

From the Principal's Desk

October 1, 2015



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Can you believe it is October?

It is difficult to believe that we are half-way through the first quarter of the school year. A reminder that interim grades will be posted to the parent portal for grades 3-8 on Friday, October 2nd.

Students who receive a 75% or below will be receiving a hard copy interim; the envelope in which that is sent home needs to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned on Monday, October 5th.

A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have been coming in for skating this week. This is a such a wonderful program for the children teaching them balance and working on gross motor skills which can last a lifetime.

Thank you also to all of the parents who have been in thus far to assist with playground duty. It goes without saying that active participation and observation is so very important to keeping the children safe. Sometimes active imaginations on the part of children can lead to unintended, serious injury. It is very important for parents to not be on their cellphones during recess duty and to really know that you should intervene when you witness unsafe behavior.

As mentioned in the emails I sent earlier in the week, the Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity Program lessons will be taught in grades 1-8 during the week of October 19th. Information regarding this program may be found on the school website under the *Current Families* tab and then under Formation in Christian Chastity. This is an **opt-out** program. If you wish to not have your child participate, you must complete the opt-out form located in the school flyers section below.

Additionally, the middle school students have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan approved Human Growth and Sexuality classes which begin on Thursday, October 15th. This is an **opt-in** program. If you wish to have your child participate, you must complete the opt-in form located in the school flyers section below and return by October 8th. There is an information meeting for parents regarding the program on Monday, October 5th at 7:00pm in the school library.

Holy Spirit School is blessed to have such an active family community. Thank you for all that you do!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



We love our parent volunteers!

We love and rely on all of our parent volunteers and have so

many great opportunities for you to be a part of your child's educational journey here at the school.

Please remember in order to volunteer for school events (other than required recess duty) you must be Child Protection Compliant.

In order to be fully compliant you must complete and submit a Background Check Packet to the parish Child Protection Coordinator (Mrs. Lambie Renner). Additionally, you must attend a Virtus seminar entitled "Protecting God's Children for Adults." You may contact the school's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Lisa Laclede to obtain the paperwork packet.

Thank you!



COMING SOON!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

November 1st-November 6th

KICK OFF - SUNDAY November 1st 10AM-2PM
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-3:30PM
OPEN TUESDAY EVENING UNTIL -7:00PM
Friday 8-11:30AM
SHOP ONLINE Nov. 1st-Nov. 16th

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

PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY -TO
VOLUNTEER

Contact
Victoria Chavez-703-978-5471



Roller Skating continues the week of October 5
- October 9th

If your children would like to bring their own safety equipment they may.

Students without equipment will be provided everything that they need (helmet, wrist guards, knee pads, elbow pads).

Thank you!



Support the Band! Purchase Innisbrook Items

Holy Spirit Band Kings Dominion Music Festival

The Holy Spirit Advanced Band participates in a Music Festival each year. This year the Music Festival will be held on April 29 at Kings Dominion at the Kings Dominion Music Theater. We are running a fundraiser with Innisbrook products to help defer the cost of the trip for the students. We are hoping that families that do not have children in the Band would help in our fundraising efforts and support our band.

Please go to the website and take a look. They have something for everyone. They have gift wrap, tissue paper, gift bags, bows, gourmet food and chocolates, magazines and books and assorted gifts.

<http://www.innisbrook.com/user/118602>

If you make a purchase on the website, we will get 40% of the profit from the sale. The items that you purchase will be shipped directly to you. If you know a student that is in Band, the profit from your purchase can be directed to them. At checkout on the webpage, you can enter the student's name. Otherwise the profits will go to a general band fund.

If you have any questions, please contact our Band Mom -
Gina.kinney13@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support!



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 24, 2015" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [October Lunch Menu](#)
2. [Grades 1-8 Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form](#)
3. [Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality Class Opt-In Form](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Holy Spirit Squire Roses](#)
2. [Holy Spirit Parish Pig Roast \(Part I\)](#)
3. [Holy Spirit Parish Pig Roast \(Part II\)](#)
4. [Holy Spirit - CYO Sports](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [International Cultural Festival](#)
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