

From the Principal's Desk

September 17, 2015



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Parish Picnic Fun!

What a glorious day we had for the annual parish picnic. It was wonderful to see so many of our families participating in all of the activities.

My inaugural "splash" into the dunk tank was certainly an adventure. Thank you to everyone who helped support this good-natured fun, and who donated to the Tuition Assistance Fund for the school. We modestly raised over \$400.00 - which at \$0.25 an opportunity is a lot of throwing!

Please remember that drop-off in the morning does not begin until 7:45 am. There are no teachers on duty until this time. In the interest of student safety, if students are dropped off early they will be signed into Morning Care and charges will accrue.

The first day of band for this school year is set for Wednesday, September 23rd. As you come through the carpool line, please know that it may take students a bit longer to get instruments out

of the car along with everything else. Thank you in advance for your patience.

It is difficult to believe that we are almost mid-quarter. Interim grades for the 1st quarter are dated for October 2nd.

Many of the after school clubs and activities have gotten started. Please remember to check the time that the particular activity ends and what the pick-up expectations are. Students will be signed in to Extended Day if parents are late in arriving.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



October Lunch Menu

Attached is the link for the [October lunch menu](#). Please remember that although you may send one check to pay for multiple children in the same family, you need to send individual copies of the menu for each child.

The menus may also be found on the website. Under the *Current Families* tab, click on "Lunch Menu" to find the most recent.

**Friday, September 25th
11:30 Dismissal
Extended Day Open**

Please remember that Friday, September 25th is an early dismissal day for all students. This is a diocesan mandated professional development day for teachers.

Thank you!



**Holy Spirit School
Book of Prayer Intentions**

We have begun a Book of Prayer Intentions for our school community. This book is kept in the school chapel.

The needs contained within the book are remembered and prayed for by the children each morning during our whole school prayer time, and the intentions as a whole are referenced at each of the school's Friday Masses.

All are invited to stop by and add your prayer intentions. The book will also be available on Friday mornings in the vestibule of the church.



Pope Francis is coming!

The Diocese of Arlington has created a special [web page](#) for the papal visit with information about the various papal events as well as resources from Bishop Loverde and the diocese. Notable is a diocesan campaign (#FrancisontheFamily) highlighting the Holy Father's ongoing catechesis on the joys and challenges of family life.

The USCCB also has a designated [web page](#) for the visit, and don't miss Bishop Loverde's Arlington Catholic Herald [column on welcoming the Holy Father](#).

Welcome, Pope Francis!



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 17, 2015" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [Box Tops for Education Flyer](#)
2. [Box Tops for Education Collection Sheet](#)
3. [October Lunch Menu](#)
4. [Flyer - 7th & 8th Grade Dance at St. Bernadette School](#)
5. [7th & 8th Grade Dance Emergency Contact Form](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Holy Spirit - CYO Sports](#)

2. [Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge](#)

Community Flyers:
