
Roller skating for grades K-8 is right around  
the corner!

As always, we need many helping hands to

lace up all those skates.  
Please sign-up to help via the link below (a  
reminder that all volunteers must be child  
protection compliant).

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

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Attention 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade students...

Book Club 2018-2019 is here!

Come join the fun of reading with other  
Holy Spirit friends and teachers.

Meeting Dates:

Thursday, September 20.

Thursday, October 18,

Thursday, November 15,

Thursday, December 20,

Thursday, January 17,

Thursday, February 21,

Thursday, March 21,

Thursday, April 11

Thursday, May 16

We will meet in the school library from 3:30-4:15 pm.

The club is limited to 20 students.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

If you have any questions, please contact  
Mrs. Barger: [kbarger@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:kbarger@holyspiritflames.org) or  
Mr. Lilly: [clilly@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:clilly@holyspiritflames.org)

Thank you!

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Holy Spirit Board Game Club is Back!

Attention 1st & 2nd grade students,  
Come play fun board games with friends and  
Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Whetstone!

When: September 19, September 26, October 10, October 17 &  
October 24

Please note: There will be NO MEETING on October 3

Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Room 14

The club will meet on Wednesdays beginning September 19th. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

Participation is limited to 20 students.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Marino via email at [jmarino@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:jmarino@holyspiritflames.org) or Mrs. Whetstone at [fwhetstone@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:fwhetstone@holyspiritflames.org).

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## **School Choir Grades 3-8**

**(Please return all forms by September 14)**

# Holy Spirit Choirs:

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Mass Choir Rehearsals begin Thursday September 20 @ 3:15 -4:30 pm in Music Room

First Choir Mass begins Friday September 21st @ 9:00 am in Church

Honor Choir Rehearsals begin Tuesday September 18 @ 3:15 -4:30 in Music Room

Winter Concert: Wednesday December 5 @ 7:00 pm

**\*NOTE:** Please plan to pick up your child in the car line in front of the school at the end of each rehearsal. Parents who are late fo r pick up (4:40), your child will be sent to extended day and charges will accrue!

Fill out the interest form below and return to Mr. Toussaint.

Questions? [atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org)

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### Choir Interest Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining Mass Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Contact for Emergencies:

I am interested in joining Honor Choir \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initial here if your child will be going to Extended Day after choir \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number(s) of person(s) picking up your child after rehearsal: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email for Choir Updates \_\_\_\_\_

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Art Class



If you've not done so already, for students in grades K-5, please send in an "art smock" (Over-sized white t-shirts are perfect!)

Also,

"Recycle" materials needed for class projects

Do you have any of the following that you can send in for projects?

**Clean plastic bottle caps all sizes and shapes**

**Metal bottle caps (no adult beverage type)**

**Metal hangers**

**Cereal boxes**

**Metal soda cans**

**Plastic 2-liter bottles**

Materials may be sent to the attention of Mrs. Liss or may be placed in the bin outside the office.

Thank you!

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Tired of all this rain and  
need a little taste of summer?!

Come to the **Holy Spirit Band 2018-2019 Fundraiser**

Friday, September 21, 2018

(a Holy Spirit 11:30 Early Release Day!!)

From 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at



10726 Fairfax Boulevard,

Fairfax, VA 22032

703-272-7373

Students, enter the raffle

to win a Rita's party for your class!

After the fundraiser, the entries will be tallied.

The class with the most students in attendance wins!

***There will also be a raffle to win  
a GALLON of your favorite Rita's ice flavor!***

*Winners will be notified the week following the fundraiser.*

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**COMING SOON!!!  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**KICK OFF – SUNDAY, October 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM–2PM**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-3:30**

***Tuesday Opens at 8:00 AM with Evening Hours Until – 7:00 PM***

**Friday 8-11:30 AM**

**SHOP ONLINE OCT. 14<sup>TH</sup> – Oct. 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL  
LIBRARY – TO VOLUNTEER**

**Contact**

**Victoria Chavez – 703-978-5471**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**[Online shopping link](#)**

**[Click here!](#)**

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**Soccer Skills for Grades K-4  
The first session begins next week,  
Tuesday, September 18th - register now!**

# 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

**Date:** Tuesdays, Sept. 11 - October 30 (8 Sessions)

**Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**Grade:** Kindergarten through 4th Grade

**Cost:** \$120

**Register:** [www.ThePSASports.com](http://www.ThePSASports.com)



[ThePSASports.com](http://ThePSASports.com)

[ThePSASports@gmail.com](mailto:ThePSASports@gmail.com)

703-598-5039

[Click here to register](#)

## EXCITING NEWS!!!

Not only will Silver Knights be providing high quality chess instruction at Holy Spirit in the coming year but now the company will also offer a

## CODING CLUB

See the information below.

## Holy Spirit Catholic School Chess and Coding Clubs



**Chess Club** is taught by experienced Silver Knights instructors using a curriculum developed by National Masters. Each weekly session is a mix of learning and play. Playing chess is a great way to develop a child's critical thinking skills, sportsmanship, and patience — all while having fun!

### Chess Club Details:

- All grades and skill levels welcome.
- Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting on 10/1 and ending on 1/14.
- Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- All equipment provided.
- Club will not meet on 10/8, 11/12, 12/24, 12/31, and 1/21.
- A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 1/28 or 2/4.
- Tuition: \$180 for 12 weeks.



In **Coding Club**, learn to code your own games and animations using Scratch. MIT developed Scratch 10 years ago to give kids a fun way to learn programming skills and computational thinking. Each multi-week session includes all new projects that all kids will enjoy, from beginners to advanced coders. What will you create?

### Coding Club Details:

- Grades 2-8 — only 18 spots available!
- Dates: Club meets every Wednesday that school is in session starting on 10/3 and ending on 11/28.
- Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- All computers and equipment provided.
- Club does not meet 11/21.
- A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 12/5.
- Tuition: \$180 for 8 weeks.

**TO REGISTER, VISIT: [www.skenrichment.com](http://www.skenrichment.com)**

To request scholarships or financial aid, please visit our website.

Questions? Email: [Info@skenrichment.com](mailto:Info@skenrichment.com) or call: 703.574.2070

[Click here to register for Chess Club](#)

[Click here to register for Coding Club](#)

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# Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:  
[HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth](http://HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth)

Fall  
Sports

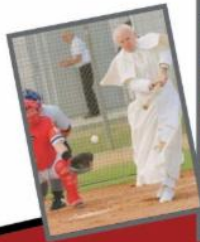
Cross  
Country

Tennis

Grades  
3-8

“Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person.”

-St. John Paul II



Teams Forming  
Register Today!



## Coaches Needed!

Interested in coaching?  
Contact [CYO@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:CYO@holyspiritchurch.us)

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Hosted  
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## Sunday

### September 23<sup>rd</sup>

In the school cafeteria after the  
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

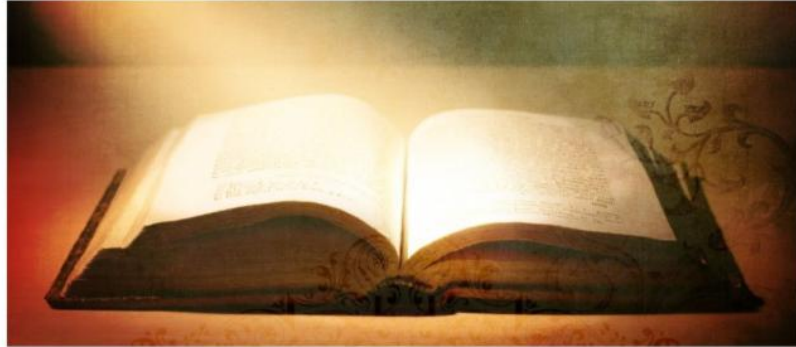
Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage,  
fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more!

Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not to exceed \$15)

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

Come explore the  
**Psalms**

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Bible Study led by Fr. O'Donohue

Wednesday evenings, beginning Sept. 12

8:30-9:30 PM

Parish Center

**HOLY**  
**SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

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# THAT MAN IS YOU!

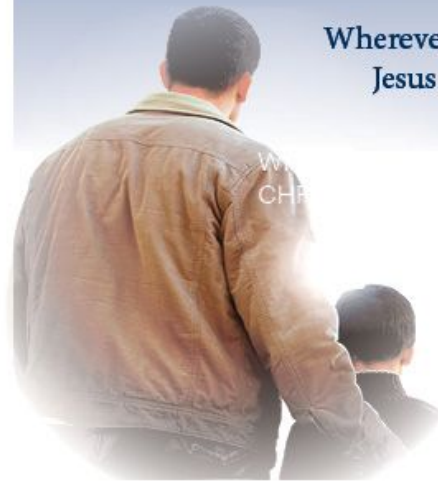
THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

**Saturday Mornings**  
Fall Session begins September 15<sup>th</sup>  
**7:00 - 8:30 AM**  
In *Meeting Room 3*, School Building

For more information, contact  
Deacon Nick LaDuca at [denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us)  
[www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)

Wherever you are in your spiritual life,  
Jesus Christ wants to encounter  
you right there...

*and take you further.*



[www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



## Introducing Walking with Purpose

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose this fall. Weekly group sessions start on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (morning session) and Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> (evening session) in meeting rooms 1 and 2 of Holy Spirit School. *Opening Your Heart*, the foundational study, is designed for women who are new to Walking with Purpose and is open to all women. Whether you already have any Bible study experience or not, you're welcome to join us as we learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

Want to know more about the program? Visit Walking with Purpose online [[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)] or contact one of the leaders below. We look forward to meeting you!

Dawn Beutner ([thebeutners@cox.net](mailto:thebeutners@cox.net), 703 978 1096)  
Emily Macedonia ([emily.macedonia@gmail.com](mailto:emily.macedonia@gmail.com), 703 577 8216)  
Alicia Steger ([saahf@yahoo.com](mailto:saahf@yahoo.com), 703 591 1407)



walking with purpose

— THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE —

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# ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Virginia Voter Registration and Virginia Absentee Ballot forms available

After all Masses

Sept. 22 - 23 & Sept. 29 - 30



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**Come join the fun!**

# Scouts

Parents, Are you looking for fun, rewarding Scouting program for your son or daughter? Check out Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts here at Holy Spirit!



**Pack 50**  
Grades K-5



**TROOP 55018**  
Grades K-12



**Troop 50**  
Ages 11-17

<https://holyspirtchurch.us/scouts/>

For more information contact RJ Levin at [rlevinjr@aol.com](mailto:rlevinjr@aol.com) or  
Regina FitzSimmons at [regina\\_fitzsimmons@yahoo.com](mailto:regina_fitzsimmons@yahoo.com) (Boy Scouts),  
Bob Sweeney at [robertsweeney2@gmail.com](mailto:robertsweeney2@gmail.com) (Cub Scouts),  
or Mary Yelnicker at [mad\\_boo@hotmail.com](mailto:mad_boo@hotmail.com) (Girl Scouts).

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Porto Charities Inc.**  
**Golf Tournament**

Regency at Dominion Valley Golf Club  
Haymarket, Virginia

Friday, October 12, 2018



18 holes on an Arnold Palmer executive course  
9:00 am shotgun start – Captain's Choice  
\$ 100 per person (green fees & lunch)  
\$ 150.00 per person (green fees & lunch) after 9/30/18

Gold Sponsor	\$ 2,500 (Foursome, signage & banner)
Silver Sponsor	\$ 1,000 (Foursome & signage)
Bronze Sponsor	\$ 500 (Hole sponsor & lunch for 2)
Hole Sponsor	\$ 300
Porto Sponsor	\$ 100

[Contributions are tax deductible under Federal 501 (c) (3) guidelines]

**Payment Options:**

- Checks: Payable to - Porto Charities Inc.
  - Mail to Paul Tierney, 11701 Lake Forest Dr., Reston, VA 20194
  - Questions – [paul@tierneys.us](mailto:paul@tierneys.us) or 703 834-3273

**Registration Deadline is September 30, 2018**



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 13, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. 7th & 8th Grade Dance @ St. Ambrose flyers
2. 7th & 8th Grade Contact information form for St. Ambrose dance
3. School Choir flyer
4. Silver Knights - chess club and coding club information
5. Players Soccer Academy program flyer
6. Band Fundraiser at Rita's in Fairfax flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Sports Sign-ups
2. This Man is You flyer
3. Bible Study - Psalms - flyer
4. Walking with a Purpose - flyer
5. Parish Pancake Breakfast - flyer
6. Voter Registration - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Porto Charities Golf Tournament flyer
  2. Porto Charities Golf Tournament sign-up
  3. Scouts information flyer
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