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From the Principal's Desk

December 3, 2015



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Annual Giving Mass

Tomorrow, Friday, December 4th is our annual Giving Mass in connection with our Toys for Tots drive. The children will carry their contributions to the church prior to Mass and the toys will be received by several members of the Marine Corps. It truly is a beautiful sight and I invite and welcome you to attend if you are able.

We set a lofty goal of providing 600 toys to this worthy organization (a number we have reached in past campaigns). A final grand push is needed as we have just passed the half way point. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, I encourage you to do so.

On Monday of this week, we began our journey into the Advent season with a prayer service led by the 5th grade classes. The children did a wonderful job

and I thank the readers, greeters, and choir members for the gift of their talents.

When you have a chance over the next couple of weeks, please stop in and see the ornaments the children are making for the Jesse Trees in the front entryway. Each morning we have a special reading to help explain the symbol/ornament of the day.

On Tuesday, December 8th we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and invite you to join us for the 9:00am Mass.

The excitement of the buildup to the Christmas programs is palpable in the school! The children sound wonderful and I eagerly anticipate three outstanding performances. Please be sure to be a part of each of the Christmas performances:

Band Concert: December 9, 7:00 pm
K-4 Christmas Concert: December 15, 7:00 pm
5th Grade Pageant: December 17, 2:00 pm

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II
Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*



Holy Spirit School Gift Mass

benefiting Toys for Tots

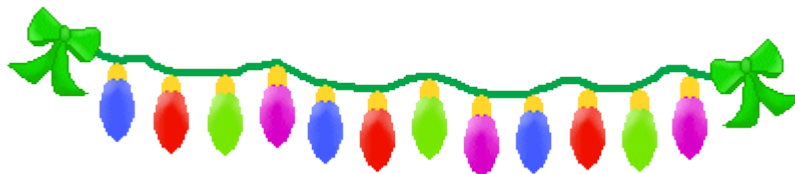
Friday, December 4, 2015
9:00a.m. School Mass

Students will present at mass new unwrapped age-appropriate toys.

We need everyone's help to reach our goal of 600 toys!

Please help support the goal of Toys for Tots to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

All donations will be forwarded to the Quantico division of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation which services disadvantaged children in the Virginia counties of Arlington, Caroline, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, King George, Orange, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, and Stafford.



Costume Sheet for the Christmas Concert
Three Wee Kings
Grades K-3

The Christmas Concert is on December 15th

Students should come to school on 12/15 in their Christmas Concert Costumes for the dress rehearsal.

They should return that evening at 6:30 pm to their home rooms. The concert starts in the gym at 7:00 pm.

Kindergarten- "Lions"

The Kindergarteners will wear a yellow/golden shirt with black/brown pants. They will be provided with lion manes that will fill them with pride.

1st Grade- "Lambs"

The 1st graders will wear their gym sweats inside out to give them that wooly look. They will be provided with lamb ears so they will not feel sheepish.

2nd Grade- "Stars"

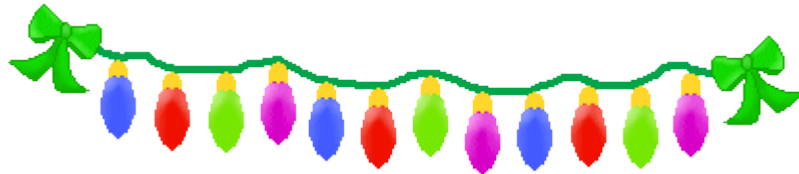
The 2nd graders will wear dark blue shirts and black pants to represent the night sky. They will be provided with star hats to help them shine.

3rd Grade- "Camels"

The 3rd graders will wear a brown shirt with black/brown pants. They will be provided with camel hats to get them over the hump.
Parent Volunteer Opportunities!

Combined Rehearsal Monitors

The combined rehearsals will take place the two weeks before the week of the concert, December 1st - 5th and December 8th - 12th. Come help keep our little stars in line! Times for grade levels will vary.



If you have any costume questions, or you're a parent who would like to earn some hours by volunteering, contact Mrs. Gullickson, lgullickson@holyspiritflames.org
Thank you so much for helping make this year's Christmas Concert a great memory you and your child!
In Christ, Mrs. Lisa Gullickson

*This announcement may also be found in the Family Folder flyer section at the bottom of the page.



January Lunch Calendar

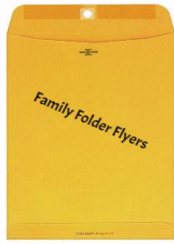
The January lunch calendar is now available. Please see the link below in the Family Folder Flyers section or under the Current Families tab on the school website click on Lunch Menu.



Respect for Life Club Coat Drive

The coat drive has been a huge success thus far with over 100 coats having been donated. Thank you for your generosity!

The drive will continue until February.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 3, 2015" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [Wee Three Kings Costume Call - Grades K-3](#)
2. [Toys for Tots flyer](#)
3. [January Lunch Menu](#)
4. [Home & School Connection - December](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Breakfast with Santa](#)
2. [First Friday Dinner and Holy Hour](#)
3. [New Year's Eve Family Event](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Arlington Diocese Job Fair flyer](#)
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