

# From the Principal's Desk

August 8, 2019

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## Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2019 / 2020

**"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"**

## Getting closer!

For those who may have missed last week's newsletter - the beginning of the year letter is available at the bottom in the "Family Folder Flyers" section.

You will notice now and throughout the year that sometimes the newsletter is quite lengthy with advertisements of school and parish activities. I encourage everyone to peruse them in order to take advantage of the many social activities available to both you and your children. We are blessed to be a ministry of a vibrant parish that has much to offer throughout the year.

With regard to Child Protection Compliance, I cannot stress enough the importance of parents and guardians being compliant. Without having participated in both the background check process and the Virtus seminar you cannot volunteer for school functions where the children are present.

**NOTE: THIS ALSO INCLUDES RECESS DUTY AS WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY TYPE OF WAIVER FOR THIS.**

**If you have not completed the requirements to be Child Protection Compliant, I highly encourage you to begin now. Check the school website under the *Current Families Resources* tab for the pertinent information as the Diocese rolled out a new procedure for volunteers this Summer.**

**If you are unsure if you are compliant, you may email Mrs. Laclede and she can check for you ([llaclede@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:llaclede@holyspiritflames.org)).**

If you have a rising kindergarten student 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.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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## Schedule for Grades 1-8

Monday, August 26th:

- 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 27th - Thursday, August 29th:

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

Friday, August 30th:

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

Monday, August 26th:

- 8:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 27th:

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

Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday, August 29th:

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

Friday, August 30th:

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

Monday, August 26th:

- 9:30 am Parent only meeting

Tuesday, August 27th:

- 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 28th:

- 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 29th:

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

Friday, August 30th:

- 9:00 am Mass
  - 11:30 am dismissal
  - NO afternoon Extended Day
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## The August tuition payment is due!

If you have not yet set up your FACTS tuition account - remember this is new for everyone - please take the time to do .

As you can imagine, inputting all of the school families is time and labor intensive. We encourage all families to log in to double check that in particular your family's designation as in or out of parish has been correctly noted. If you believe there is an error, please contact the school's bookkeeper, Lilian Rodriguez at [schoolaccounts@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:schoolaccounts@holyspiritflames.org).

Our FACTS "button" is located in the top right-hand corner of the school website.

Please remember that even if your family plans to pre-pay tuition in full a FACTS account must still be established/set-up for your family for "incidental" charges throughout the year (for example, roller skating fees).

Thank you!

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**NEW FAMILY ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
**Wednesday, August 21st**  
**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.

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## **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 2019  
Summer Reading List

The Summer Reading List with assignments for all rising kindergarten through 8th grade students is available via the link below. The list is also available on the school website under Current Families Resources.

[Summer Reading List 2019](#)



Summer Math Assignments are made for all rising 1st through 8th graders. They are in the process of being finalized by the teachers and these assignments will make use of the IXL platform. Assignments were included with student report cards and are individualized to each student.

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We are striving for 100% family participation!

~SAVE THE DATE~

**BACK TO THE 80S**

*Dinner & Dance*

**HOLY SPIRIT AUCTION 2019**



**NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

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Dear Families,

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program, and you're the first to know!

Over the summer, you'll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.



SEE THIS...  
**CLIP IT**



SEE THIS...  
**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer.

The new app will feature state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

**WHEN THE NEW APP LAUNCHES, BE SURE TO  
DOWNLOAD IT OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:**



As we mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Tops Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn.

If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping the traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES AT  
[BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK](https://www.btfec.com/sneakpeek)**

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# ROBOTICS CLUB

Holy Spirit School will start a Robotics Club for the 2019-2020 school year. The club will meet in the Computer Lab after school once a week for one hour. During each of the trimesters, students will be able to sign up for eight sessions. Students will learn to build and program a working robot.

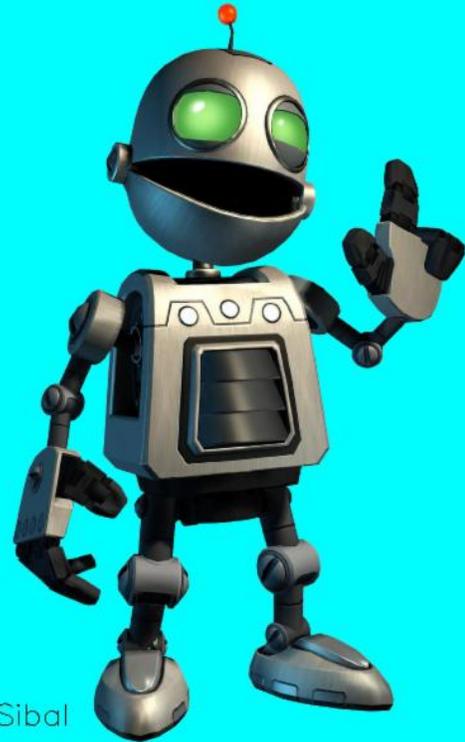
Spaces are limited to 20 students. Cost is \$250 for 8 sessions.

Grades 3&4  
Wednesday  
(3:20PM-4:20PM)

Please see the school calendar for actual dates.

Grades 5-8  
Tuesday  
(3:20PM-4:20PM)

To sign up email Benny Sibal  
[bsibal@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:bsibal@holyspiritflames.org)



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## Holy Spirit Chess and Coding Clubs



Sponsored by the Holy Spirit PTO



**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!

### Chess Club Details:

- ◆ All grades and skill levels welcome.
- ◆ All equipment provided.
- ◆ Dates: Club meets every Monday that school is in session starting on 10/21 and ending on 12/16.
- ◆ Club will not meet on 11/11.
- ◆ A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 1/6.
- ◆ Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- ◆ Tuition: \$120 for 8 weeks.
- ◆ Club located at Holy Spirit



In **Coding Club**, design your own video games in the Game Design: Mazes and Monsters unit. Using Scratch 3 digital tools, create your own maze games, platformers, and side scrollers. Use the Silver Knights Curriculum to learn how to code and then add more excitement to your games with amazing graphics, sounds, game add-ons like leveling up, gravity variables, and scores! Level up!

### Coding Club Details:

- ◆ Grades 2 & up — only 12 spots available!
- ◆ All computers and equipment provided.
- ◆ Dates: Club meets every Thursday that school is in session starting on 10/17 and ending on 12/12.
- ◆ Club does not meet 11/28.
- ◆ A make-up day, if necessary, will be on 12/19.
- ◆ Time: 3:20-4:20 PM
- ◆ Tuition: \$180 for 8 weeks.
- ◆ Club located at Holy Spirit

**TO REGISTER, VISIT: [www.skenrichment.com](http://www.skenrichment.com)**

To request scholarships or financial aid, please visit our website.

Questions? Email: [Info@skenrichment.com](mailto:Info@skenrichment.com) or call: 703.574.2070

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ACADEMY**



**Holy Spirit School**

 **Sept. 11th - Oct. 30th**  
**Soccer Academy**

8 week sessions

**3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Directly After School**

**Kindergarten - 4th Grade**

**\$120**

**Register Online at [ThePSASports.com](http://ThePSASports.com)**

Watch The  
PSA Video



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# Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:  
[HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth](http://HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth)

Fall Sports

Cross Country

Tennis

Grades 3-8

"Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person."

-St. John Paul II



Teams Forming  
Register Today!



**Assistant Coaches Needed!**

Interested in coaching?

Contact [CYO@holyspirtchurch.us](mailto:CYO@holyspirtchurch.us)

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 10<sup>th</sup> and fill it with non-perishable food items.**

**Blue Bag Food Collection  
August 17 & 18 | All Masses  
Holy Spirit Church**

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

1 Peanut Butter and 2 Jellies  
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

It costs 86 cents a lb. to transport food to the poor in over 50 locations. Check Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please mail a check in the pre-addressed envelope provided with the blue bag (or bring it to the truck with your bag). Please make checks payable to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Food Project" in the memo of the check. Thank you!

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





**Saturday, September 7**  
**6:45 AM - 11:45 AM**

**INOVA Blood Donor Services**  
**Holy Spirit School**

**Make your lifesaving appointment today!**

**Contact:**

• Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435  
or [giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us](mailto:giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us)

• Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122  
or [cmcecka@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcecka@yahoo.com)

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.  
Double up! Donate on ALYX.

  
**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

Rain or  
shine!

# Parish Picnic & Open House

Free!  
All Are  
Welcome

Rain or shine!

Please bring a  
dish to share:

A-R: Salads/Sides  
S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food &  
Activities Include:  
Burgers & Hot Dogs,  
Soda, Cotton Candy,  
Snow Cones,  
Moonbounce,  
Inflatable Obstacle  
Course, Face Painting,  
Scouts Obstacle  
Courses  
and more!

Side Dish Potluck



Sunday, September 8

1-4pm

Front Lawn

Don't  
forget  
your  
lawn  
chairs

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

Many volunteers needed, youth and adult.  
Click on the gold "Volunteer" button on the home page  
of the website: [www.holyspintchurch.us](http://www.holyspintchurch.us)

**Celebrate!**

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

Sign up for a day to intentionally pray for  
our parish priests!

Let's fill their year with our prayers!

Your name will appear in a calendar  
that will be given to our priests on Sept. 29th,  
Priesthood Sunday. Sign up at:

[HolySpiritChurch.us](http://HolySpiritChurch.us)

*(select the gold "volunteer" button)*

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**Adult Volleyball Nights**  
Competitive Pick-up Games  
**Monday Nights**  
(March 11<sup>th</sup> - October 28<sup>th</sup>)  
**7:30-9:00 pm**  
**School Gym**  
18 and older



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 8, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

### School Flyers:

1. Welcome Back Letter 2019
2. 2019/2020 School Supply List
3. Robotics Club
4. Silverknights Chess and Coding Clubs
5. Players Soccer Academy

### Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Food Project
2. Parish Picnic & Open House
3. Priesthood Sunday
4. Adult Volleyball Nights
5. Blood Drive
6. CYO Sports Sign-ups

### Community Flyers:

