

From the Principal's Desk

January 28, 2016



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Looking Forward to Being Back in School & Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Well, Spring cannot come too soon...

I am so looking forward to the children being back in the school and for us to have the opportunity this coming week to celebrate together all that makes us special and unique. I am thankful everyday to be a part of the Holy Spirit community - the faith and beauty and fun that are intrinsic to who we are is unmatched.

The original due date for re-registration materials to be returned was tomorrow - obviously not a realistic target now. I would ask that you please return everything on Monday, February 1st as the new family registration will take place as scheduled. Families interested in applying for tuition assistance should follow the directions provided in the registration packet; information is also available on the school website.

As I have mentioned, we have been blessed with an increase in enrollment 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.

On the front page of the website is a tab for the 5K Race. If you have not had the opportunity to sign-up for the run, I would encourage you to do so while it is fresh in your mind. Please also consider a personal or

corporate sponsorship. This race is yet another way for us to show support for all of our students and to continue to provide a Catholic education to all who truly desire one.

Please also remember to print a collection sheet and send in those Box Tops! This is such a simple way for the school to earn additional dollars.

Here's to a "regular" day on Monday!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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



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



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!](#)



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

There is still time to submit your t-shirt design!
Design deadline extended to Wednesday,
February 3rd.



The poster features a flame icon in the top left corner. The title "Holy Spirit School 2016 Spirit Run" is written in a red, slanted, serif font, with "T-Shirt Design Contest" in a similar but larger font below it. The main text is in a black serif font, detailing the contest rules and guidelines. At the bottom, "GO FLAMES!" is written in a red, slanted, serif font, and a small line of text provides contact information for questions.

**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](https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpiritRun5K) or visiting:

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

[Click Here for Sponsor Letter Information](#)



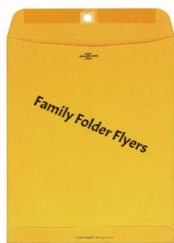
Chess Club Winter Session

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.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January"

28, 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. [Winter Box Tops Flyer](#)
4. [Winter Box Tops Collection Sheet](#)

5K Information:

1. [Sponsor Letter Information](#)

Parish Flyers:

Community Flyers:

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