

# From the Principal's Desk

September 6, 2018



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

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

### In the groove...

I finally feel like I can say we "are back"! The students seem to be in the flow of the school routines and as I visit classrooms there is much learning and activity going on throughout the building. After school activities are getting into full swing and as you can see from below the school, parish, and community have many announcements and opportunities to get involved in so many different events.

Thank you to those families who attended the Back to School Night presentations. A special thank you to the PTO Executive Board officers who attended each night in order to introduce themselves to you. I continue to urge all of the families to be as active as possible with the PTO events and committees. Not only are these a great way to get to know other parents in our school community but everything the PTO does has a direct impact on each of the students here.

As I mentioned in my remarks both nights, Holy Spirit School is not a "true tuition" school which means you, as parents, do not pay the full cost of what is required to educate your student and run the school building. Although the number can vary slightly from year to year, the 2017 statistics show that the cost/student was \$7,446.00. Only due to the financial investment of the parish to the school and private donations are we able to keep tuition lower than true cost and to continue to provide tuition reductions for families with multiple children. The PTO and the fundraising activities that take place over the course of the year also assist with closing the gap between charged and actual tuition costs.

I am looking forward to an exciting and busy year and hope that you will all visit

the PTO Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium. There are so many opportunities to volunteer your time and talent to our school community.

A couple of reminders:

On Friday, September 7th following our 9:00 am school Mass we will be praying the rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother's birthday. Please join us if you can (with sunny weather we will pray out on the front lawn).

The parish picnic and open house is Sunday, September 9th from 1 - 4:00 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of fun (rain or shine)!

Families new to Holy Spirit or who have new siblings with us - it is important to create your Parent Portal account (or add the new sibling). Without doing this your student will not show up in order for teachers to "roster" him/her to their class pages. If you have questions about how to do this (instructions were in the Family Packet), please contact Mrs. Laclede.

*-Maureen Ashby*  
Principal

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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

[fwhetsone@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:fwhetsone@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

"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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**Soccer Skills for Grades K-4**

# 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

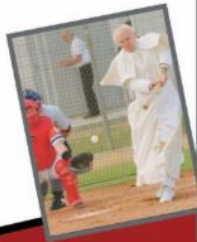
Cross  
Country

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)





# MILITIA IMMACULATA

## **What is it?**

Militia Immaculata is a prayer group using the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Monday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

The Militia of the Immaculata is a spiritual movement that was started by St. Maximilian Kolbe—the aim is to convert souls and to pray for peace in the world.

## **What do you do?**

We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some snacks and social time!

## **Who can join?**

This group is open to youth of all ages! All you need is a signed permission form and you're in!

## **Is this really as great as it sounds?!?**

Yup! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

**Mondays 3:15-4:15 in the Youth Room.**

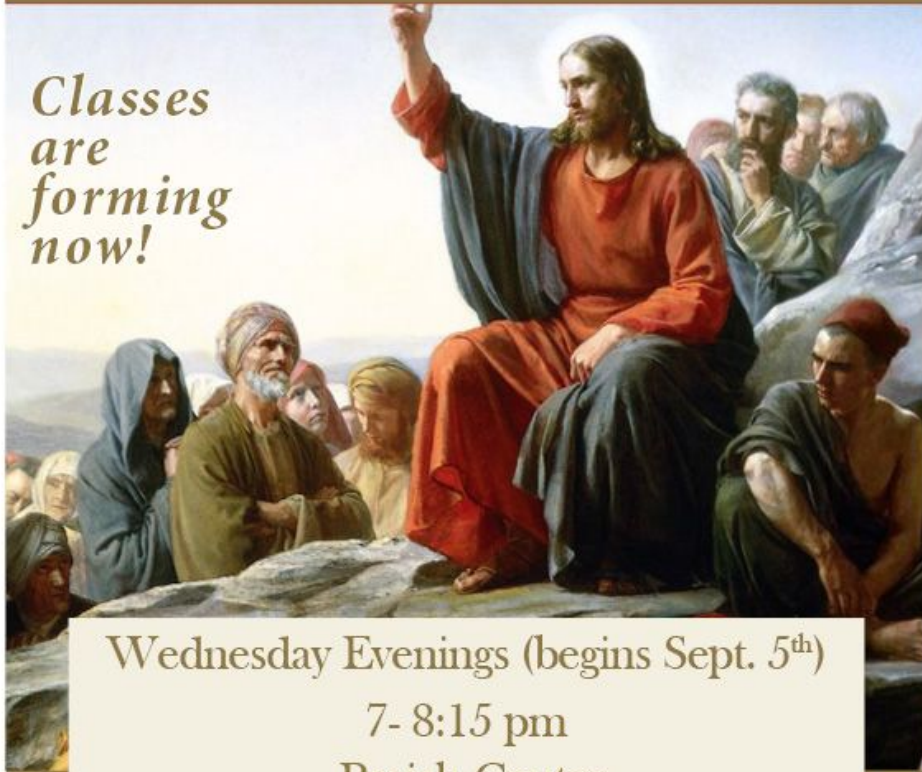
**Starts Sept. 10**

**Snacks and social time included.**

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Interested in becoming  
**Catholic**  
or learning more?

*Classes  
are  
forming  
now!*



Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)

7- 8:15 pm

Parish Center

For more information:

E-mail Deacon Nick LaDuca at [denladuca@holyspirtchurch.us](mailto:denladuca@holyspirtchurch.us)

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**Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:45 - 11:45 AM**

**INOVA Blood Donor Services  
Holy Spirit School**

**Make your lifesaving appointment today!**

**Contact:**

- **Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435** or [racecka@aol.com](mailto:racecka@aol.com)
- **Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122** or [cmcecka@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcecka@yahoo.com)

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.  
Double up! Donate on ALYX.



Rain or  
shine!

# Parish Picnic & Open House

Free!  
All Are  
Welcome

Rain or shine!

Please bring a  
dish to share:

A-R: Salads/Sides  
S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food &  
Activities Include:  
Burgers & Hot Dogs,  
Soda, Cotton Candy,  
Snow Cones,  
Moonbounce,  
Inflatable Obstacle  
Course, Face Painting,  
Scouts Obstacle  
Courses  
and more!

Side Dish Potluck



Sunday, September 9

1-4pm

Front Lawn

Don't  
forget  
your  
lawn  
chairs

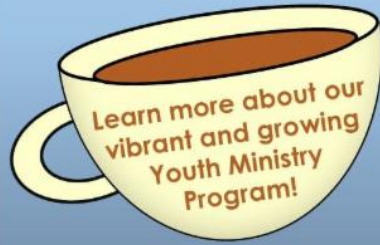
**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

Many volunteers needed, youth and adult.  
Click on the gold "Volunteer" button on the home page  
of the website: [www.holyspirtchurch.us](http://www.holyspirtchurch.us)

# Short and Sweet



The Office of Youth Ministry invites all parents with youth  
in grades 6-12 to join us for:



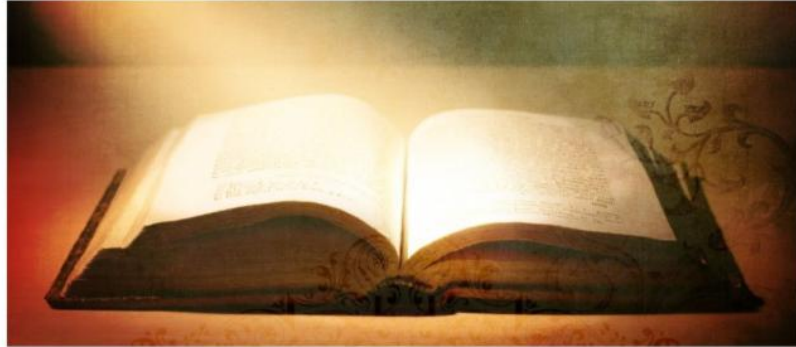
Coffee and Desserts  
Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Room  
7:30-8:30p.m.

Please RSVP to: [youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us) by Tuesday, Sept 11



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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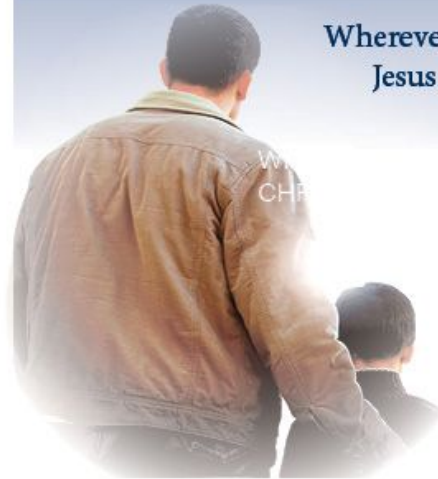
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# THAT MAN IS YOU!

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)



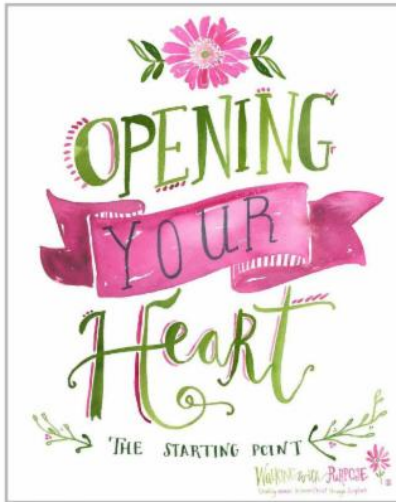
Wherever you are in your spiritual life,  
Jesus Christ wants to encounter  
you right there...

*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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# **Future Panther Night Under the Lights**

**Middle School Night  
6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and  
Families**

***Rally in the Alley***

***6:00 PM***

***&***

***Friday Night Football***

***7:00PM***

**September 14, 2018**

Free Food, Fun and T-Shirts  
Middle School Students will receive free  
entrance to the game & PVI T-Shirt

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**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**

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girl scouts  
nation's capital

Join today!

Holy Spirit Girl Scout  
Troop 55018

For all Girls Kindergarten thru 12th  
Grade

A place for young girls to gain

**Confidence** through learning new skills;

**Courage** to be a leader;

**Character** to live out their values

**Parent Information and Girl Try-It night**  
Tuesday, September 18th from 7-8pm in  
the School Cafeteria

Contact Mary Yelnicker if you are interested  
in joining!

Email: mad\_boo@hotmail.com  
Phone: 406-750-0612



go-getter • innovator • risk-taker • leader

*Come Join the Fun!*

*Adult Volunteers are needed*

Please contact Mary Yelnicker for information

Make New Friends.

Earn Cool Badges.

Take A Hike.

Visit Museums.

Catch A Fish.

Build Cars.

Roast Marshmallows.

Help People.

Discover Trails.

Get Muddy.

Build Character.

Play Fun Games.

Gain Confidence.

Laugh A Lot.

Go Camping.

Work In Teams.

Learn New Skills.

Be A Cub Scout!



# Join the Fun And Adventure!

## Cub Scout Pack 50

Scan to sign up now!



**Date:** Wed, September 12th

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Place:** Holy Spirit Parish School Mtg Rm 3 & Lawn  
8800 Braddock Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Web:** [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org) for general information

**Boys in grades K-5: bring your parents to learn about the adventure of Cub Scouts and be part of our Pack!**

Cub Scouts is a year-round family program. Our Pack has exciting events with activities that are fun for kids and the entire family.

Our Cubs learn about important life skills, personal safety and environmental stewardship. They take part in fun outdoor activities, get involved in their community, and learn to be part of a team.

### Get Hooked On Scouting This Fall!

Sign up for Scouts by October 31 this year to snag a **FREE** piece of fishing gear plus **FREE** admission to a Scout Fishing Day!

Visit [www.NCACBSA.org/HookedOnScouting](http://www.NCACBSA.org/HookedOnScouting) for more info.



### To Learn More Please Contact:

Come see what we're all about! No previous Scouting experience necessary!

Cubmaster: Bob Sweeney, 202-271-1740, [robertsweeney2@gmail.com](mailto:robertsweeney2@gmail.com) or

Kevin Kropf, 412-760-9421, [kevin.a.kropf@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.a.kropf@gmail.com)

District Executive: Ashley Felton, [ashley.felton@scouting.org](mailto:ashley.felton@scouting.org)

These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the superintendent, this school, or the Board of Education.

# Why should your son join Boy Scout Troop 50?



- ▶ He's between **11 and 17 years old**.
- ▶ He's interested in **hiking, bicycling, knives (and knife safety), first aid, backpacking, swimming, high adventure camping, fire (and fire safety), rifle-shooting (and gun safety), making friends, cooking, hanging out with other guys**, and generally having "fun with a purpose"- one of the goals of Boy Scouting.
- ▶ He's interested in finding out how he can **help others** through ongoing projects for our parish and community.
- ▶ He's interested in learning how to be a **strong leader, a good citizen, a man of character**— with the help of trained adult leaders but primarily through *scouts teaching other scouts*.
- ▶ He's ready to find out more at our first meeting of the school year: **Monday, September 10, 7:15-9:00 pm, Meeting Room 3 of Holy Spirit School**. For more information, contact Scoutmaster R.J. Levin (rlevinjr@aol.com, 202-999-2833) or Committee Chair Regina FitzSimmons (regina\_fitzsimmmons@yahoo.com, 703-978-0982).

*During the 25+ years that Troop 50 has been in existence, it has organized and executed innumerable service projects for local public and private schools, neighborhood parks, homeless shelters, food pantries, Holy Spirit Parish and other parishes, as well as other local ministries, and produced more than 130 Eagle scouts.*

Eagle Scout Project at Oakwood School



Eagle Scout Project: Computer Recycling



Eagle Scout Projects on parish grounds



*Troop 50 offers a Catholic scouting program approved by our pastor and sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish. We emphasize opportunities to grow physically and emotionally, learn to be good citizens and leaders, learn about their faith and earn religious emblems, and serve the community.*



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 6, 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

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Open House and Picnic
2. CYO Sports Sign-ups
3. RCIA classes flyer
4. Parish Blood Drive flyer
5. This Man is You flyer
6. Bible Study - Psalms - flyer
7. Walking with a Purpose - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. PVI Middle School Night flyer
  2. Porto Charities Golf Tournament flyer
  3. Porto Charities Golf Tournament sign-up
  4. Girl Scouts information flyer
  5. Cub Scouts information flyer
  6. Boy Scouts information flyer
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