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Dear Holy Spirit School Family,

The resource program at Holy Spirit school has been committed to supporting students with mild to moderate disabilities as well as students who need organizational or academic support for many years. Beginning in the fall of 2015, we expanded our resource program and welcomed students with Intellectual Disabilities and other more significant needs into our classrooms. This school year, 2016, we were able to continue to increase our expanded resource program with an addition of four new students. These students are in the classrooms with their peers where they are learning side by side. This inclusive environment benefits the students, the teachers, the staff, and the entire Holy Spirit School community.

This growth was made possible through the generous support of organizations like Porto Charities, Inc. and the Knights of Columbus Kovar and the funds raised through our 5K Spirit Run last year. Those funds were utilized to hire a part time reading specialist to the resource support team and to purchase technology dedicated to the needs of our students.

Holy Spirit School will be hosting another **5K Spirit Run on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Burke Lake** to again raise funds and build community spirit. Despite the wet weather, last year's race was a great event. It created a wonderful opportunity for the parish community and the school community to come together as one. Our theme for this year is "Building the Future through Faith and Family." With your help, we would like to "build" on the efforts of last year to ensure that this year's 5K is an even greater success. Listed below are several opportunities to show your support for our school.

- **Create.** Encourage your children to enter the T-shirt design contest. The winner's design will be featured on the official race T-Shirts, and the winner will receive one free race registration.
- **Participate.** Enter the race! Invite your families, friends, and neighbors to register. We encourage individuals, groups, families to walk or run.
- **Volunteer.** Volunteers are needed to prepare and distribute registration packets and to assist at various stations on race day. (Earn volunteer hours on a Saturday.)
- **Sponsor.** If you or someone you know has a business and would like to sponsor this race, we offer sponsorships at different levels. Please contact one of the race coordinators for additional information.

Registration details coming soon!

Thank you. Go Flames!

Sincerely,

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