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From the Principal's Desk

December 8, 2016



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Holy Spirit School

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our annual Giving Mass was a tremendous success last Friday. Thank you for your generosity as our school community donated over 620 toys to Santa's Ride. The Mass itself was beautiful and the officers representing Santa's Ride were overwhelmed by what was truly a representation of love from children to children.



On Tuesday many of the students had the opportunity to view at least a portion of the Installation Mass for Bishop Burbidge. As I mentioned to the 8th graders, it was a wonderful display of the tradition of our Church. How fortunate our

students are to have our new Bishop to preside at their Confirmation on Friday!

The band concert last evening was terrific. Congratulations to Dr. Little and all of the members of both the Beginner and Advanced Bands on their performances. It was a special way to continue celebrating the Advent season.

A reminder, the interims for the 2nd quarter will go home tomorrow, Friday, December 9th.

Please be sure that you have secured necessary costume pieces for the upcoming Christmas Concert. Please see the information below for necessary details. I certainly hope to see many of you in attendance for the kindergarten to fourth grade Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm and the 5th grade Nativity Pageant on Thursday, December 15 at 2:00 pm.

As mentioned last week we will have Adoration in the school chapel on Monday, December 19; please see the link in one of the boxes below to volunteer to be an additional adorer.

The last day of school prior to the Christmas holiday is Tuesday, December 20. This is a full day of school and Extended Day is open.

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

-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



Friday 12/9 Last Day for Faculty & Staff Christmas Donation

Dear Holy Spirit School Families,

The Christmas season is a perfect time for us to remind those that make our school what it is that we do recognize and appreciate their efforts, every day, for our children.

The best way for you to do that is by giving the folks that work so hard for your children something directly from your family. As in years past, we will be collecting money to be given to the faculty and staff. This is a completely voluntary effort and no family should feel obligated to give any money to this collection. Those that do wish to contribute will need to send in their donation before December 9th. Cash can be sent in but to lessen the risk of lost money, we prefer that you send in checks made out to the Holy Spirit School PTO.

Donations MUST be received before the 9th so that the total may be turned into the school for distribution to the faculty and staff.

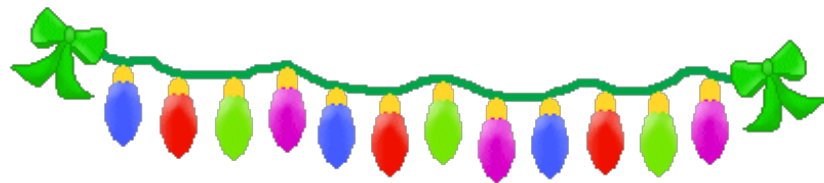
Donations received after the 9th will be used to offset the PTO's

cost for stocking the faculty lounge with coffee, tea and other "necessities".

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Your 2016/2017 Board Members:

Jeffery Cleveland, Melissa Ortiz-Munoz, Carolyn Coker-McFadden, Victoria Neal-Chavez, Court Thelan



The K-4 Christmas Concert The Christmas Lamb Grades K-4

Tuesday December 13th, 2016
Students Arrive at 6:30
Program Starts at 7:00

The Students are to wear their Costumes to School December 13th for our dress rehearsal. That evening, they shall meet at 6:30 in their classrooms.

Kindergarten- "Kangaroos"

The Kindergarteners will wear a red shirt with black pants.

1st Grade- "Elephants"

The 1st graders will wear green shirts with black pants.

2nd Grade- "Penguins"

The 2nd graders will wear black shirts and black pants.

3rd Grade- "Tropical Birds"

The 3rd graders will wear a brightly colored solid shirt with black pants.

Colorful feather boas are encouraged.

4th Grade- Main Cast

The 4th grade wears the costume that fits their character.



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.factsmgmt.com/signin/3QVGQ>.

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

Santa Boutique
Thursday, December 15

Please look for the information that came

home with your student via backpack mail.



**SANTA'S
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...is coming to our school

Dear Parents,

We are inviting you and your child to participate in the upcoming "Santa's Secret Shop" program at our school. This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The "Santa's Secret Shop" program will be set up at the school and supervised by our parent volunteers. They will help the children pick that perfect gift for the price they want... in a familiar, comfortable atmosphere.

We believe this program will create wonderful memories for the children while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. Imagine the fun they will have surprising a loved one with a "secret" gift they bought... all by themselves!

We welcome you to be part of this great experience. A "money control" envelope is provided for you to help them decide who they should buy gifts for and how much they should spend. You can even suggest ways that your child can earn extra shopping money.

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"Where Wishes Come True"**

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Parents & Faculty Scan From Any Smart Phone To See A Santa's Secret Shop in Action

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).

[Click Here for January Lunch Menu](#)



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 8, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [January lunch menu](#)
2. [K-3 Christmas Concert Costumes](#)
3. [Grade 4 Christmas Concert Costumes](#)

Parish Flyers:

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

Community Flyers:

1. [O'Connell Youth Music Festival](#)
 2. [ANSLI Sports Registration for Spring 2017](#)
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