

# From the Principal's Desk

April 19, 2018



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**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts***  
**2017 / 2018**  
**"Respect and Responsibility in Action"**

**Peter Pan was a smashing success!**





Congratulations to the middle school students on their wonderful performance of *Peter Pan* last week. The musical production is the culmination of the work done over the course of the 3rd quarter. The students in Art class design and make the props and costumes; students in Technology class design the playbill and cast t-shirts, and act as ushers and stagehands for the performance; students in Music and P.E. are the main cast and chorus. The 6th grade Chorus Elective students add their voices to the ensemble numbers.

Obviously none of this can be done without all of the time and tremendous effort of the teachers: Mr. Toussaint, Ms. Gregas, Mrs. Liss, and Mr. Pietuska. A special shoutout to Mrs. Wisneski for assisting with the choreography.

### **Congratulations to the Diocesan Science Fair Team!**

Congratulation to the ten students representing Holy Spirit at the Diocesan Science Fair. The combined team score earned the team an overall 2nd place finish.

Individual commendations were awarded to the following students:

Aidan F. - 2nd place - Behavioral and Social Sciences  
 Sarah T. - Honorable Mention - Biochemistry  
 Calvin P. - 1st Place - Medicine and Health  
 Christina S. - 3rd Place - Medicine and Health  
 Anna B. - 3rd Place - Physics  
 Danica F. - Honorable Mention - Physics

Calvin P. also received the Medicine & Health Award donated by Chi Young, M.D.

Danica F. also received a special prize recognition from Dr. Bill Kilpatrick of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Thank you to Mrs. Cogliano for her superb mentoring of and direction to the students.

3rd quarter report cards will go home tomorrow, Friday, April 20th. Along with the report card will be a current accounting of each family's PSSC hours.

Questions? Contact your PSSC Coordinator.

The 5th and 8th graders will be taking the ACRE religion assessment next week on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27. Please be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher on specifics for times.

If you have not yet purchased your tickets for the PTO Talent Showcase, now is the time! The forms can be found below and the deadline is tomorrow, April 20th. Everyone, even performers, must purchase a ticket. This assists in covering the cost of the food, DJ, etc. This is not a fundraiser for the PTO and the ticket costs simply allow the event to "break even".

Our Mother's Day Mass is right around the corner; please be certain to see the information below.

Friday, May 11th will be an early dismissal day (Extended Day is open). On that day the faculty will be participating in an "In-SERVICE" by volunteering our time at the Ronald McDonald House at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. We are beginning a charitable collection sponsored by the Student Council in connection with that day and will kick-off the drive with a tie-dye dress down day. Please see the information below.

Thank you to each of our families for being a part of all that we do here at Holy Spirit!

**-Maureen Ashby**  
Principal

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## **A Play on Words**

By: Laura Thieman

*"You can learn more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."*

I completely agree with this quote by Plato, but wouldn't it be wonderful if our children responded to words the same way we adults do? If they could listen more when we say, "Listen", if they could calm down more when we say, "Calm down", if they could respond in all the ways we hope they would... But it is *play*, not words, that is the first and most natural language of the child. One of my favorite questions to ask parents is, "When do you feel most connected to your child? Most in sync?"

Even a few shared moments of delight, laughter, silliness, and joyful connection with our children-taking that pause right in the midst of the hectic pace of Northern Virginia life-fill our children's love tanks! There is a

beautiful passage from Zephaniah, Chapter 3 which says, "He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you..." God does not rejoice over us because we get an A in math or are the star player on a travel team. He rejoices over us because of his unconditional love! Honoring our children's playful personalities is one way we can join in God's own delighting in the gift of our children first and foremost for *who they are*-not what they achieve.

Safeguarding unstructured time *without technology* is a critical component of both brain development and academic achievement. It is astounding how children spontaneously and naturally develop life skills through play that they naturally transfer into the classroom. Remember freeze dance? Marco Polo? Jumping in the leaf pile, creating forts, climbing trees and playing tag? Playing make believe, building towers, creating dirt pots with mud? Through these experiences and countless others, children learn to take initiative, regulate their emotions, maintain emotional and physical self-control, solve conflict, build relationships, experiment with new ways to navigate a challenge, and persevere despite obstacles. And they do all this during playful moments without us adults having to take the lead!

Over the years, a few cars have stopped in front of our house and one person knocked on the door to express concern. "Did you know there are children up in your tree?" And then with a look of alarm, they pointed up at the tree. I smiled, thanked them and said, "Yes! Isn't it awesome?"

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*PLEASE JOIN US!*



**Holy Spirit School  
Mother's Day Mass**

**May 4, 2018  
9:00am**

Light refreshments will be served after mass in your children's classrooms.

Students are welcome to come to school at normal time or directly to mass with their Moms.

If Moms are unable to come then Grandmas, aunts, or friends are welcome to stand in for you.

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## **Teachers In-SERVICE!**

**LET'S KICK OFF THE RONALD MCDONALD  
HOUSE DONATION DRIVE WITH A DRESS  
DOWN TIE DYE DAY!!**

**WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>**

**WHAT: WEAR YOUR BEST TIE DYE  
HEAD TO TOE!**



# Donation Drive

April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 11<sup>th</sup>

*Sponsored by Holy Spirit Student Council*

Holy Spirit is partnering with the Ronald McDonald Charities® of Greater Washington, DC to provide the RMHCDC families with food and supplies. Any and every donation is greatly appreciated by Holy Spirit and the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Greater Washington, DC.

## Food and Supply List by Grade Level:

### Pre-K:

- Dryer Sheets and Hand Soap

### Kindergarten:

- Cereal and Anti-Bacterial Wipes

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

- Plastic Wrap and Foil

### 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

- Travel Size Toiletries
  - (ALL TRAVEL SIZE): Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Tissues, Deodorant, Shampoo/conditioner, etc.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Individual Wrapped Snacks (Cookies)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Individual Wrapped Snacks (Chips) and Breakfast/Cereal Bars

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Individual Wrapped Snacks (Chips and Cookies)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Paper Towels and Zipper Storage Bags (Quart and Gallon Size)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Paper Towels and PB+J (Smooth/Chunky and Grape/Strawberry)

Please bring items in a plastic/paper bag and teachers will hold items in homerooms until May 11<sup>th</sup> for collection.

Thank you for all your support during this drive.

Sincerely,

Holy Spirit Student Council

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**The time is now!**  
**If you have not yet reserved your spot the**  
**deadline is tomorrow, April 20th.**

Please remember that tickets must be purchased for performers  
- this covers the cost of the catering, DJ, etc.

Forms available for download via the Family Folder section

below!

## Holy Spirit School's Talent Showcase

### Dinner & Dance

Saturday, April 28th 5:30-9:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00)

### RESERVATION FORM

### TALENT \* DANCING \* DINING \* SURPRISES

COME SEE SPIRIT GEAR, AWESOME ACTS, ART, AND MAYBE SURPRISES

Registration includes catered dinner and DJ, with dancing after the show.  
Pre-registration is required.

#### ADULT MEAL

(A) Penne Amatriciana with Meatballs -or- (B) Cheese Ravioli with Locoto Cream Sauce  
Caesar Salad Assorted Rolls & Butter - Cake - Beverages - Coffee

#### STUDENT MEAL (& under 4)

Chicken Nuggets - Caesar Salad - Assorted Rolls & Butter - Cake - Beverages

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# adult meals (\$14.00 ea) (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_

# student meals (\$8.00 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 4 (free) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

return form and payment (check made out to Holy spirit PTO) by April 20TH

Make checks payable to *Holy Spirit School*. Submit form and check via backpack mail:

Attn: Joe Terpenning  
Spring Talent Show Committee  
c/o Sarah Terpenning grade 7 Dailey

Questions: Email Joe Terpenning at [jterpenning@infinetech.org](mailto:jterpenning@infinetech.org)





# Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase & Dance

Saturday, April 28th



## ART SHOW SIGNUP

The Lobby Art show is looking for works of sculpture, photography, writing, painting, drawing or other displayable media. If you have a talent for creating, the lobby show is looking for you!!

### Requirements for Submission:

Flat work no larger than 22 X 24 including mat/frame, needs to have hanging hardware attached. Sculptures no bigger than 24 x 20 with a weight limit of 10 pounds, must stand on it own.

Please limit submissions to one work per person.

Please include a title, description, and your name and grade on a card with the work submitted.

**Deadline for submission:** April 16th. Please submit all works to Mrs. Liss by April 18.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ grade/teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Type of work: \_\_\_\_\_



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# H O L Y   S P I R I T   S C H O O L

## WAYS TO ORDER YOUR UNIFORM

### 1. ONLINE:

To view uniform options, pricing, and shop year-round, visit:

[www.flynnohara.com/school/VA082](http://www.flynnohara.com/school/VA082)

### 2. IN STORE:

Visit us at our closest servicing retail location:

9650 Main Street  
Fairfax VA 22031  
703-503-5966

OR

### 3. OVER THE PHONE:

FlynnO'Hara's Customer Service Department is available Monday through Saturday year-round to answer questions, track returns, and place orders:

Call us toll-free at: (800) 441-4122

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Be sure to order early, as orders placed after August 1 cannot be guaranteed for delivery by the first day of school!



#### ABOUT FLYNNOHARA

FlynnO'Hara Uniforms is a Philadelphia-based supplier and retailer of high-quality school uniforms and gym wear. We are family owned and operated, servicing over 1500 schools across the United States.

#### WARRANTY INFO

We're so confident in our products that we offer a School Year Guarantee. If you're not satisfied with the way an item is holding up within a year of purchase, we'll replace it.

CONTACT FLYNNOHARA: 800-441-4122

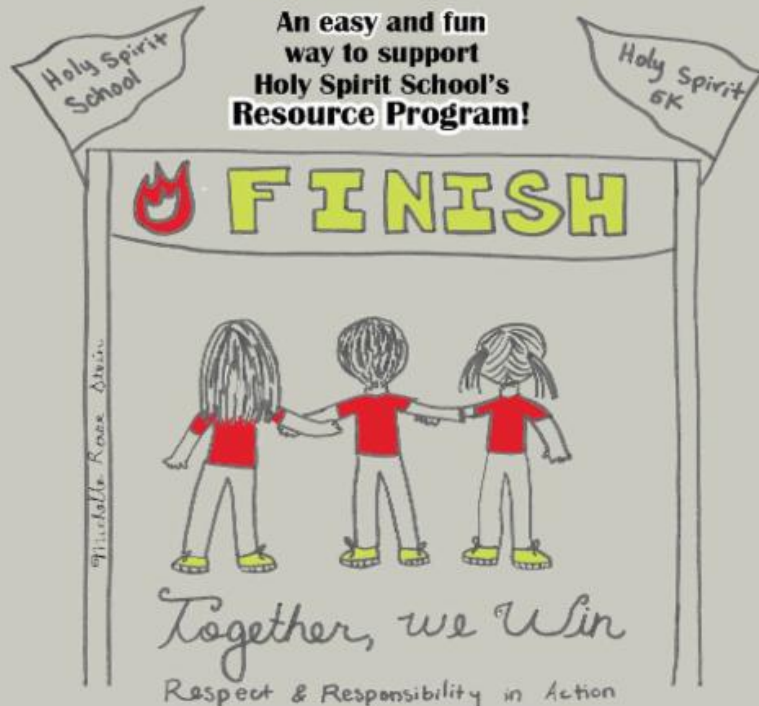


WWW.FLYNNOHARA.COM

**Come out and run/walk with over 150 members  
of your Holy Spirit family who have already  
signed up!**

# Holy Spirit 5K Spirit Run

An easy and fun  
way to support  
Holy Spirit School's  
Resource Program!



**May 19, 2018**

**LAKE ACCOTINK PARK**

Online registration required. Visit [HolySpiritFlames.org](http://HolySpiritFlames.org)



**Ready to Race?!**

**[Click Here](#)**

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**Holy Spirit**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

&

little sparks

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

*Inspiring Minds* | *Igniting Hearts*

***Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow***



**Even Sister Anna Rose uses the ActivPanel to teach her lesson!**

The ActivPanels continue to have a positive impact on student learning on a daily basis. Across the entire school in every subject area, the panels are enhancing curriculum presentations and allowing for awesome student interaction.

We continue to work towards paying the balance due for the panels. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

Several methods of payment are available: follow the link below; send a check made payable to Holy Spirit School (designating "ActivPanel" on the memo line); or make use of the Online Giving tool via the school website under the *Support Holy Spirit* tab.

[Click here to donate to the Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow Campaign](#)



Holy Spirit  
Catholic Church  
Annandale, VA



Capital  
Campaign  
Newsletter

**PLEDGE TOTAL RISING: \$2.3 MILLION!**

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

Every important challenge we face as a Parish Family provides us with an opportunity to grow stronger as we work together toward our shared goals. Therefore, it is most important to have a leadership team with a heart for our mission and passion for a vibrant faith life in our community. Our deepest gratitude extends to the members of the Campaign Committee who have given of their time and talents to ensure the success of our project.

Matt & Patty Tang  
General Co-Chairs

Karen Beck  
Dawn Beutner  
Marie Cullerton  
Ted Devlin  
Rita Faudale  
Jerry Fowler  
Fran Greene  
Mark Greer  
Deacon Tom & Marilyn Grodek

Joe & Valerie Jewell  
Mickey & Lexie Jones  
Tom Kennedy  
Deacon Nick LaDuca  
Mike & Candie Poumade  
Lambie Renner  
Hannah Steger  
Tony Vellucci

*Thank you for your tremendous dedication and service to Holy Spirit Parish Family!!*

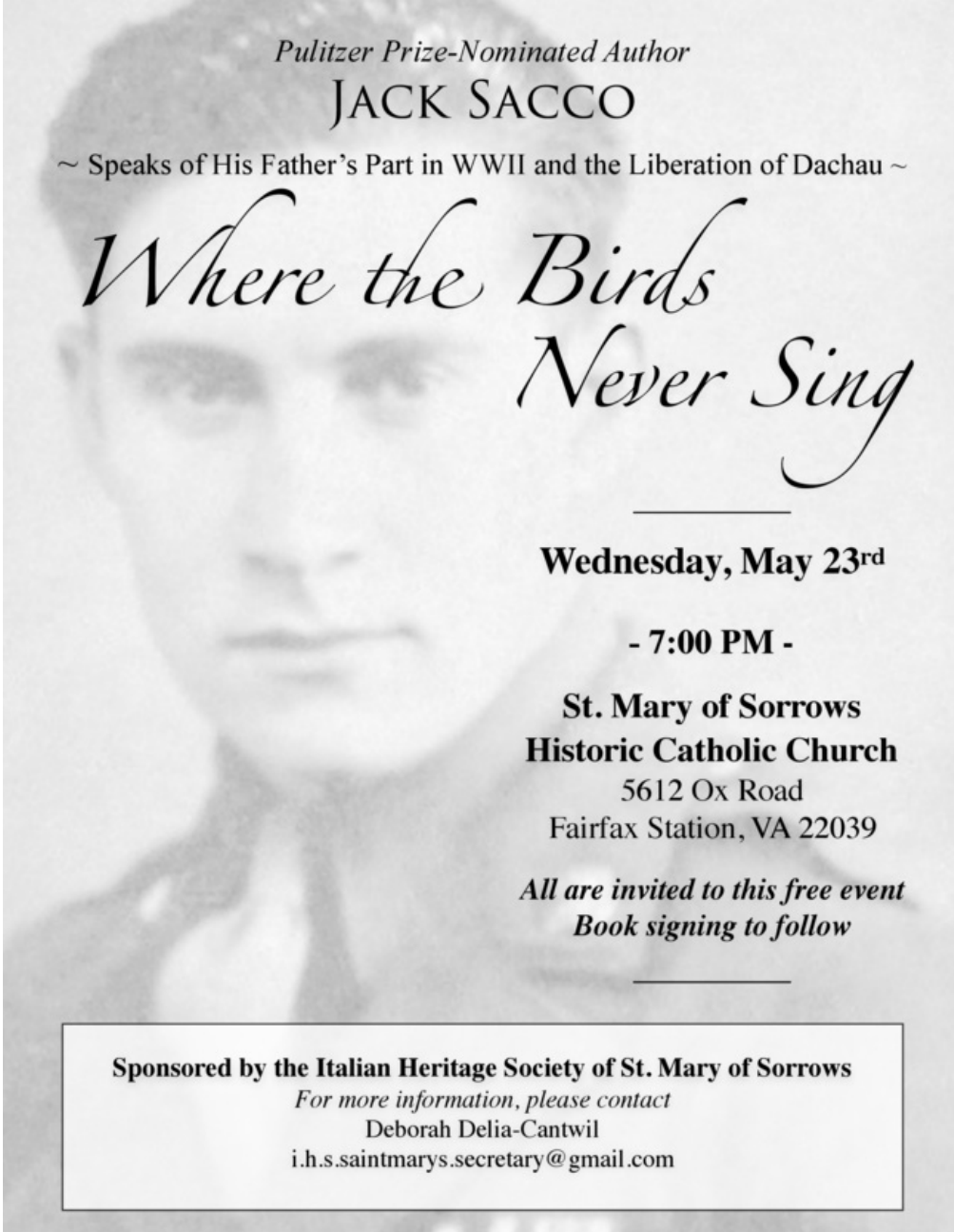
*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." –  
JOHN 10:14-16*

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

**Saint Mary of Sorrows Historic Catholic Church is pleased  
to announce that they have scheduled Pulitzer Prize  
nominated and New York Times Bestselling author of  
Where the Birds Never Sing, Jack Sacco, to Fairfax Station  
Virginia on Wednesday May 23rd.**

**We hope you can attend this free event.**

**Sacco's book tells the true story of the 92nd Battalion and  
the Liberation of Dachau.**



*Pulitzer Prize-Nominated Author*  
**JACK SACCO**  
~ Speaks of His Father's Part in WWII and the Liberation of Dachau ~

*Where the Birds  
Never Sing*

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**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**- 7:00 PM -**  
**St. Mary of Sorrows  
Historic Catholic Church**  
5612 Ox Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

*All are invited to this free event  
Book signing to follow*

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**Sponsored by the Italian Heritage Society of St. Mary of Sorrows**  
*For more information, please contact*  
Deborah Delia-Cantwil  
i.h.s.saintmarys.secretary@gmail.com





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CENTER FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

## 2018 Summer Enrichment Program



### Quick Facts

Tuition: \$350/course  
(\$50 deposit included)

Class Size: 10-18

Location: William & Mary Campus

June 25-29 & July 9-13

Morning: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Afternoon: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Center for Gifted  
Education  
P.O. Box 8795  
Williamsburg, VA 23187

Phone: (757) 221-6198  
Email: [sep@wm.edu](mailto:sep@wm.edu)  
[www.cfge.wm.edu](http://www.cfge.wm.edu)

### What is SEP?

SEP is an academically challenging program with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning for students enrolled in grades K-12. The program recognizes the importance of allowing able youngsters to explore specialized areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts.



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS ~ SUMMER CAMPS ~

**THEATRE & ART CAMPS  
FOR ELEMENTARY,  
MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**July 9-20, 2018**

All Saints Church in Manassas, VA  
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**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNTS**

FOR REGISTRATIONS BY  
**APRIL 15 & MAY 31**

THIS SUMMER,  
YOUR CHILD WILL  
**ACT OUT LOUD.  
CREATE  
A MASTERPIECE.  
SING & DANCE.  
TAKE A BOW.**



**CAMP BROADWAY**  
(for Rising 4th-12th Grade)

**DRAMA BOOT CAMP**  
(for Rising 1st-9th Grade)



**ARTS & CRAFTS FUN CAMP**  
(for Rising 1st-3rd Grade)

**ART EXPLORER CAMP**  
(for Rising 4th-8th Grade)



Get More Information & Register Today:  
**[www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com)**



[Click here for the May/June 2018 school  
lunch menu.](#)

Send in a separate menu for each child in your family along with a check for payment. The cost of lunches is \$5.00/day/lunch.

Reminder that you must purchase milk/water separately in order for your child to receive it - beverages are not included in the lunch price.

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "April 19, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#) ). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

### School Flyers:

1. May/June Lunch Menue
2. Mother's Day Mass flyer
3. Dress-Down Day flyer
4. Ronald McDonald House Charitable Giving Drive
5. PTO Talent Showcase Reservation form
6. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show form

### 5K Spirit Run:

1. 5K Launch Letter
2. 5K Sponsorship Letter

### Parish Flyers:

1. HS Parish Capital Campaign newsletter
2. VBS flyer

### Community Flyers:

1. Where the Birds Never Sing flyer
  2. William & Mary Summer Enrichment Courses
  3. Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camp
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