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From the Principal's Desk

August 17, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts

2017 / 2018

"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

Getting closer...

Dear Holy Spirit Families:

Each week's newsletter brings us that much closer to the start of the new year! The teachers officially return on Monday and we will be putting the finishing touches on the launch of the new school year.

As you are organizing all of the school supplies for your students, please remember that every student needs to add a pair of headphones/earbuds to their school supply stash (this is not an item in the EPI online kits that many families purchased). These should come to school in a plastic bag with the child's name written on the bag. As you decide what send in with your child, please keep in mind that for younger students headphones are really the best choice as the earbuds do not really fit them and tend to fall out. Thank you!

I hope that we will see you all at the Open House on Friday, August 25th from 1 - 2:30 pm. When you come that day please be sure to collect TWO packets of information for your family. One packet will have all of the forms that are needed by the school such as emergency contact information, photo releases, lunch menus, etc. The second packet will be from the PTO Auction Committee.

The Fire & Ice Auction is Saturday, November 4th at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. This is the major fundraiser for the school

and we are in need of donations and sponsors but even more importantly we are in need of parent participation by attending the event. This will be a fun, relaxed evening and a great way to meet new friends and strengthen our school community.

You can already visit the auction site via the school website and register to attend the event. Take a look today!

If you have a rising kindergartener or sixth grader or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned as soon as possible. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

If you are interested in either Morning Care or Extended Day, the registration document is available on the website and you may send that in now with the registration fee.

See you soon!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Headphone/Earbuds

All Holy Spirit students will need a personal set of headphones/earbuds throughout the year for use in the computer lab and with the Chromebooks and iPads.

For health purposes we are requesting that all students provide their own headphones/earbuds.

Parents may choose the device based on comfort for your child.

Please though do not purchase overly expensive equipment. Earphones/earbuds should be brought the first day of school in a clear plastic Ziploc bag with the student's name clearly written on the bag.

*Note that the better choice for the younger students is headphones as the earbuds do not tend to fit correctly and fall out.



Holy Spirit School Fire & Ice Auction

Attention: Holy Spirit Families with
Businesses!

The PTO Auction Committee is looking for
Sponsors for our auction fundraiser
on November 4th.

Advertise your business in the school
directory for the 2017-2018 school year.

Deadline to provide artwork for
advertisement due by August 31, 2017

Email Janine Taylor
at hsauction2017@gmail.com for more
details.

[Click here for a direct link to the sponsor
donation form on the auction site](#)



Holy Spirit School Fire & Ice Auction

Mark your calendar now!
Saturday, November 4th
Springfield Golf and Country Club
6:00 - 10:00 PM

A packet with information and raffle tickets
will be sent home to each family at the Open
House on August 25th.

See the school website for donor and
registration information



NEW FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:00pm

The PTO cordially invites all new Holy Spirit families (parents and children) to an ice cream social. Come and meet some of our current families and PTO Executive Board members, and get a little "leg up" before the start of the school year.

There will be a used uniform sale that night for new families.

Schedule for Grades 1-8

Monday, August 28th:

- First Day of School
- 11:30 am dismissal
- Morning Care Opens (please enter via Exit 11)
- Extended Day Opens (please pick up in the cafeteria)

Tuesday, August 29th - Thursday, August 31st:

- Regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- NO hot lunches served; all students must have a brown bag lunch

Friday, September 1st:

- 9:00 am Mass
 - 11:30 am dismissal
 - NO afternoon Extended Day
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Schedule for Kindergarten

Monday, August 28th:

- 8:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 29th:

- First for kindergarten students
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal
- NO afternoon Extended Day

Wednesday, August 30th and Thursday, August 31st:

- Full days - regular 3:15pm dismissal
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- NO hot lunches served - all students must have a brown bag lunch
- Extended Day available (pick up via Exit 11)

Friday, September 1st:

- 9:00 am Mass
 - 11:30 am dismissal
 - NO afternoon Extended Day
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Schedule for PreKindergarten

Monday, August 28th:

- 9:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 29th:

- Parent and student orientation
- 9:00 - 9:45 am Students with last name A-L
- 10:00 - 10:45 am Students with last name M-Z

Wednesday, August 30st:

- First day for Prekindergarten
- Morning Care available (drop off via Exit 11)
- 11:30 am dismissal for ALL students

- No afternoon Extended Day available

Thursday, August 31st:

- Full day with regular 3:15 pm dismissal
- Morning Care available
- NO hot lunches served - all students must have a brown bag lunch
- Afternoon Extended Day available (pickup via Exit 11)

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St. Lucy, pray for us!

Children's Summer Blue Bag Food Collection

to benefit the St. Lucy Food Project

Hungry children are home for the summer and are not able to get the usual free lunches at school. Demand for food increases in the summer; The St. Lucy Food Pantry network must respond.

Pick up your blue food bag in the church narthex beginning August 19th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

**Blue Bag Food Collection
August 26 & 27 | All Masses
Holy Spirit Church**

The St. Lucy Project is in need of the following items:

Peanut Butter and Jelly
Canned Chicken and Tuna
Canned Ravioli
Breakfast Cereal (can be used for all meals)
Children's Snacks
Granola Bars
Pudding
Non-Perishable Juices
Shelf Stable Chocolate Milk
Apple Sauce
Raisins

Check Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please make checks payable to "CGDA" with "The St. Lucy Food Project" in the memo of the check. Please bring to the track or mail it to: Program Director, The St. Lucy Food Project, 8426-28 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110.



For more information about the drive, please contact
Vince Cannava, Holy Spirit Food Ministry, 571-442-4673 (cell)

FALL KICK OFF

YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 15, 2017

7:30-9:30PM

All Middle Schoolers (6th-8th Graders) are invited to join us for our Kick Off Meeting in the Holy Spirit School building! We will have manhunt, pizza, and a chance to meet new friends!

Wear clothes you can run in!

HIGH SCHOOL

September 17, 2017

7:00-9:00PM

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for our Kickoff Meeting in the Youth Room (located in the school building)! There will be good food, awesome games, and you can meet the new High School Youth Minister!



REGISTER ONLINE at www.holyspritchurch.us/youth

Parish Open House

House

&

Side Dish
Potluck

Picnic

Sunday, September 10

Join us for fun and fellowship!

All Are Invited

Open House: 10am-1pm

Picnic: 1-4pm

Many volunteers needed, youth and adult.

Information, and volunteer sign-up:

www.HolySpiritChurch.us



[Click here for the September 2017 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.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 17 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Beginning of the Year 2017
2. Auction Sponsor Donation Form

Parish Flyers:

1. Youth Ministry Kickoff
2. St. Lucy Project Summer Blue Bag Collection
3. Parish Picnic and Open House

Community Flyers:
