

# From the Principal's Desk

## September 20, 2018



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## Holy Spirit School

### *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts*

### 2018 / 2019

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

## Pinwheels for Peace

Tomorrow, Friday, September 21st we will celebrate the International Day of Peace with our annual Pinwheels for Peace event. The students have worked with their buddies and each created a pinwheel with their own depictions of what peace "looks" like to them. All of the pinwheels will be "planted" on the front lawn after we attend the 9:00 am Mass. I certainly extend a warm invitation to all parents to attend this Friday's Mass (and all Friday Masses) and pray with us for a world filled with peace. This is just one of the many activities in which students will participate over the year which highlights our theme of the year regarding the dignity of the human person and reminds us that all are deserving of living in peace.

On Tuesday evening, we had the first PTO meeting of the year - it was terrific! The meeting was well attended and I thank everyone who took time out of their evening to join us - I hope that the number of parents who actively participate in the monthly meetings continues to rise. The responses to the survey the PTO sent out earlier were thoughtful and contained wonderful ideas which the PTO Executive Board is prepared to act on and put into action. Look for more information on those results in an upcoming PTO Highlights.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Laclede and I attended the first part of an enrollment management seminar given by an organization called Partners in Mission and hosted by the Office of Catholic Schools. We came away with lots of wonderful information and much to think about and act upon to benefit Holy Spirit School. To assist us with moving forward on some of the action items, I am in search of one or two parents who either have a background in marketing or are actively employed in the field of marketing who would be willing to work with us

and provide us with some of your knowledge and expertise! If you would like to participate with us, please just send me an email and I will be in touch.

As many of you may remember, each year in March, Holy Spirit has the privilege of hosting the Vocations Mass for all of the 8th grade students across all of the Diocesan schools. Last year all 1300 of those 8th graders were invited into the school after Mass for lunch and fellowship - it was terrific! Following that event, I was contacted by one of the writers for Today's Catholic Teacher to discuss the topic of vocations. I am humbled and pleased with the wonderful article that was put into print at the beginning of August highlighting our school. I hope you enjoy it!

[Click here to read Today's Catholic Teacher Fall 2018 School Spotlight: Holy Spirit School](#)

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. Middle School parents received an email with information and the mandatory OPT-IN form. The form is also available in PowerLearning on the Family Information page under the Formation in Christian Chastity tab.

Parents of children in 2nd grade and 7th grade, please be sure to check the school calendar for the upcoming meetings during the week of October 1st regarding 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation. These meetings are led by the parish Director of Religious Education, Anson Groves; any questions should be directed to the parish Religious Education office.

Monday, October 8th is a school holiday for everyone!

*-Maureen Ashby*  
**Principal**

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**Support the Band Program!**

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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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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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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**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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# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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## Sunday

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

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

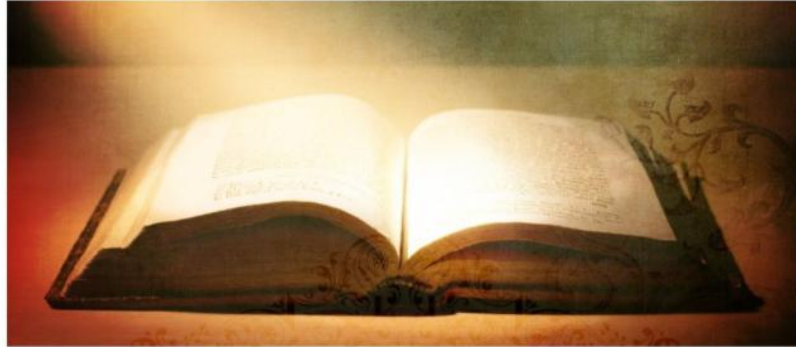
Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage,  
fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more!

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

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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

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**SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

# 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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Marian Homes, Inc.

## Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity  
maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals



**September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM - 1 PM**  
**Upper Parking Lot**

**BRING** your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.  
**NO** newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:

Andrew Tremel, Holy Spirit ([atremel22@yahoo.com](mailto:atremel22@yahoo.com))

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# Holy Spirit NVJCYO

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

Winter  
Sports

Basketball

Cheerleading

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@holyspirtchurch.us](mailto:CYO@holyspirtchurch.us)



walking with purpose

THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

## 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.

Register online at <https://holyspirtchurch.us/wwp/> or with a flyer from the church vestibule. Have more questions? Contact a fellow Holy Spirit School parent - Liz Claey's at [claeysee@yahoo.com](mailto:claeysee@yahoo.com) or Joan Andres at [nursejoan71@gmail.com](mailto:nursejoan71@gmail.com)

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# **Catholic College Night!**



Meet Representatives from  
Catholic Colleges and Universities

**Wednesday,  
October 3  
7-9 pm**

**School Gym**



Parents, High School Juniors, Seniors and Grads:

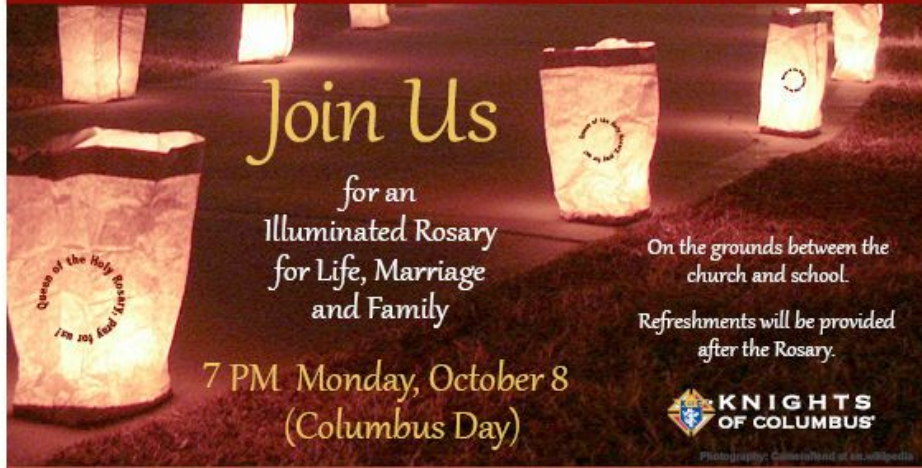
Come to the Annual Catholic College Night! Meet college admission officers and alums! Get the info you need for the important decisions ahead!

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Our Lady of the Most Holy  
Rosary, pray for us!

 **KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary



# Join Us

for an  
Illuminated Rosary  
for Life, Marriage  
and Family

7 PM Monday, October 8  
(Columbus Day)

On the grounds between the  
church and school.

Refreshments will be provided  
after the Rosary.



Photography: Courtesy of an.wikipedia

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



# 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/socccerguide.pdf>

# THAT MAN IS YOU!

THE BATTLE OVER THE BRIDE

**Saturday Mornings**

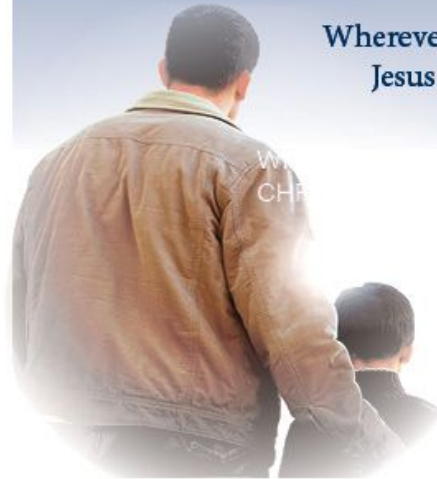
**7:00 - 8:30 AM**

*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)

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Catholic Church



# 8TH GRADE <HACK BI/>

NOVEMBER 3, 10AM-10PM



**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**



**NO FEE REQUIRED  
FOOD IS PROVIDED**

- <WHO/> All 8th graders!
- <WHAT/> 12 hours of programming with workshops that will introduce programming and other technology including photoshop and robots
- <WHERE/> Bishop Ireton High School  
201 Cambridge Road Alexandria VA, 22314
- <BRING/> Positivity and creativity!  
Laptop and charger optional

## CUP STACKING AND TYPING CONTEST!

8th grade students may attend workshops in several areas. After each workshop students will create a program or document using these skills. After the workshops are complete, students will pair up to create an entry for a prize.

**PRIZES INCLUDE: KEYBOARD, RASPBERRY PI, AND GAMES**

**REGISTER AT HACKBI.ORG (WEBSITE)  
HACKBI@BISHOPIRETON.ORG (EMAIL)**

Early bird registrants who register before 9/21/18 are entered into a raffle!

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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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).



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 20, 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

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter 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
7. Document Shredding Event - flyer
8. Catholic College Night - flyer
9. Illuminated Rosary - flyer
10. K of C Soccer Challenge

Community Flyers:

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