

From the Principal's Desk

February 16, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

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

Oh, Those Germs!

Holy Spirit is experiencing more than its fair share of students and faculty who are beset by colds, the flu, and strep. If your student is running a fever or has vomited, he/she is not permitted to return to school until symptom free for 24 hours. If your student begins to complain that he/she is not feeling well, please strongly consider having him/her stay home for the day in order to not introduce more germs into the classrooms. Please also, if you could help us in encouraging students to clean their hands regularly and to cover mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing we would greatly appreciate it!

On Saturday evening, February 11th, several of the Holy Spirit faculty and families attended the annual Porto Charities dinner. Porto Charities is a charitable organization dedicated to actively assisting people with developmental or intellectual disabilities; their community and their environment. The organization raises and provides funds and other resources within the Diocese of Arlington. Holy Spirit has been very blessed to have a partner in Porto Charities to support all of the work that we are doing here at Holy Spirit.

A reminder that Friday, February 17th is an early dismissal day (Extended Day is open) and Monday, February 20th is a school holiday.

Dr. Seuss Day will be celebrated on March 2nd - be on the lookout for information soon!

Information regarding the PTO sponsored Read-A-Thon has been distributed. This is the largest fundraiser of the PTO for this school year. Please consider registering an account for your student and gathering donations from family and friends. The funds that the PTO brings in over the course of a school year are vital to the overall programming that we do here at Holy Spirit. Class field trips and special events like Field Day and the dj that was present during Spirit Week do not take place without the financial support of the PTO. Additionally, many of the "extras" in classrooms in terms of enrichment items are provided via an annual stipend to each classroom teacher. In both large and small ways the PTO's investment in the school is a significant reason why we are able to continue growing our programming.

We have opened registration for the 2017/2018 school year to new families and are well on our way. If you have not returned registration information for your current students and intend for them to return to Holy Spirit next year please return the information as soon as possible as we will not be able to guarantee a spot.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit 2016/2017 - Building the Future through Faith and Family



Holy Spirit is now on Facebook!

Please help us spread the word about our great school by "liking" our page and "sharing" our news.

And don't forget...

Holy Spirit School is also Twitter!





Make-up and New Student Picture Day Monday, February 27th

A member of the Holy Spirit Yearbook Staff will be available on Monday, February 27th to take a Yearbook portrait picture of any student who missed Picture Day on September 13th, or Picture Retakes on November 8th. Students should wear their dress winter school uniform on this day.

Please note these pictures are not being taken by Lifetouch and therefore are not for purchase but are being done so that all of our students may be represented in the yearbook.



5K Spirit Run

Save the Date!
May 20, 2017



[Click here to register!](#)

[Click here for Race Letter](#)

[Click here for Sponsorship Information](#)

Time to Order a Yearbook!



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Announcing... The Holy Spirit School 2016-2017 YEARBOOK

Early Bird Sale! Online orders only

Our yearbook is planned to include:

- All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Sturdy soft cover

Add on any of the following yearbook extras:

- Student's name imprinted in foil on the cover
- Autograph insert and signing pen to share messages with friends
- Yearbook Stickys are repositionable and are a fun way to personalize pages

Schools may adjust yearbook features and the final yearbook features may vary.

Early Bird Sale!

Yearbook Pricing:
\$18.00

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Sale Deadline Date:
March 3, 2017

Early Bird Sale!
Order early to save.

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Thank you to all those families who donated during Catholic Schools Week to the Little Sisters of the Poor!



February 7, 2017

Mrs. Maureen Ashby
Principal
Holy Spirit School
8800 Braddock Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Dear Mrs. Ashby,

"God is good, all the time", reverberates in the life of every Little Sister. How can we not be when we find ourselves blessed by God's Providence unceasingly through the intermediary of good and holy people like you.

The enthusiasm of the students were striking. They are a bunch of lively and happy boys and girls in a loving and caring environment. You are all doing something beautiful for God.

The amount of food and non-food items are incredible. It is totally beyond our expectations. What generosity on the part of the students and their family. Please let them know how grateful we are. We will be able to put food on the table for many months to come. Thanks to you!

Be assured of our remembrance of you, the Faculty and the Students in prayer before Our Blessed Lord in the Tabernacle.

May God continue to bless the School that it may be a place where knowledge, truth and love will be the hallmark.

Gratefully in Jesus & Mary,

Justin Korman, LSP
Little Sister of the Poor

Cc Natalie Evans, Asst. Principal



Thinking about next year?

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

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Technology throughout History Mini-Museum

Mr. Pietuszka would like to create a mini-museum display of technology throughout history for our students to see first hand

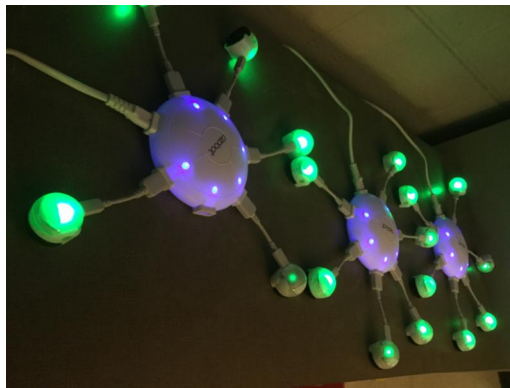
some of the technology advancements that helped pave the way for the technology of today and the future.

Examples of these technologies would be but are not limited to: older models of cell phones (from the 80's and 90's), a rotary phone, typewriters, word processors, car phone, Apple 2E computers, etc.

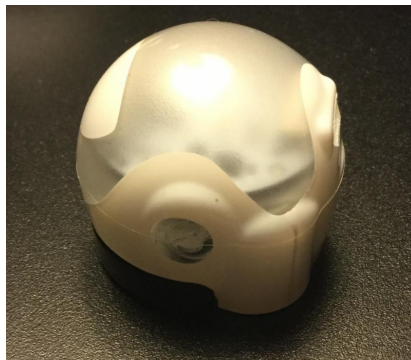
Do you have and would you be willing to loan our school your historic technology?

If you are please contact Mr. Pietuszka at MPietuszka@holyspiritflames.org to arrange for drop-off/pickup of the item in early March.

Robotics at Holy Spirit



The Ozobots have arrived!



Thank you to those families who have already donated to our robotics program at Holy Spirit. Eighteen Ozobots have arrived! We are seeking to purchase one additional class set of Ozobots and Mr. Pietuszka now has it eye on a class set of "Dash & Dot" robots

If you would like to assist us in making these purchases, donations large or small are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



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.](#)

Summer Camp Make friends
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JOIN US IN TROOP 50 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Open House

March 18, 2017, 1-3 pm

Look for us in the field behind **Holy Spirit School**,
5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA, or in Meeting Room
3 (downstairs in the school) for great activities.

All boys ages 11-17 are welcome.
No prior scouting experience required.



Can't make the Open House?

We meet most Mondays during the
school year. Join us for our next
meeting on **Feb. 27 at 7:15
pm in Meeting Room 3.**

May 27-29 is a **campout**
for **new Scouts**. Meet other boys
who have just joined the Troop!



Troop 50 offers a Catholic scouting program approved by our pastor and sponsored by Holy Spirit Parish. We emphasize opportunities to **grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually** while learning to be **good citizens and leaders**. Our Scouts have opportunities to learn about their faith and earn religious emblems and have performed many service projects in the parish and community.

Interested in joining? Want to know more?

Contact Scoutmaster Dan Brunk: daniel.brunk@yahoo.com



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 the March lunch menu](#)



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "February 16, 2017" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [March Lunch Menu](#)
2. [Flynn & O'Hara uniform flyer](#)

5K Spirit Run:

1. [5K Spirit Run Parent Letter](#)
2. [5K Spirit Run Sponsorship Letter](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Troop 50 Boy Scouts flyer](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair](#)
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