

From the Principal's Desk

September 14, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts

2017 / 2018

"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

The weeks are just flying by...

It is difficult to believe that we are almost a full three weeks into the school year! For those students in grades 3-8, 1st quarter interims will be issued on Friday, September 22nd (the halfway point of the 1st quarter!). Parents are encouraged to check the Parent Portal for where students stand with their academic grades. Students who have a 75% or below in a core academic subject or a "1" or an "X" in a Special area subject will receive a paper interim report.

Next Thursday, September 21st we will have our annual Pinwheels for Peace prayer service beginning at 8:25 am in the gymnasium. All are welcome to join us.

Fall Yearbook pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 26th - this would be a great time for haircuts for those still sporting their "summer look". Those families whose "Photo Release" form was in question should have received an additional copy. If you would like to amend your form, please take a moment to fill out that form and return it as soon as possible.

One of the tasks that we have at the start of the school year is to run through many of the emergency drills we have in place. Each week through the month of September we have a fire drill. Additionally, in the month of September we go through the two lockdown drills for the school. The drill regarding an intruder on campus (outside of the building) was held earlier in the week. During this drill instruction continues for the student as usual so there is little disruption to their day. Next week, in the latter half of the week, we will have

the lockdown drill for an intruder in the building. This drill can be a bit more unsettling for students as we lock doors, darken classrooms, and move students, as much as possible, out of the line of any windows. Although as adults we can rationalize this particular drill and understand the importance of it, the situation can be difficult for students up and down the line from prekindergarten to 8th grade. On the day that the drill takes place, I will send a notification to parents letting you know so that if your student comes home and wants to talk about it you are prepared for that. As we move through the next several months we will also drill for earthquakes and tornadoes, as well as keeping up with our monthly fire drills.

On October 4th at 7:00pm the PTO will sponsor a special screening of the film *Screenagers*. The 68 minute film takes a look at the impact of the digital age on children. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw what was happening with her own kids and began a quest to uncover how it might impact their development. Without passing judgement, the film looks at negative impacts of screen time and offers insights to finding balance. The film is appropriate for both parents and children (my suggestion would be children 5th grade and up, although if you've made the decision to allow your younger child to have a cellphone or to have regular access to video games or computer time this may offer great information for them too). Individuals or families do need to register prior to the viewing.

Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Holy Spirit School PTO
WHEN: 10/04/17 7:00PM
WHERE: Holy Spirit School
TICKETS: \$5/Adult \$10/Family

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

HolySpiritChurch.us/Events or HolySpiritFlames.org

[Click here to register](#)

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Holy Spirit Board Game Club is Back!

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

When: October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26 & November 2

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

Where: Room 14

The club will meet Thursdays from October 5th to November 2nd. 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. You can access our sign up page at:

<http://signup.com/go/SYQUXfM>

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Marino at 703-978-7117 X 1134 or via email at

jmarino@holyspiritflames.org

[Click here to sign-up](#)



7th & 8th graders

Join Mrs. Marino & Mrs. Gibbons

for an opportunity to experience the Hispanic culture

every last Tuesday of the month from 3:15 to 4:00,

starting October 31st.

We will meet on the following dates:

10/31, 11/28, no meeting in December, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/29.

In order to insure proper supervision and quality of activities,

membership will be limited to 20 spots. You can access our sign up page at

<http://signup.com/go/VLhotyX>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marino at

jmarino@holyspiritflames.org or Mrs. Gibbons at Sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org

[Click here to sign-up](#)

Parents please have your student bring in an old
T-shirt or a smock for Art Class



Thank You

Mrs. Liss - Art Teacher



It is time to prepare for roller skating!

[Click here to volunteer to assist in your](#)

[child's class!](#)

See the Family Folder section below for the parent letter,
permission form for skating and...

NEW for middle school, the permission form for C'Motion

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Christmas Tree Sale 2017



We need your help for set-up, tree delivery, sales, and breakdown. Click on a button to choose your shift. We need two families per weekday shift and three families per weekend sales shift. Remember, this is a family event. Bring your spouse, kids, aunts, uncles, grandparents. Parents will earn PSSC service hours and teens can earn their service hours as well.

Please fill the first week of the schedule first.
Plan on volunteering for setup as well as sales
Tree stand setup and tree delivery will be Friday, Nov. 24
Second tree delivery will be Sat., Nov. 25

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



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

October 15th – October 20th

KICK OFF – SUNDAY, October 15th 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. 15TH – Oct. 31ST

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/holyspiritflames>

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

Contact

Victoria Chavez – 703-978-5471



Holy Spirit Cross Country Team

[Click here to register](#)



Cross Country (Fall) (Registration is OPEN)

Registration is **OPEN!** We have a new head coach Mr. Gregory Gordon!! Practices will be held after school on Wednesdays beginning 9/13. The Holy Spirit Cross Country Team has three separate Cross Country Meets: Saturday, September 23rd at Ft. Hunt Park, Saturday October 21st at Laurel Hill Park, and Sunday November 5th at Burke Lake Park. Please click on Cross Country Meet Information under 'Forms' for details. All registration is online except for Medical Participant Combined Form and Participation Agreement both of which the player shall bring to the first practice.

Students will not be able to practice until forms are completed.
Registration is online at:

Please select 'CROSS COUNTRY' under "JCYO Sport child is registering for" in the on-line registration page.

NEW to Holy Spirit!

[Click here to register](#)

AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER ACADEMY

COME ENJOY SOCCER WITH US!

The Players Soccer Academy strives to build confidence, cultivate friendships and create enjoyment through the sport of soccer. We aim to set ourselves apart by instilling the importance of social and character development within all of our participants.



WHERE: Holy Spirit School Back Field
DATE: Thursday Sept. 14th - Nov 2nd (8 sessions)
TIME: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm directly after school
GRADE: Kindergarten - 4th Grade
COST: \$120 per student
REGISTER: www.ThePlayersSoccerAcademy.com

The make up session will be Nov. 9th which is a half day so the session will run from 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Please have students bring the appropriate footwear and clothing on soccer days.

PLAYERSOCCERACADEMY@GMAIL.COM • 703-598-5039

**THE
PSA.** 

Chess Club Sign-up
Fall Session begins October 2nd

[Click here for registration page](#)

Holy Spirit Fall 2017 Chess Club



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!

REGISTRATION

To register or for more information, go to:

www.skenrichment.com

To request financial aid, please visit our website.

Chess Club Details:

- ⇒ All grades and skill levels welcome!
- ⇒ All equipment provided
- ⇒ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting 10/2 and ending 1/8
- ⇒ Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- ⇒ Time: 3:20pm—4:20pm
- ⇒ Tuition: \$168 for 12 weeks
- ⇒ Make-up meetings on 1/22, 1/29, if needed
- ⇒ Club does not meet on 10/9, 12/25, 1/1



www.skenrichment.com

Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070



Holy Spirit School
Fire & Ice Auction

Have you registered yet?

[Click here](#)

Saturday, November 4th
Springfield Golf and Country Club
6:00 - 10:00 PM

In need of attending a Virtus seminar?

Seminars scheduled here at Holy Spirit:

September 14, 6:30 - 10:30 pm

October 7, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Are You Child Protection Compliant?

The Diocese of Arlington requires that all adults be fully compliant with its Child Protection Policies. It is all about being proactive to protect our children and keep them safe from sexual predators.

Compliance includes:

1. Completion of Background Paperwork Packet available from Holy Spirit's Child Protection Office
 - o one document requires notarization – Lambie Renner, our Child Protection Coordinator, is a notary and can provide that service free of charge (Hannah Steger, in the Child Protection Office, and Anson Groves, in the RE office, are also notaries and will do the same)

2. Attendance at a Virtus Seminar (www.virtus.org – click on Registration on the left panel then click on View a List of Sessions, asking for the Arlington Diocese.)

We are offering *two* at our very own parish! **Thursday, September 14** will be 6:30PM-10:30PM and **Saturday, October 7** will be 9:00AM-1:00PM. Hurry and sign up before all the spots fill up!

What if I am already compliant?

If you were compliant at another diocesan parish, we can have your records transferred to our parish. Simply send an email to Lambie Renner or Hannah Steger childprotection@holyspiritchurch.us stating the parish you came from and asking that your records be changed to Holy Spirit. The official diocesan policy is that you may not volunteer until you are fully compliant in the database.

How long does this last?

Once you are compliant (both the background paperwork completed and attendance at a Virtus seminar) you are always compliant. If you remain on our parish active list, your background check will be re-done every 5 years automatically.

How do I get a Background Paperwork Packet?

A background paperwork packet can be picked up from the school office. However, if you would like a Background Paperwork Packet sent home with your child, send an email to Lisa Laclede (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org) and give your child's name, grade, and teacher. If you are able to bring the packet back in person, that is preferred however, if you have it notarized and have completed your contact information on the form on the outside of the envelope, you may send it back with your child.

Please feel free to contact Lambie Renner or Hannah Steger in the Child Protection Office if you have any questions. The Child Protection Office is with the Youth Office in the school building.

Thank you for taking the time to keep our children safe!



FALL KICK OFF

YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 15, 2017

7:30-9:30PM

All Middle Schoolers (6th-8th Graders) are invited to join us for our Kick Off Meeting in the Holy Spirit School building! We will have manhunt, pizza, and a chance to meet new friends!

Wear clothes you can run in!

HIGH SCHOOL

September 17, 2017

7:00-9:00PM

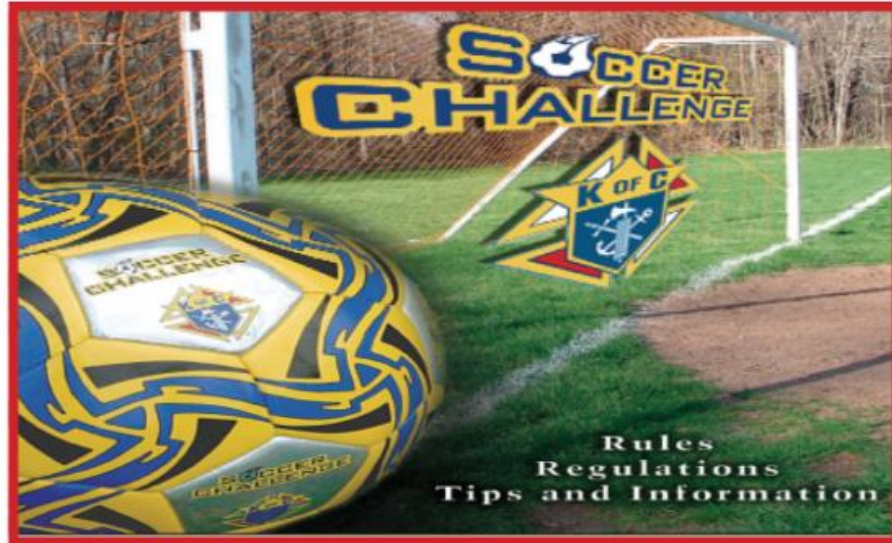
All High Schoolers are invited to join us for our Kickoff Meeting in the Youth Room (located in the school building)! There will be good food, awesome games, and you can meet the new High School Youth Minister!



REGISTER ONLINE at www.holyspritchurch.us/youth

SOCCER CHALLENGE

SPONSORED BY: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Saturday, September 23 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

More Rule Info:

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



[Click here for the October 2017 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 "September 14, 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. October lunch menu
2. Parent Letter - Roller skating
3. Permission form - Roller skating (grades K-5)
4. Permission form - C'Motion (grade 6-8)
5. Chess Club Flyer
6. Players Soccer Academy (grades K-4)
7. Cross Country Team
8. 7th & 8th Grade Dance Flyer
9. 7th & 8th Grade Dance Emergency Contact Form

Parish Flyers:

1. Youth Ministry Kickoff
2. Pilgrimage Flyer
3. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge
4. "That Man is You" series
5. RCIA
6. KAIROS Prison Ministry - Cookie Ministry
7. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue
8. Parish Pancake Breakfast

Community Flyers:

1. Boy Scouts Troop 50 Flyer
 2. Girl Scouts Flyer
 3. Bishop Ireton Cheer Camp Flyer
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