

From the Principal's Desk

December 15, 2016



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Holy Spirit School

*Celebrating 50 Years of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts
1966 - 2016*

Oh, what a week it has been!

I am not sure it would be possible to realistically pack more into a week than we did into ours! From a visit from Santa, to a joyful Christmas Concert, to a Christmas dress-down day, to the Santa Boutique, to a most beautiful Nativity Pageant it has been a special week.

We are truly a blessed community and I am thankful each and every day for the smiles and happiness that your children bring into the building and for everything that each of you do for our school.

If I do not see you individually prior to the start of the break, I pray that your family enjoys a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.





As a reminder, now that the winter weather seems to have arrived in full force; Holy Spirit School follows the Fairfax County Public School system with regard to inclement weather delays and closures. Please be sure to listen to your local news stations or sign-up for notifications from FCPS for current information.

Additionally, please be sure that your students leave for school with weather appropriate jackets, etc. If the temperature is above freezing we stand outside for morning arrival and afternoon dismissal as well as going out for recess.

As mentioned last week we will have Adoration in the school chapel on Monday, December 19; please see the link in the box below to volunteer to be an additional adorer. We have a particular need for assistance mid-day.

The last day of school prior to the Christmas holiday is Tuesday, December 20th. This is a full day of school and Extended Day is open. We will return to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

The second round of Scantron testing will begin the week of January 9th.

Information regarding re-registration for current students will be available in mid-January.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II
Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*



Adoration in the school chapel December 19, 2016

We are in need of volunteers to assist during our day of Adoration in the school chapel especially during the transition times from class to class.

Please note that all volunteers must be Child Protection Compliant.

Thank you!

[Click here to volunteer](#)

The access code is: Adoration



2017 - 2018 Financial Aid Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

For the upcoming school year, the Diocese of Arlington has decided to once again use FACTS Grant and Aid for the assessment of tuition financial aid. To be considered for the first round of awards, applications and supporting documents must

be received by the FACTS Grant and Tuition Aid offices no later than March 17, 2017. Families who currently have financial assistance must reapply to be considered for an award in the upcoming school year.

Apply on-line at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QVGQ>.

[Click here for additional parent resources.](#)

WeDo 2.0 Robots

Would you like to help us build our robotics program?

As we grow the robotics program at Holy Spirit we would like to purchase our own robots. Donations are tax deductible. A set of four of the smaller Lego WeDo 2.0 robots currently prices at \$750.00 (with additional shipping costs, etc.). In order to have students work in relatively small groups we are looking to start with eight to twelve robots. The complete class set will be available for teachers to check-out and work with in their classrooms.

Donations large or small are appreciated.

Thank you!



Holy Spirit School is now on Twitter!

@HSS_Flames

Follow us to see some of the fun and exciting things that go on here at school each day!



Lunch Menu

Please remember that beverages are **not** included in the cost of the hot lunch meals. If your child is having milk or bottled water with lunch that must be paid separately (the link is available under the *Current Families* tab).

Please note that we have been apprised of increases in food prices from our lunch vendors. As a result daily lunch prices will increase to \$5.00/day. The new pricing will begin in February.

[Click Here for January Lunch Menu](#)



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 15, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [January lunch menu](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Suspicious Cheese Lords concert](#)
2. [Parish New Year's Eve Celebration](#)
3. [Spiritual Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Medjugore](#)

Community Flyers:
