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From the Principal's Desk

August 24, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts

2017 / 2018

"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

We are excited to see you at Open House!

Dear Holy Spirit Families:

We've arrived! The 2017/2018 school year is here and we cannot wait to see all of our students and families tomorrow, Friday, August 25th from 1:00 - 2:30pm at the Open House. The faculty has had a busy, busy week of learning and preparing and are excited to greet their students.

Over the past couple of weeks we have rounded out our teaching faculty and I am thrilled to have these educators with us for the year. Mrs. Fairis Walker is joining the Resource team as a paraeducator; Mrs. Andrea Fitch will be with the students in grade 1-4 as their Spanish instructor; and Mrs. Isabel Liss is bringing her creativity and beautiful skills to the position of Art Instructor for the year.

A reminder that when you come to the Open House 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.

A gentle reminder to please be prepared for lengthy carlines the first week of school. Morning drop-off begins at 7:40 am - please be sure to follow instructions from myself and others who will be stationed in the

lower parking lot as we work to get everyone safely into the school. All of the teachers will be outside the first week of school to assist your children in getting to the correct class line. I would ask that parents remain in their cars during carline and remember that your child should exit the car on the right side directly to the sidewalk.

Families with prekindergarten children (and their siblings and/or carpool buddies) should use the back of the school for drop off and pick up right from the first day of school. Teachers will be in the back of the school to be sure students get where they need to be.

Families who had vanpool slots last year should continue to use those same slots for afternoon pickup for the first week of school until new spots are assigned. The only exception to this is last year's kindergarten families - these families should pick up their children in the regular carline as the new kindergarten families will be assigned those slots immediately.

See you tomorrow!

-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.

Chess Club Sign-up
Fall Session begins October 2nd

Holy Spirit Fall 2017 Chess Club



Chess club is taught by experienced Silver Knights instructors using a curriculum developed by National Masters. Each weekly session is a mix of learning and play. Playing chess is a great way to develop a child's critical thinking skills, sportsmanship, and patience — all while having fun!

REGISTRATION

To register or for more information, go to:

www.skenrichment.com

To request financial aid, please visit our website.

Chess Club Details:

- ⇒ All grades and skill levels welcome!
- ⇒ All equipment provided
- ⇒ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting 10/2 and ending 1/8
- ⇒ Club meets in Meeting Room 3
- ⇒ Time: 3:20pm—4:20pm
- ⇒ Tuition: \$168 for 12 weeks
- ⇒ Make-up meetings on 1/22, 1/29, if needed
- ⇒ Club does not meet on 10/9, 12/25, 1/1



www.skenrichment.com

Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070



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

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)

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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



TOTUS TUUS

WE ARE TOTALLY YOURS, MARY

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
invites you to the biennial
Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2017

BASILICA OF THE
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
IN WASHINGTON D.C.

For more details please visit
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/
diocesanpilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage)



A PILGRIM EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- 9:00 A.M.
Opening Music
- 9:30 A.M.
Welcome & Rosary
- 10:00 A.M.
Confessions
Seek and Find Family Activity
- 11:00 A.M.
Holy Hour with Reflections on the
Message of Fatima
- 12:00 P.M.
Lunch
- 1:30 P.M.
Mass with Bishop Burbidge
Blessing of Religious Articles
- 2:30 P.M.
Eucharistic Procession to
Saint John Paul II National Shrine
- 3:00 P.M.
Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet
at Saint John Paul II National Shrine

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Carpool with family and friends to the Basilica.

WHAT IF WE CAN'T STAY FOR THE WHOLE DAY?
Join the pilgrimage for any part of the day you can!

Need more information? Contact Dawn Beutner at 703-978-1096, thebeutners@cox.net.

WILL THERE BE FOOD AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH?

Pilgrims can brown-bag their lunches, buy lunches from the shrine cafeteria, or pick up box lunches that will be available near the cafeteria during the lunch break.



[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 24 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Beginning of the Year 2017
2. Auction Sponsor Donation Form
3. September lunch menu
4. Chess Club Flyer

Parish Flyers:

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

Community Flyers:
