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# From the Principal's Desk

September 27, 2018



## Quick Links

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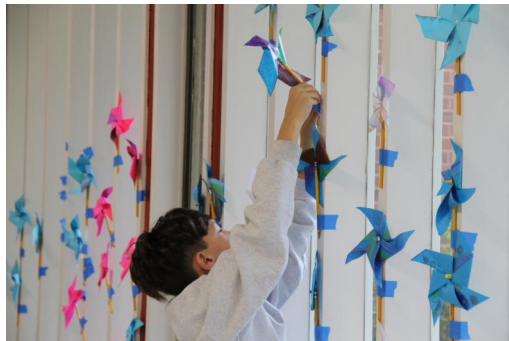


## Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2018 / 2019

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

## Pinwheels for Peace

Well, the rain has certainly proven to be a challenge with regard to our pinwheels. After Mass on Friday we returned to the school and gathered as a community to pray the Prayer of St. Francis and to share a bit about why we created the pinwheels. After waiting several days this week - we finally decided we would decorate the front hallway with the pinwheels - what a beautiful, cheery sight to counteract the gray clouds! If you have a minute, please stop in and take a peek.





## 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.

## Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality Classes

Thank you to all of the parents who attended last night's presentation regarding the additional offering for the middle school students.

The Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality program is an **Opt-IN** program meaning that parents must complete and return the opt-in form in order for their students to participate.

The form may be found in PowerLearning on the Family Information page. Click

on the Formation in Christian Chastity tab and scroll to the bottom of the page.  
The form is also attached below in the Family Folder section of this newsletter.

**All forms must be returned by Monday, October 1st in order for your child to participate.**

*-Maureen Ashby*  
Principal

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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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## 2018 Book Fair October 14<sup>th</sup> - October 19<sup>th</sup>

The Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase books and other educational items for you and your children. It will be open in the school library Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. If you can't make it to the actual Book Fair,

### SHOP ONLINE October 14<sup>th</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>

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

The Book Fair 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 anytime the Book Fair is open.

Classes will visit for a thirty-minute session during the week. Students may bring money or make a "wish list" 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 selected books that they can use in their classroom and will have placed them in a "wish basket" located in the library. These will be available for purchase through Thursday if you would like to give your child's teacher a gift for the classroom.

Book Fair Volunteers are still needed. Setup will be Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> after morning drop off from 8:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. 1 to 2 hour or more periods of time for volunteering are available during the week and for break down Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you can help, sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4ea4aa2aa31-holy1>



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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**

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# THANK YOU!



Much gratitude to Mrs. Jacque Whang (a fellow Catholic parent!) of [Rita's of Fairfax](#) for allowing the Holy Spirit Band and Choir to host a fundraiser in her store this past Friday, September 21, and to those of you who made the DELICIOUS trip to support us! We earned \$100 towards the cost of our trip in May 2019 to the "Music in the Parks" band competition at Hershey Park.

As part of the fundraiser, there were two raffles – one for a Rita's Class Party and one for a Free Gallon of Rita's Ice!

***The lucky winner of the Rita's Class Party is Mrs. Sullivan's fifth-grade class!***

Congratulations! This generous prize includes plenty of Rita's ice, a serving scoop, cups, spoons, and napkins, to be used by November 18, 2018!

***The lucky winner of the Free Gallon of Rita's Ice is Mr. Chris Martin, our own Mrs. Lori Martin's husband!*** Congratulations! Please see Mrs. Laclede in the front office for your flier to present at Rita's in order to redeem your gallon, a \$25 value!

Be sure to watch for additional ways to support the Band and Choir as they work diligently in preparation for their spring competition. ***They will be selling fall-planting, spring-blooming flower bulbs for a variety of gorgeous flowers from Holland via brochure through October and online through December 1.*** Thank you in advance for your support! Email Jeanne Furey at [luzzoutdoors2@yahoo.com](mailto:luzzoutdoors2@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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## Winter Uniform



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

**\*\* 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!**

## Grades PreK-K

### Boys

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Steel gray pants from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Solid gray or white dress socks
- \* Sneakers (velcro for PreK; no light up shoes)

### Girls

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo with gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* OR plaid drop waist, solid front jumper with white peter pan collared short or long sleeved blouse. (The peter pan blouse may only be worn with the jumper - and the polo only with the slacks)
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.
- \* Solid maroon or white dress socks: ankle, knee or tights
- \* Sneakers (velcro for PreK; no light up shoes)

## Grades 1-5 Boys

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Steel gray pants from Flynn and O'Hara

- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Solid gray or white dress socks
- \* Black or brown belt
- \* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

#### Girls

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo with gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* OR plaid drop waist, solid front jumper with white peter pan collared short or long sleeved blouse. (The peter pan blouse may only be worn with the jumper - and the polo only with the slacks)
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.
- \* Solid maroon or white dress socks: ankle, knee or tights
- \* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

#### Grades 6-8 Boys

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Dark gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.
- \* Solid dark gray dress socks
- \* Black or brown belt
- \* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

## Girls

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Dark gray wrap around kilt
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.
- \* Solid dark gray dress socks: ankle, knee or tights
- \* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

## Winter Gym Uniform (worn to school on gym days)

### Grades K-8

- \* Gray T shirt with logo
  - \* Gray sweat shirt with logo
  - \* Gray sweat pants with logo (red uniform gym shorts may be worn underneath)
  - \* Solid white ankle sport socks
  - \* Non marking tennis shoes
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# Disability Awareness Month Mass with Bishop Burbidge - October 7 at 11:45 am. - St. Mark Catholic Church

Join Porto/PCI at the Disability Awareness Month Mass with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Sunday, October 7 at 11:45 AM at St. Mark Catholic Church, [9970 Vale Rd. Vienna, VA.](#)

A reception with Bishop Burbidge will follow after the mass in the Cassidy Activity Center.



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**Virginia 529 FAQs**



## Virginia 529 FAQs

### What is a "529 plan"?

Named for Section 529 of the U.S. tax code, a 529 plan is a **tax-advantaged investment plan** operated by a state to encourage saving for **education expenses**. **As there is risk when investing in a 529 account, we are required to advise readers talk to a financial advisor.**

### What are the qualifying education expenses?

Following the passage of 2017's Tax Cut and Jobs Act, funds in a 529 plan may be used for tuition, books, fees, computer technology, or room and board at a qualifying college and for **up to \$10,000 in tuition at a K-12 private or religious school.**

### What is the federal tax advantage for using a 529 plan?

The growth of your investment is not subject to federal taxation as long as funds are used for qualifying educational expenses. There is no federal deduction allowed for contributions.

### What are the tax advantages in Virginia of investing in a 529 plan?

In addition to tax-free growth on the investment, **taxpayers in Virginia who contribute to the state-run Virginia 529 plan may deduct up to \$4,000 (\$8,000 filing jointly) per beneficiary from their taxable income.** At a tax rate of 5.75%, a contribution of \$8,000 could lower taxes owed by \$460.

### Who may donate to a 529 account?

Anyone may contribute to a 529 plan for any beneficiary. **Any Virginia taxpayer contributing to a Virginia 529 plan may take a deduction, regardless of who the beneficiary is.**

### Can funds in a Virginia 529 account be used for K-12 tuition in another state?

Yes, the funds can be used to pay K-12 tuition expenses in any other state.

### Can the beneficiary on an account be changed?

**Yes, a beneficiary may be changed at any time, and changes in beneficiary among family members will not incur a tax liability.** However, if the new beneficiary is not a family member of the original beneficiary, there may be a tax due on the growth of the investment.

### Is there an annual limit on how much one person may donate to a 529 plan?

The federal gift tax applies to donations larger than \$15,000 per year. However, 529 accounts may be pre-funded with 5 years' worth of gifts (\$70,000 individually or \$140,000 for a married couple filing jointly) without incurring the tax, so long as no further gifts are made for 5 years.

### Is there an annual limit on using a 529 account for K-12 tuition expenses?

Yes, the **maximum amount that can be distributed tax-free per calendar year is \$10,000 per student**, regardless of the number of 529 accounts.

### Can an existing 529 account be used for K-12 expenses?

**Yes, up to \$10,000 may be spent tax-free annually on K-12 tuition in 2018 and beyond.**

### Where can further information be found?

To learn more and to see options for enrolling in Virginia 529 visit [Virginia529.com](http://Virginia529.com).

### Disclaimer:

**This fact sheet is not intended to provide tax or legal advice. If you are considering using a Virginia 529 plan for K-12 purposes and you have specific questions about your impact, please seek guidance from a tax professional and/or an attorney. This document is subject to change.**

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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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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)

# Adult Volleyball Night

Competitive Pick-up Games



**Monday Nights**

excluding Federal Holidays

(August 27<sup>th</sup>-October 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**7:00-9:00 pm**

Invite your friends!

# **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:

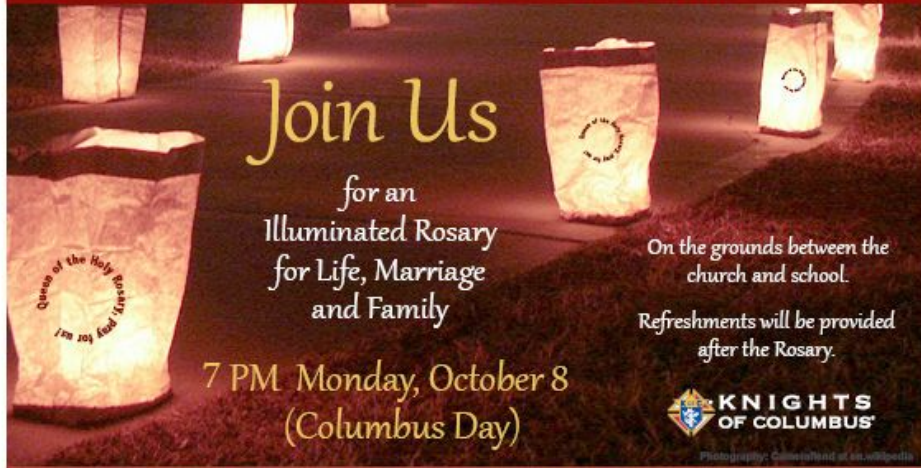
Come to the Annual Catholic College Night! Meet college admission officers and alums! Get the info you need for the important decisions ahead!



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



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.



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Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!





# SOCCER CHALLENGE

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**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>

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

# 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!

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 27, 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. Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT form
4. Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality Class OPT-IN form
5. Virginia 529 FAQ sheet

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter Sports Sign-ups
2. Voter Registration - flyer
3. Document Shredding Event - flyer
4. Catholic College Night - flyer
5. Illuminated Rosary - flyer
6. K of C Soccer Challenge - flyer
7. Parish Pig Roast - flyer
8. Adult Volleyball - flyer

Community Flyers:

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