From the Principal's Desk



February 14, 2019

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"Let us love one another because love is from God"

Happy Valentines Day!

I hope everyone gives and receives a little sweetness and love from those in your life not just today but each and every day!

Tomorrow, Friday, February 15th is Grandparents Day. All students should arrive to school on time. Guests may begin to arrive about 8:20 - 8:30 am. The students will be brought to the gymnasium to be paired up with their guests prior to heading to the church for Mass. Receptions will immediately follow Mass back in the school building. Please see the flyer below.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend as Monday, February 18th is a no school day in celebration of Presidents Day.

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss Day here at school on Monday, March 4th - watch for information coming soon!

The parent portal closes for the trimester on Tuesday, March 5th and the trimester ends on Friday, March 8th.

Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday - we will be attending the 9:00 am Mass.

The Middle School production of Shrek Jr. is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th. We invite all families to the evening performance at 7:00 pm. Please see the information below for those who wish to advertise in the show's program and the call for costume donations.

March 8th is an 11:30 am dismissal day and extended day will be open.

Monday, March 11th is a no school day for teacher professional development.

A reminder that families intending to apply for tuition assistance, all FACTS applications are due Friday, March 15th.

If you have not returned registration information for your student(s) for the 2019/2020 academic year, please send that in as soon as possible as acceptance letters to new students are set to go out. Additionally, if you know that your student is not returning, please let us know.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Calendar Change!

Friday, March 1st will be a 12 noon dismissal day for all students and NO lunch will be served. ALL students may bring a snack to school that day; for those classes that do not usually have snack I would ask that whatever is brought is something small and nutritious and that can be eaten while students are still working.

Bishop Burbidge will be celebrating mass with us and then visiting with the children. The early dismissal allows for the faculty and staff to enjoy lunch together with Bishop.

Please note that afternoon extended day will be open.

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



February 15th

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





Looking for an opportunity to advertise your business plus support the middle school musical? This year's musical entails a number of costume rentals/purchases and we could use your help!

AD DEADLINE: Febuary 20, 2019! Requests received after this date will not be honored. SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.
□ BUSINESS CARD: \$ 25.00 □ QUARTER PAGE \$ 35.00 □ HALF PAGE \$ 50.00 □ FULL PAGE \$ 100.00 □ INSIDE COVER (If available—Business Only) \$ 200.00 (In Color) □ BACK COVER (If available—Business Only) \$ 200.00 (In Color)
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You may submit a hard copy of your ad along with this form or email your ad to bsibal@holyspiritflames.org . Please send your attachment as either a JPEG or Microsoft file.
Checks should be made payable to Holy Spirit School.
Please mail to: Holy Spirit School, Attn: Mr. Sibal, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003
Proformance Date: March 7, 2019 at 7 PM
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL'S PRODUCTION OF SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

This year's production entails a number of costume pieces, and we could use your help! If you have any new or gently used costumes, that you think may be of use and are

willing to donate we would be grateful. All inquiries should be sent to Mr. Toussaint at atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org



Come join the Holy Spirit PTO at Giardino Italian Restaurant on Sunday February 17, 2019 for brunch, lunch and dinner.

The management of Giardino Italian Restaurant has offered to have an exclusive brunch only for Holy Spirit parishioners, students and families, clergy and lay people.

On Sunday February 17, 2019, Giardino Italian Restaurant is having a brunch seating after both the 9:00AM and the 10:30AM mass. Reservations are required for both seatings.

Following the 10:30 mass seating the restaurant will be open for regular lunch and dinner business (reservations aren't required the remainder of the day).

Any diners who mention Holy Spirit School on February 17, 2019 will get 10% of their check donated to the Holy Spirit PTO by Giardino Italian Restaurant. But you must remember to mention Holy Spirit School to your sever to get the donation.

8944 Burke Lake Rd, Springfield, VA 22151 703-425-1555



CLASS CONTEST!

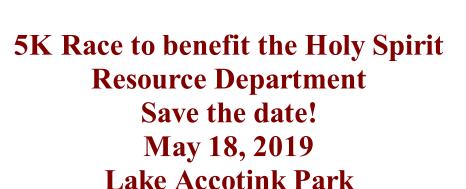
It's time for another Box Top Drive for Holy Spirit! Box Tops will be collected beginning February 11th through the 25th. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a HOT CHOCOLATE PARTY!

Students may use the collection sheet below.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to count Box Tops, please contact Shelley Schaad at

shelley.schaad@gmail.com







February 7, 2019

Dear Holy Spirit Community,

As I create the video of our 2018 5K Spirit Run, I can't help but smile and become filled with emotion as I look over all the wonderful photos of the students, parents, teachers, faculty, parishioners and our own Father O'Donohue coming out to Lake Accotink as a Holy Spirit Community. Although we had to post-pone the race due to weather, we all came together that June morning and 157 runners and walkers crossed that finish line as they were being cheered on by their family and friends. It was a blessing to be part of that Spirit Run morning.

We hold this 5K every year so we can continue to financially support and grow in our ability to serve all families who choose a Catholic Education for their child. We could not do that without the financial support of the Holy Spirit Community. We raised over \$14,000, which went directly to our resource budget. The money we raised went into increasing the hours of our reading specialist and bringing in another part-time paraprofessional who helps in the classroom as well as works in small reading groups to assist students who need reading support. The resource program at Holy Spirit School also continues to support over 30 students in our school who need resource assistance in the areas of ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Intellectual Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, and other special needs.

Last year Bishop Burbidge and the Diocese of Arlington produced a video called "Porto Charities: Integrating Students with Intellectual Disabilities into Arlington Catholic Schools," which recognizes the value of inclusion in our Catholic Schools and acknowledges Porto Charities for their generous grants which help support inclusion in Catholic Schools, including Holy Spirit School. I urge you to take 5 minutes to watch the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d GKAqi Ol4. It is truly a blessing for Holy Spirit that because of grants, donations, and the money from the Spirit Run we can be truly inclusive in our Catholic education.

This year's date for our 5K Spirit Run is May 18, 2019 at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield. As always, our goal is not only financial, but it is also to continue to raise awareness of our special education program at Holy Spirit School. There are many ways you can help. Register for the race or buy a t-shirt at: https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Springfield/flamesspiritrun, become a sponsor or make a donation, pass our donation letter to a friend or business, or encourage your child to enter the t-shirt design contest. I will give

This year's theme is "Love one another because love is from God." Please watch the 2018 Race Video on the Holy Spirt School website and on our Facebook page and I hope it makes you smile. It truly shows the love we have for one another and that love truly does come from God.

Hope to see you on May 18th at Lake Accotink! Go Flames!

house points to every middle student who enters a design!

Blessings.

Sue Gibbons, Race Coordinator sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org

See below for sponsorship information

Ready to register to run? Click here!

Yearbook Sales have begun!
The "early bird" deadline is fast approaching!



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK AT YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM TODAY!

EARLY BIRD SALE! Price per yearbook raises to \$20 after 2/17/19. Online ordering only. Please do not send payment into the school.

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Yearbook ID Code: 11439519

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 for more information.

February 16th 10:00 am-12:00 noon Meeting Rooms 1 and 2



FAMILYBREAKFAST

Hosted by the Men's Club



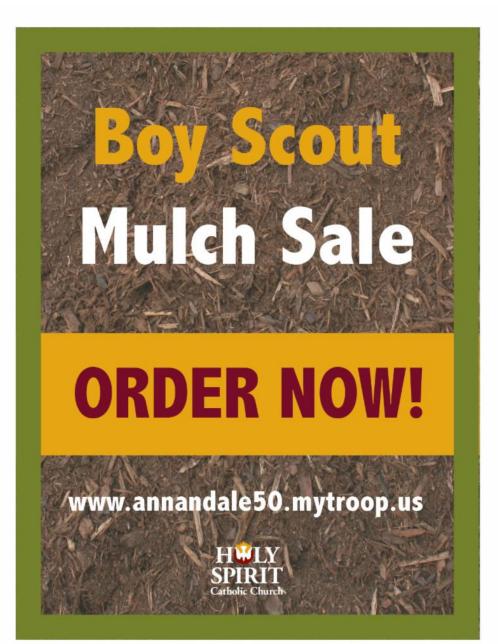
Sunday February 24th

Join us in the school cafeteria after the 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am Masses

Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, oatmeal, fruit, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, orange juice, hot chocolate and coffee.

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

HWLY SPIRIT



Froop 50 Annual Mulch Sale

Annual Mulch Sale

Delivery Date: Saturday, March 16 Order Due Date: Wednesday, March 6

Why order Troop 50 mulch?

You are supporting local Boy Scouts who work to support our community through various service projects and who strive to fulfill the Scout Law in their daily lives.

WE OFFER HOME DELIVERY FOR A TEN-BAG MINIMUM ORDER.

Note that your mulch will be placed in a single, accessible location along your driveway or in your front yard.

Price per bag: \$5.00

3 Cu. Ft. Bags - Premium Hardwood Mulch

(9 bags = 1 cubic yard of mulch)

To order, send in the form below along with a check, **OR** order on-line annandale50.mytroop.us

Questions? Contact Dawn Beutner at T50Mulch@gmail.com or 703-978-1096
Thank you in advance for your support of Troop 50.

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Payment must be inc	luded with your order. Make check payable to "BSA Troop 50".	

Mail order to:

Dawn Beutner Troop 50 Mulch 8505 Braeburn Drive Annandale, VA 22003

Sample Amounts:



To Benefit The St. Lucy Food Project

Hunger continues to burden many in our diocese. More than 196,000 people in our diocese do not know where their next meal will come from. Our neighbors continue to need our help! Pick up your blue St. Lucy food bag in the church narthex beginning March 9th and fill it with non-perishable food items.

Blue Bag Food Collection March 16 & 17 | All Masses **Holy Spirit Church**

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
- · Breakfast Cereal (hot & cold)
- Dried & Canned Beans
- No Sugar Added Fruit Juice**
- Shelf Stable Milk
- **Marked items especially in high demand

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 and send in the envelope attached to the blue bag flyer. 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 cards.



For more information about the drive, please contact

Vince Cannava, Holy Spirit Food Ministry, 571-442-4673 (cell)

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2019 All Saints

Five Car Raffle

5-2019 Vehicles & 20 Cash Prize Drawings

This year's raffle will contribute to:

- Improved lighting, painting and upgrades for the newly designated Quinn Room (previously Meeting Room #3) for Parish and School activities
 - · New wall pads for the school gym
- Supporting the Holy Spirit Middle School Youth Ministry Boot Camp

Raffle ticket purchases: all checks must be made out to "All Saints Church".

Mail-in returns: must be mailed to All Saints Catholic Church. The yellow card included with tickets makes this return easy.

Collection Basket Returns: tickets may be returned (sealed in the return envelopes provided with the yellow card) within the collection bas-ket at Holy Spirit.

***All tickets must be returned within the collection basket no later than April 28th or postmarked for mailing to All Saints no later than April 30th.

Additional tickets may be obtained at vehicle displays in front of the Church or by contacting Tom Kennedy at (703) 323-8878 or tfkinva@aol.com.

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Teacher | Job Fair

March 9, 2019 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with Principals from more than 30 Catholic schools. We educate over 17,250 students (preschool through high school) in 13 cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled, and dynamic professionals.

Your future is HERE.

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Intelligent Lives



Intelligent Lives Trailer

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting a FREE viewing of Dan Habib's new film, INTELLIGENT LIVES on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7pm. This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. INTELLIGENT LIVES challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70-minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public.

For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Bishop O'Connell High School: Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org.

Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, Va.



Family Folder Flyers

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

"February 14, 2019 "(or <u>CLICK HERE</u>). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

- 1. PTO Talent Show Save the Date flyer
- 2. PTO Talent Show Sign-up/Audition Form flyer
- 3. PTO Volunteers flyer
- 4. Grandparents Day flyer
- 5. Doodle for Google information
- 6. Shrek Program Ad flyer
- 7. Box Tops -flyer
- 8. Box Tops Collection Sheet

5K Race Information:

- 1. Why We Race Letter
- 2. Sponsorship Informatin

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Married Couples Morning of Reflection flyer
- 2. Parish Family Breakfast flyer
- 3. All Saints Car Raffle flyer
- 4. Lenten Parish Food Drive flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. Boy Scouts Mulch Sale
- 2. Boy Scout Mulch order form
- 3. Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair flyer
- 4. ANSLL Registration flyers Spring 2019