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# From the Principal's Desk

February 1, 2018



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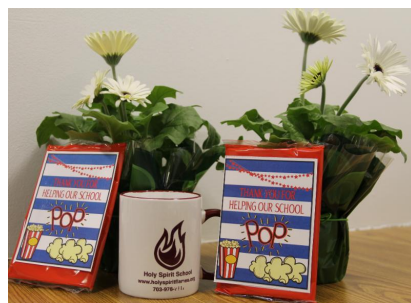
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**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts***  
**2017 / 2018**  
**"Respect and Responsibility in Action"**

***Catholic Schools Week***







From treats in the car line; to an opening prayer service; to warm thanks from students; to a most welcomed luncheon; to a visit from the Little Sisters of the Poor; to teachers in uniform; to a movie with our buddies; to a celebratory Mass - we celebrated a wonderful Catholic Schools Week!

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for being a part of our Holy Spirit community.

A reminder that report cards go home tomorrow. Scantron test scores will be sent home as soon as we are given the go ahead to print them. In the envelope will also be an accounting of service hours in connection with the PTO PSSC. Please keep the contents of the envelope but send the envelope back, signed, to your child's homeroom teacher as an acknowledgment that everything was received.

We are looking forward to Grandparents Day. Please communicate with your child's homeroom teacher as to arrangements that have been made and whether your child will have a guest for Mass.

Coming up quickly will be an early dismissal day for students on Friday, February 16th; Extended Day is open (teachers have professional development in the afternoon) and a full day off from school on Monday, February 19th.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for all that you do at Holy Spirit School.



It's time to "roll" out the fun with skating. This semester students K-8th grade will be roller skating during Physical Education classes Monday, February 26, 2018 through Friday, March 09, 2018. As usual class needs 3-4 parent volunteers to distribute/collect equipment, help students with skates/safety gear and act as skate patrols to insure safety. Please keep in mind that as a volunteer you **MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHILD PROTECTION IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON.**

[Click here to sign-up to volunteer](#)

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## Used Uniform Sale

Friday, February 9th

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Meeting Room 3

Remember that many pieces of the current uniform will be carried over even with the changes.

The girls K-5 plaid jumper will remain.

The boys K-5 pants will remain.

The maroon polo will remain.

The 2018/2019 school year will be a "grandfather" year with regard to uniform pieces.

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"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



February 9<sup>th</sup>  
*is*  
**GRANDPARENT'S DAY at Holy Spirit School!**

9:00 AM Mass followed by classroom visits

Students come to school at the normal time. Grandparents join them for 9:00 AM Mass. Grandparents meet grandchildren in the school at 8:30 AM for the walk to church. After mass, Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren in the classrooms for refreshments and some enjoyable activities.

Students without Grandparents available are encouraged to 'adopt' a grandparent for the morning. This could be a friend or neighbor. Please send us a note if such an arrangement is being made



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# Holy Spirit School's Spring Talent Showcase & Dance



## SAVE THE DATE!!!



Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm



The talent showcase is open to all students in all grades. You can sing, dance, play an instrument, perform a scene, recite a poem, or even perform a skill like hula hoop or martial arts! We've also had jugglers, magic acts, and comedy



the Lobby art show will again be held for those who wish to submit artwork.



*Talent registrations (auditions) will be in March*

Important Forms will be coming soon!!

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**5K Spirit Run to benefit Holy Spirit's Resource  
Program  
Saturday, May 19th  
Lake Accotink Park**



**Holy Spirit**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Inspiring Minds*  
**Igniting Hearts**

January 25, 2018

Dear Holy Spirit Community,

For those who were able to join us at the 5K Spirit Run in 2017, we were truly blessed with a beautiful morning, 213 runners and walkers who crossed the finish line, and a spirit of community that was shared by all the families who participated. We raised \$12,000 for our ever-growing resource program so we can continue to meet the needs of our students with special needs and those who need resource support at Holy Spirit School. This year we hired a paraeducator to work with the students in the classroom. Our part-time reading specialist works in small groups and provides one-on-one assistance in reading remediation. Our full-time resource teachers touch the lives of all the students, not just those with special needs. We are in the classrooms, doing afterschool activities, and we are available before and after school for students who need extra help. We support more than 30 students in our school who need resource assistance in the areas of ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Intellectual Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, and other special needs. This fall we welcomed a new pre-school student to our expanded resource program. All these services need financial support to pay salaries, purchase equipment, and provide training for our teachers.

This year, on May 19, we will hold our annual 5K Spirit Run at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield. As always, our goal is not only financial, but we hope that this annual 5K brings the Holy Spirit to all those who participate. There are many ways to participate:

- Become a sponsor: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or 5K Friend;
- Encourage your child to enter the t-shirt design contest;
- Register for the race – <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Springfield/flamesspiritrun>;
- Follow us on Facebook and share our posts with friends and family.

It is our goal to continue to raise awareness of our special education program at Holy Spirit School. This year's theme is "Respect and Responsibility in Action." As Catholics we teach our children that it is our responsibility to respect all of God's children and in the words of Pope Francis,

"An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of a Catholic School."

Thank you for your continued support of all our students at Holy Spirit School and I hope to see you on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Lake Accotink Park. **Early Bird Registration starts now and continues until March 31, 2018!**

Blessings,

Sue Gibbons, Race Coordinator  
[sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org)



Show Your Spirit!

Show Your Creativity!

**Create the 2018 5K Spirit Run  
T-shirt design and go down in Holy  
Spirit School History!**



**The winning design will be featured on over 250 race t-shirts, recognized on our Holy Spirit School and 5K Spirit Run social media, the Spirit Run race page, plus receive a free race entry!**

**Guidelines:**

- **Design must incorporate this year's theme:  
"Respect and Responsibility in Action"**
- **Your design can only contain 2 different colors.**
- **Please submit your design on 8 1/2" x 11 paper to front office.**
- **Include your name and grade on the back of design.**
- **Deadline for submission is by the end of the school day on February 9th.**
- **All Holy Spirit School students are welcome to submit a design.**

**Questions? See Mrs. Gibbons in Room #15**

**Already Ready to Sign-Up to Race?!**  
**[Click Here](#)**

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN

*Inspiring Minds* | *Igniting Hearts*

*Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow*

*Guess what arrived!*



A truckload of large BEAUTIFUL boxes arrived earlier this week holding brand new ActivPanels!

We are finalizing the Scope of Work with the installer, will have a final pre-installation walk through and then the work begins.

The faculty and administration are thrilled that this is all coming to fruition and look forward to opportunities for professional development and use of the devices in the classrooms.

We continue to chip away at the cost of the devices and I cannot thank enough

those who have already donated. Large, small, or right in-between, every donation makes a difference and I would ask that if you've not yet donated, please consider and be a part of enhancing not only the education of your student but those who will come through our school over the coming years.

Several methods of payment are available: follow the link below, send a check made payable to Holy Spirit School (designating "ActivPanel" on the memo line) or make use of the Online Giving tool via the school website under the *Support Holy Spirit* tab.

[Click here to donate to the Learning Today....Leading Tomorrow Campaign](#)

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**Soup Makers Needed!**

**Fridays February 16 - March 23**  
**Supper 5:30 - 7 PM**

**Join us!**

**SIX FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, pray for us.*

**Can you donate your favorite meatless soup to the Friday Lenten Soup Suppers?**

Contact Carol Eldridge  
(703) 978-7141 or  
cle74@hotmail.com

OR

www.HolySpiritChurch.us  
click the yellow button

**Volunteer!**

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**Sponsored by the Holy Spirit Parish Squires**

**GEORGE MASON PATRIOTS vs. George Washington Colonials**



**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM**

**George Mason University  
EagleBank Arena**

**Cost: \$15.00/ticket**

(Squires will provide vouchers for snacks at no additional cost.)

Contact Aldo Domenichini at 703-850-4826 or  
dcjasper07@verizon.net for more information.



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Hosted  
by the*



**Sunday**  
**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

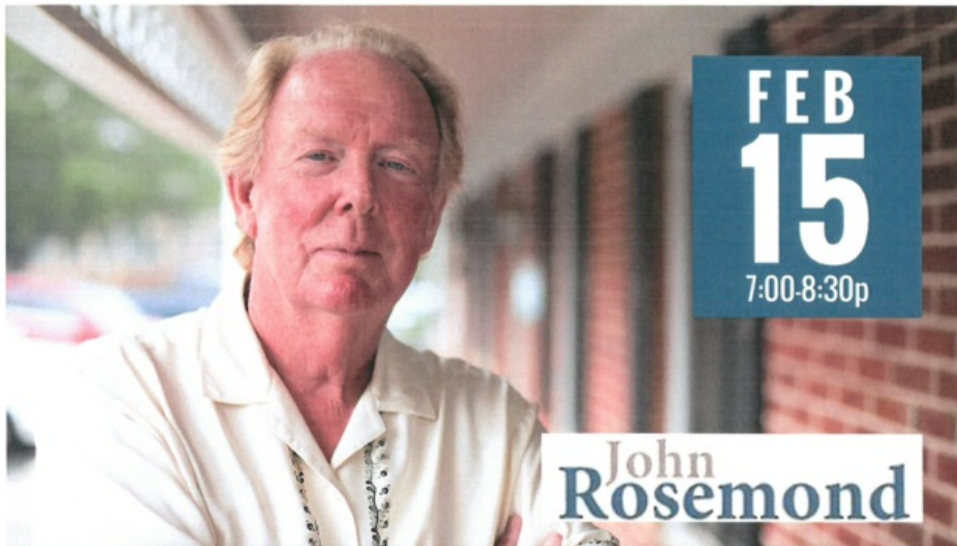
**In the school cafeteria after the  
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses**

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage,  
fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more!

Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not to exceed \$15)

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Catholic Church





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Mon. - Fri. from 8am to 4pm  
110 Keating Drive ~ Winchester, VA 22601

**LOCATION:**

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
130 Keating Drive  
Winchester, VA 22601



[Click here for the February 2018 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.

## NEW "LUNCH SEMESTER"

January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's time to welcome in the second semester of the school year.

If you would like to purchase lunches for the semester, the cost is \$390.00 and **must be paid online** – under the *Current Families* tab click on the button "Semester Lunch Form". Payments for a full semester of lunches are via credit card through the school's Stripe account.

Monthly menus should be accessed and printed through the school's website – under *Current Families* tab click on "Lunch Menu" button and scroll to the bottom of the page.

The cost for purchasing lunches will be \$5.00 per day. The ordering for daily and/or monthly meals will remain the same procedure as last year – per child, a lunch menu should be returned to the school with choices circled and a check for full payment must be included.

If your child forgets his/her lunch at home or in the classroom the cafeteria staff will provide a lunch for them. You will receive a \$5.00 fee for each occurrence.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me  
[schomko@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:schomko@holyspiritflames.org)

Sharon Chomko  
Cafeteria Manager

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labelled "February 1, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#) ). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. February Lunch menu
2. Semester lunch letter
3. PTO Talent Showcase "Save the date" flyer
7. Winter Chess Club flyer
8. Grandparents Day flyer

5K Spirit Run:

1. 5K Launch Letter
2. 5K Logo Contest flyer
3. 5K Sponsorship Letter

Parish Flyers:

1. Lenten Soup Suppers
2. GMU vs GW basketball game - sponsored by HS Squires
3. Parish Pancake breakfast

Community Flyers:

1. "Parenting with Love and Leadership"

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