

From the Principal's Desk

October 8, 2015



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New Chromebooks! Thank you PTO!



Through the generosity of the PTO and the awesome past fundraising that has been done, Holy Spirit was able to bring in 100 new Chromebooks for student use.

With settings ready to go, "holyspiritflames.org" accounts were rolled out to the fourth through eighth graders this week. Each student has his/her own account through which he/she will be able to work within the Google suite of tools and create documents stored in their "Drive". This technology will allow students to forego flashdrives as they will save their work to "The Cloud". All accounts are accessible from home via any web browser (simply go to www.gmail.com).

Parents should note that these are not email accounts. Although students have the capability to communicate with one another via shared documents, they have been told that this is not intended as

a method simply of communication and that this account is to be used solely for the educational purposes outlined by their teachers. I encourage all parents to ask students for their password, so that you may have access to the account.

A reminder that forms opting your student **out** of the Formation in Christian Chastity program (grades 1-8) or opting your student **into** the Human Growth & Sexuality classes (grades 6-8) are due as these programs will begin soon. The forms may be found in the Family Folder Flyers section below.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Winter Uniform Begins Tuesday, October 13th

All students should be dressed in the proper winter uniform beginning Tuesday, October 13th.

Please note that only the Holy Spirit School fleece may be worn during school hours when students are inside. Non-uniform sweaters and/or sweatshirts are not permitted.

WINTER UNIFORM

Grades K-5

Boys

- Long or short sleeved navy polo with Holy Spirit logo
- Gray pants from Flynn and O'Hara
- Optional: Long sleeve, half zip maroon polar fleece, or sleeveless, full zip maroon polar fleece with logo
- Gray dress socks
- Black or brown belt

- Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

Girls

- Long or short sleeved navy polo with Holy Spirit logo with gray slacks
- OR plaid drop waist, solid front jumper with white peter pan collared short or long sleeved shirt. (The peter pan blouse may only be worn with the jumper - and the polo only with the slacks)
- Optional: Long sleeve, half zip maroon polar fleece, or sleeveless, full zip maroon polar fleece with logo.
- Maroon 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
- Gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- Optional: Long sleeve, half zip maroon polar fleece, or sleeveless, full zip maroon polar fleece with logo.
- 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
- Plaid skirt(4 kick pleated or wrap around kilt) or gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- Optional: Long sleeve, half zip maroon polar fleece, or sleeveless, full zip maroon polar fleece with logo
- Maroon socks: ankle, knee or tights
- Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

Winter Gym Uniform (worn to school on gym days)

- Gray T shirt with logo
- Gray sweat shirt with logo
- Gray sweat pants with logo (red uniform gym shorts may be worn underneath)
- White ankle sport socks
- Non marking tennis shoes

Thank you!



St. Francis

Blessing of Pets

This Saturday, October 9th, at 10:00 am, Father Carroll will be performing the blessing of pets in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessing with the relic of St. Francis will take place in the grass area between the school and the church. Please make sure your pet/pets are on a leash or in a cage.

Thanks!



Middle School Field Trip Tuesday, October 13th

A special reminder regarding the middle school field trip. Students must be at school at 6:15 am as the buses will leave promptly at 6:30 am.

The expected return time is 4:30 pm.

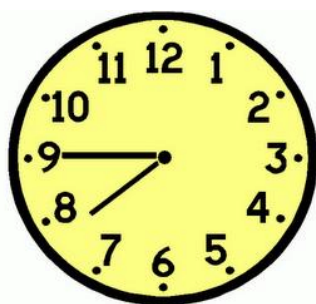
Please be sure that students are dressed in their winter P.E. uniform apparel. Students will be outside a majority of the day so keep that in mind when looking at the weather.

Students should be sure to have a jacket/rain slicker if necessary.

A reminder that no electronics are allowed and no money is necessary.

Students must have a brown bag lunch including disposable drink.

Thank you!



Morning Drop-off

A reminder that morning drop-off begins at 7:45 am. Please note that the school bell will ring when the school clocks reach 7:45 am. There is no teacher supervision for students dropped off prior to 7:45 am.

Thank you.



Ton of Love Food Drive

**Wednesday October 21 through Wednesday
October 28**

Once again, Holy Spirit is having its annual food drive. This year, we will be donating to Catholic Charities. Due to increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

- * Pre-K: canned meats (corned beef, spam)
- * Kindergarten: peanut butter
- * 1st grade: jelly
- * 2nd grade: tuna
- * 3rd grade: canned vegetables (corn, green beans)
- * 4th grade: individual fruit cups
- * 5th grade: cereal (large boxes)
- * 6th grade: pasta
- * 7th grade: instant potatoes
- * 8th grade: macaroni & cheese kits

Our goal is to collect 2015 items. Let's show our Holy Spirit School "Spirit" by reaching our goal! Donations will be accepted until the morning of the 28th of October.

Sponsored by Holy Spirit School Student Council



October 26th - October 29th

Holy Spirit's annual Spirit Week is right around the corner! The Student Council has a whole-lot of fun and excitement planned.



Monday, October 26th: Superhero/Disney Day- Dress as your favorite superhero or Disney character! Be as creative as you would like. No weapons allowed.



Tuesday, October 27th: Fun Run - The PTO is sponsoring a fun run! Students must wear PE uniforms, but may wear fun accessories!!



Wednesday, October 28th: Ton of Love Food Drive Ends - all donations must be received by Wednesday morning before pick up by Catholic Charities.



Thursday, October 29th: Turkey Shoot and Pep Rally - Students may dress down in spirit wear and/or school colors (red and black) to show their school spirit. Money raised from the Turkey Shoot will benefit the Migration and Refugees Office of Catholic Charities.



Friday, October 30th: No School! Teacher Professional Development Day

Flyers may be found in the Family Folders Flyer section.



November Lunch Calendar

The November lunch calendar is now available. Please see the link below in the Family Folder Flyers section or under the *Current Families* tab on the school website click on Lunch Menu.



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



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.

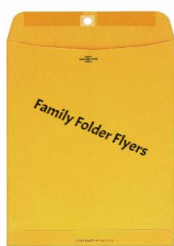
<http://www.innisbrook.com/user/118602>

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 "October 8, 2015" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [November Lunch Menu](#)
2. [Ton of Love Food Drive](#)
3. [Spirit Week](#)
4. [Turkey Shoot](#)
5. [Grades 1-8 Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form](#)
6. [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. [Bishop O'Connell 8th Grade Dance](#)
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