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# From the Principal's Desk

February 13, 2020

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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"**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Spelling Bee Champions!**





Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee contestants and champions. We were all dazzled by how well all of the homeroom representatives did and super proud of our 1st and 2nd place champions.

From the 1st-2nd grade Bee, the winner was Annie P. and the runner up was Arianna N., both in 2nd grade.

From the 3rd - 5th grade Bee, the winner was Leandra S. (4th grade) and the runner up was Annabel M. (5th grade).

From the Middle School Bee, the winner was Joe S. (7th grade) and the runner up was Jack O. (8th grade)

We are looking forward to celebrating **GRANDPARENTS DAY** with everyone tomorrow, **Friday, February 14th**. Please see the information below for details.

The deadline for purchasing a **YEARBOOK** is tomorrow, **Friday, February 14th**.

A reminder that **Monday, February 17th** is the **PRESIDENTS DAY** holiday and there is no school.

Next **Wednesday, February 18th** is our next **SPIRIT DAY**; students may come to school in their Holy Spirit School spirit gear. The students in 7th & 8th grade **MUST** come to school in their dress uniform as that is also **SCIENCE FAIR** day.

Wednesday, February 26th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the

Lenten season. We will be going to Mass that morning as opposed to our usual Friday Mass.

The end of the second trimester is quickly approaching - March 13th. This is a great time to be certain that all missing assignments are addressed. The parent portal will close on March 10th. This is also a great time to be sure your student has all of the school supplies needed to finish the year and to check the length of hair for the boys and the skirts/jumpers for the girls.

For those applying for tuition assistance for the 2020/2021 academic year, the deadline is March 18th. Information regarding tuition assistance may be found at the end of the newsletter in the Family Folder section, as well as, on the school website.

The Middle School musical is right around the corner, as well. Mark your calendar to come to the 7:00 pm performance of *Seussical Jr.* Without a doubt you will be wowed by the talent and energy that the students are bringing to the show!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PTO's Ledo Pizza fundraiser - I hope you enjoyed your meals!

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### **Academic Year 2020/2021**

Yes, I am setting the stage for the next academic year! The Office of Catholic Schools has solidified the start date for the upcoming year. The first school day for ALL students will be Wednesday, August 26th; this will be an 11:30 am dismissal for all students and Extended Day will be open.

I am hopeful to turn my full attention to next year's calendar as soon as we have completed our DFE preparations and will push important dates out to everyone at that point.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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**FROM THE NURSE . . . .**

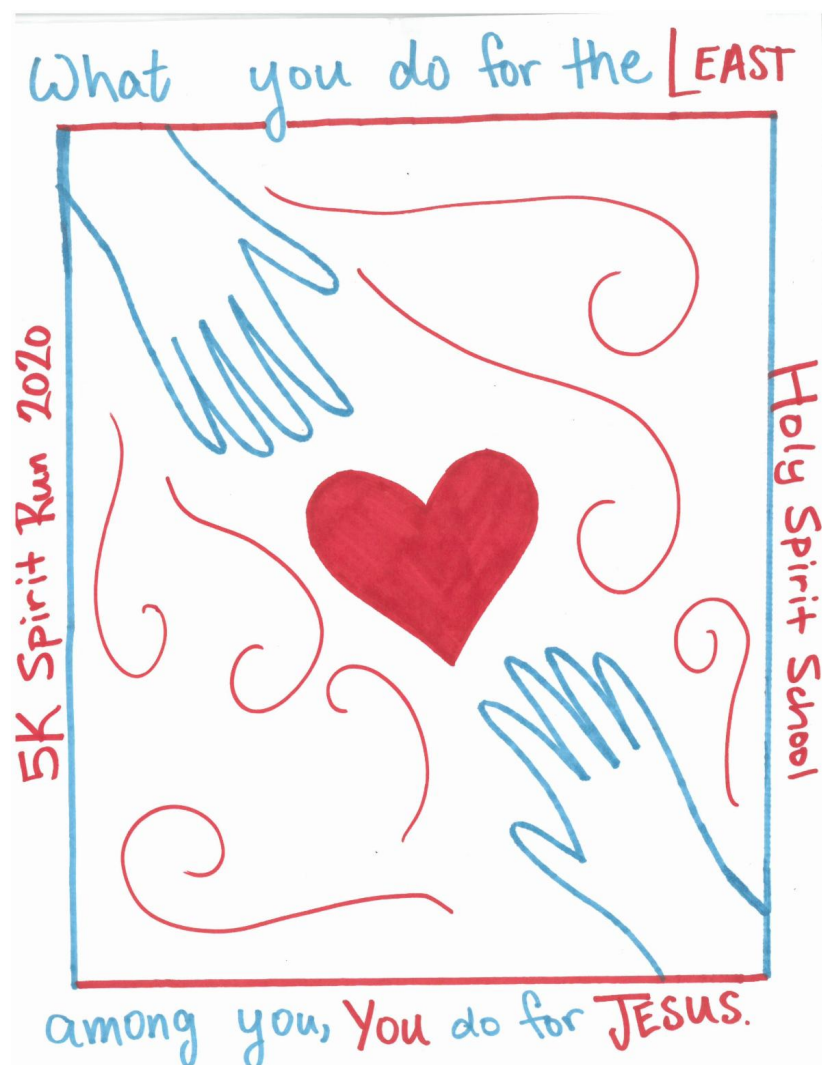


An update on flu season and important information  
regarding the novel coronavirus

[Click here to download important and timely information](#)

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5K Spirit Run!!!!  
May 16, 2020  
Lake Accotink Park



Congratulations to Katelyn G (7th Grade) on winning the t-shirt design contest for the upcoming 5K Spirit Run!

Registration for the race is up and running, as well as information regarding sponsorship.

All of the money raised goes into the Resource Department to help support the great work that is being done. Did you know that 10% of the total Holy Spirit School student body is assisted in some way or another by our Resource team?

Won't you help?

Message from the Race Coordinator.

[Click here to register!](#)

## Sponsorship information

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Our first ever Hot Cocoa sale was a HUGE success!  
Thank you to all who participated. We will provide the  
opportunity for students to have this sweet treat again  
next Tuesday.

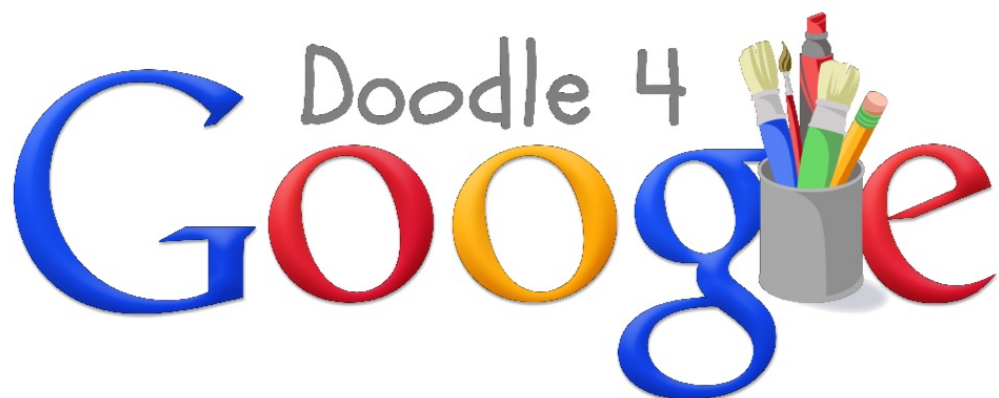
All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities.

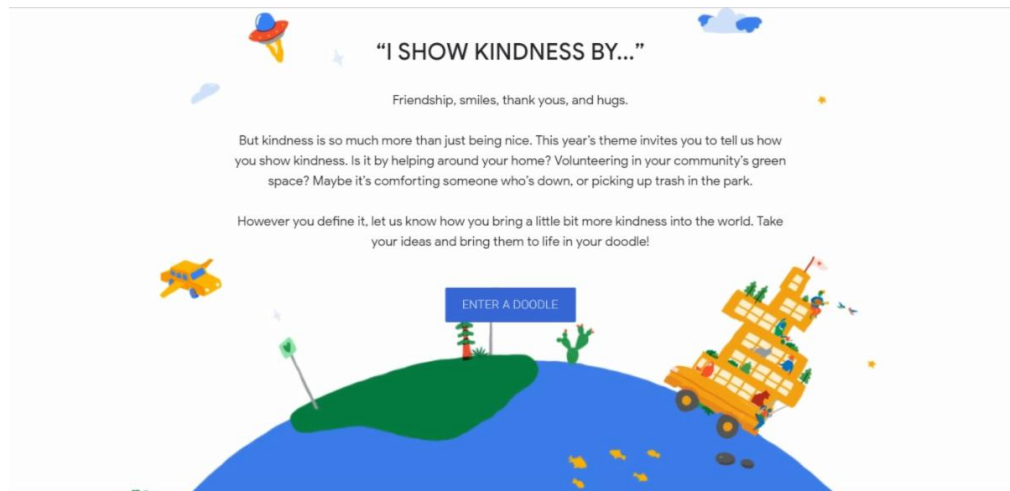




## Calling All Hot Cocoa Lovers... ♥

By Popular request, the Student Council will be hosting their first ever Hot Chocolate sale! Bring \$.50 to your lunch time on Tuesday, February 11, Tuesday, February 18, and Tuesday, February 25 and you will be part of the fun! The proceeds will go to the Winter Fundraiser. \*all made without milk





**The Doodle for Google Contest kicked off for 2020. The theme this year is "I show kindness by..." For the contest, students use their imagination to create a google doodle based on what kindness means to them.**

**The contest is open now through March 13, 2020 to students in grades K-12. There will be a state winner from each state/territory, national finalists, and one final national winner.**

**If you have any questions or if your student is interested in participating, please feel free to contact Mrs. Liss [iliss@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:iliss@holyspiritflames.org) . She is happy to help guide, answer questions or give feedback.**

**If you would like for Mrs. Liss to submit your entry, please submit by March 6, 2020.**

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**Sponsored by the PTO**



# PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION SEMINAR

presented by Peter Ryan



Saturday, March 7  
6:30-8pm

Peter Ryan is a Catholic husband and father of four who is in the process of founding LookUp4Life, a non-profit organization focused on spreading awareness regarding the negative impact of excess personal technology use (video games, social media, pornography), particularly on the youngest generations.

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGNUP.](#)**

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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 14<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 between 8:30 and 8:45AM 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, May 2nd, 2020 @ 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 announced soon.*



Important Forms will be coming soon!!

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Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

# *Married Couples Morning of Reflection*



Join other married couples from the parish for a morning of reflection, prayer and fellowship, led by Deacon Tom Grodek.  
Contact [knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:knights@holyspiritchurch.us) for more information.

*February 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*10:00 am-12:00 noon*  
*Meeting Rooms 1 and 2*



# PARISH CHILI DINNER

Hosted by the  
Holy Spirit Men's Club

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:30 - 7:30 PM  
School Cafeteria

Join us for a delicious chili dinner after  
the 5:30 pm Mass. All are welcome!

Ages 11 & Up: \$7 | Ages 6 - 10: \$4 |  
Ages 5 & Under: Free | \$20 max per



Celebrating 30 Yrs Service  
at the Christ House!





**Bring your family! Enjoy homemade  
soup every Friday in Lent!**

**Fridays February 28 - April 3**

**School Cafeteria**

**5:30 -7:00 PM Soup Suppers**

*Free - donations accepted*

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Soup Makers  
Needed!**

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

OR

[www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)

**Volunteer!**

# Family Bingo!

**Saturday,  
March 14**

**In Holy Spirit School  
Doors Open 6 PM  
Games Begin 7 PM**

**Celebrate with us!  
St. Patrick's Feast Day &  
Fr. John O'Donohue's  
Birthday!**

**Admission (includes book of 3 cards)**

- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
- Players Under 12 Years: \$3
  - Extra Cards \$1
- Free for children under 5 years and not playing.

#### **Prizes**

- Cash Bingo Prizes - Grand Prize \$100
- Other Games At Least \$30

#### **Snacks Sold**

- Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft

*If you are  
Fr. John  
snacks are  
on us!*

*Saint Patrick,  
pray for us.*



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



# † Lenten Food Drive

## To Benefit The St. Lucy Food Project

Hunger continues to burden many in our diocese. More than 205,000 people in our diocese do not know where their next meal will come from. Our neighbors continue to need our help!

### Blue Bag Food Collection March 14 & 15 | All Masses Holy Spirit Church

Pick up your blue St. Lucy food bag in the church narthex beginning March 10th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

**The St. Lucy Food Project is in need of the following items:**  
(no glass items please)

- Cooking Oil
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Meat/Fish
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce

#### Check Donation or Gift Card:

Please consider donating critical (tax deductible) funds on collection day for continued food delivery throughout the year. Write your check to "CCDA" with "Holy Spirit St. Lucy" written in the Memo. Or you can mail check to: "Program Director, St. Lucy Project, 8426-28 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110" if you miss the collection. We also gratefully accept Walmart and Giant gift



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



# 2020 All Saints Car Raffle

## you could win!



**Five 2020 Vehicles plus  
20 cash prize drawings!**



*Not actual car*

*When you buy a ticket, the parish  
gets a cut either way!*



*Not actual car*

### **How does my purchase help?**

This year's raffle will contribute to providing improvements to the main Sacristy and the large Rectory meeting room.



**Only \$5/ticket!**

**Last Entry Date: Sunday, April 19**

For raffle ticket purchases, visit

[www.holyspiritchurch.us/carraffle2020](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us/carraffle2020)

Or contact Tom Kennedy at [tfkinva@aol.com](mailto:tfkinva@aol.com)

# Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:  
**HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth**

**Girl's  
Volleyball**

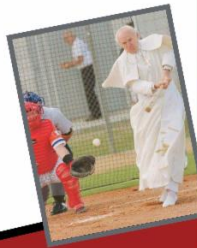
**Track  
& Field**

**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@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:CYO@holyspiritchurch.us)



Present

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**  
George Mason University Exploratory Hall



# DYSLEXIC EDGE

PATHWAYS TO STEM EXCELLENCE

## About

A one-day event to help parents, teachers and industry create future STEM leaders and entrepreneurs by building confidence in students with dyslexia.

The day includes a morning conference of sessions and speakers paired with an afternoon of STEM celebrations. During our STEM Celebrations, children of all ages will get to participate in a variety of STEM activities, engineering challenges, and live demos.



## Topics

- The science of dyslexia
- The STEM dyslexia connection
- Best teaching practices in reading and in STEM fields
- Identifying dyslexia
- Assistive technology
- Evaluating for dyslexia

## Come Join Us

To register, exhibit, sponsor or speak,

visit [www.thedyslexicedge.org](http://www.thedyslexicedge.org)



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled



"February 13, 2020 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Student Council Hot Cocoa Sale flyer
2. Yearbook Ordering flyer
4. Grandparent's Day - flyer
5. Diocesan Tuition Assistance Overview
6. Players Soccer Academy Spring session flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Car Raffle flyer
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3. Married Couples Day of Reflection flyer
4. CYO Spring Sports Signups flyer
5. Lenten Soup Suppers flyer
6. St. Patrick's Day BINGO flyer
7. Lenten Food Drive flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Dyslexic Edge Conference flyer
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