

# From the Principal's Desk

January 21, 2016



## Quick Links

[School Site](#)

[School Calendar](#)



## A Snowy Weekend

If the weather forecast holds true, I hope everyone has a safe and uneventful weekend. Stay warm!

A reminder to please consistently check for school closures via the media and/or the Fairfax County Public School website ([www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu)).

The Parent Portal will close tomorrow morning, Friday, January 22nd as scheduled. The 2nd quarter ends on Friday, January 29th. If your student still owes work to his/her teachers, it is important that it be completed now.

Re-registration for the 2016/2017 school year has begun. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance should follow the directions provided in the registration packet; information is also available on the school website. Registration for new families will open on Thursday, February 4th. We have been blessed with rising enrollment numbers for the past two years with several classes being at or close to capacity. Please do not wait to register either your currently enrolled children or siblings who will be new to the school.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with our Catholic Schools Week service project. Please see the schedule of events below and access the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer.

I ask that you please keep the participants in the March for Life in your prayers; may they be safe and may their dedication and evangelism

reach the hearts and minds of many.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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

---



**Important!  
Calendar Change  
Friday, January 22nd - NO SCHOOL**

Please note that Friday, January 22nd Holy Spirit School will be closed.

Holy Spirit Parish is hosting multiple large groups from across the country who are coming for the March for Life event. Due to the number of people who will be staying overnight, being fed and generally coming in and out of the building beginning Thursday evening it is felt that it is prudent to close school for our students this day. We have obtained permission from the Office of Catholic Schools for this change to our schedule. This particular change will not have an impact on our end of year closing date.

I would encourage families to attend this event, if possible.

---



## Catholic Schools Week 2016

### Schedule of Events

#### **Sunday, January 31**

- 9:00 Parish Mass
  - Please join us in celebrating Mass with the Holy Spirit parish community. Students are encouraged to show their school pride by wearing their uniform.
  - Open House for prospective families from 1:00 - 2:30pm in the school.

#### **Monday, February 1**

- "Parent Appreciation Day"
  - Look for your parent "thank you" in the morning carpool line.
  - Prayer Service - 8:30am

#### **Tuesday, February 2**

- "Service Day"
  - Students with their "buddy class" will participate in a service project throughout the day.
    - Students will put together Power Packs for Food for Others. Parent volunteers are needed for organizing and helping students pack the food. If interested please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30eof4fafad2ca75-catholic>

#### **Wednesday, February 3**

- "Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day
  - This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).

- "Student Appreciation" Day
  - Dress-down day
  - All school movie/popcorn in the afternoon

#### **Thursday, February 4**

- Registration for New Families

#### **Friday, February 5**

- "Clergy Appreciation Day"
    - 9:00am School Mass
    - Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Peter, Father Carroll and Deacon LaDuca do within the school and parish community, but also the efforts of those involved with the parish Religious Education office and youth ministry.
- 

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY!

**February 19th  
is  
GRANDPARENT'S DAY at Holy Spirit School!**

**9:00 AM Mass followed by classroom visits**

Students come to school at the normal time. Grandparents join them for 9:00 AM Mass. Grandparents meet grandchildren in the school between 8:30 and 8:45AM for the walk to church. After mass, Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren in the classrooms for refreshments and some enjoyable activities.

Students without Grandparents available are encouraged to 'adopt' a grandparent for the morning. This could be a friend or neighbor. Please send us a note if such an arrangement is being made

---



## It's Recorder Time!!

It is recorder time for those in **3rd Grade and 4th Grade**. All students will need to bring their soprano recorders to music class starting in the 3rd Quarter!

The first day of recorder will be:

**Crone and Locke: Tuesday, February 2nd**

**Lencz - Monday, February 1st**

**Virusky - Tuesday, February 2nd**

Along with the recorder, your child will need a two pocket folder for their music packet.

Students need to bring their recorder and packet to every music class in the third quarter. Recorder attendance and

class preparedness will be reflected their music grade.

[Click here for 3rd Grade Flyer and Information on Purchasing Recorder](#)

[Click here for 4th Grade Flyer and Information on Purchasing Recorder](#)

---



## **Holy Spirit Flames are knocking hearts!**

Dear Holy Spirit Parents and Students,

We earned over \$2,900 collecting Box Tops during the 2014-2015 school year. Together, let's try to earn \$3,000 this year!

Our Winter Drive will run until the Tuesday after Valentine's Day: February 16th. You will find a collection sheet as a separate document on the school website. Print out as many as you wish!

Or, use an ordinary piece of paper - just make sure your sheet contains student/teacher name and 25 Box Tops per page. Attach Box Tops to collection sheets using tape or glue; NO staples please! Expired Box Tops coupons DO NOT COUNT.

Each sheet holds 25 Box Tops. Partially filled sheets are accepted! If you have Bonus Box Tops that are worth more, please submit those in a Ziploc baggie or an envelope labeled with your student's name and teacher.

Rules: The class, per grade, that gathers the most Box Tops (average per student) by the deadline of Tuesday, February 16th will earn a Dress Down Day! The winning Pre-K class will be awarded an ice cream party.

**[CLICK HERE FOR A COLLECTION SHEET!](#)**



---



**JOIN US!**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

If you would like to volunteer to help out,  
please [click here](#).



Have a movie suggestion? Send it in through your homeroom teacher.

---

**5K and 1K Fun Run  
Saturday, May 21, 2016  
Burke Lake Park**

**There is still time to submit your t-shirt design!**



## Holy Spirit School 2016 Spirit Run T-Shirt Design Contest

Show your creativity and school spirit by designing the T-shirt for our Holy Spirit School 5K Spirit Run on May 21st!

Winner's design will be featured on the Holy Spirit School Spirit Run T-Shirt and be part of Holy Spirit Run 5K history. You will also receive one free registration for the run.

### Guidelines:

- Design must incorporate this year's theme "We Are One In The Spirit!"
- Your design can only contain 2 different colors.
- Please submit your design on 8 1/2" x 11 paper to front office.
- Include your name and grade on the back of design.
- Deadline for submission is by the end of the school day on Friday, January 29th and will be announced during Catholic Schools week.
- All Holy Spirit School students are welcome to submit a design.

## GO FLAMES!

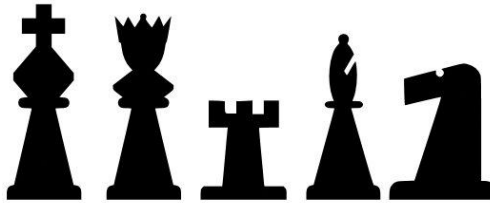
Any questions? See Miss Bidinger or Mrs. Gibbons

To register your family to run or to sponsor the race, visit our webpage by [CLICKING HERE](#) or visiting:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpiritRun5K>

[Click Here for Sponsor Letter Information](#)

---



## Chess Club Winter Session

Sign-ups for the winter session of Chess Club have begun.  
[Please click here for more information.](#)

---



## February Lunch Calendar

Please find the February lunch calendar in the "Family Folder Flyers" section below.

---

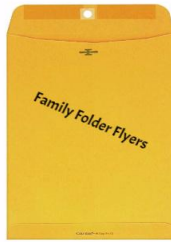


## Respect for Life Club Coat Drive

We are reaching the end of the Coat Drive. If you have any last minute donations we will be collecting until January 29th.

A huge thank you for all of your generosity!

---



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January 21, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

### School Flyers:

1. [Chess Club - Winter Session Sign-up](#)
2. [February Lunch Calendar](#)
3. [7th & 8th Grades Dance at St. Ambrose School flyer](#)
4. [7th & 8th Grades Dance at St. Ambrose School permission form](#)
5. [Winter Box Tops Flyer](#)
6. [Winter Box Tops Collection Sheet](#)

### 5K Information:

1. [Sponsor Letter Information](#)

### Parish Flyers:

### Community Flyers:

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

[Forward this email](#)



This email was sent to by [mashby@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:mashby@holyspiritflames.org) | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Rapid removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [About our service provider.](#)



Holy Spirit PTO | 8800 Braddock Rd. | Annandale | VA | 22003