

From the Principal's Desk

February 9, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

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

A Blessed Day

Please join the administration, faculty, and staff in congratulating Mrs. Anna Molino and her husband Bill on the birth of their first child, Carter Ryan. He was born on February 8th. Baby and mom are doing well!

We look forward to greeting all of the grandparents and guests who will spend time with us tomorrow morning, Friday, February 9th. All students should arrive at school at regular time as attendance will be taken per usual. Guests should arrive at the school at 8:30 am. We will bring the student body down to the gym and match everyone up. All will attend the 9:00 am Mass and then we will have small receptions in the classrooms following. Traditionally our morning concludes by 10:45 am. If your student will be "adopted" by someone other than a relative, please be sure to send the homeroom teacher a note.

Thank you to those families who supported the Dimes for Devices class challenge. We raised just under \$5000.00. Mrs. Crone's 3rd grade class will be receiving a pizza party and Mrs. Barger's 1st grade class will receive an ice cream party for filling their class bottles.

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.

The 7th & 8th grade science fair is scheduled for next week, Tuesday, February 14th. If you have the time, I would highly recommend that you visit the

fair during the day on Wednesday to see the work the students have done.

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

*This week's newsletter has lots of information, please be sure to scroll all the way through for two parish events this weekend!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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

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



February 10th
is

GRANDPARENTS DAY at Holy Spirit School!

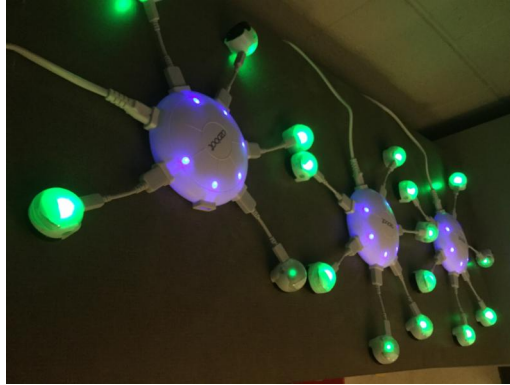
9:00 AM Mass followed by classroom visits

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 light refreshments and some enjoyable activities.

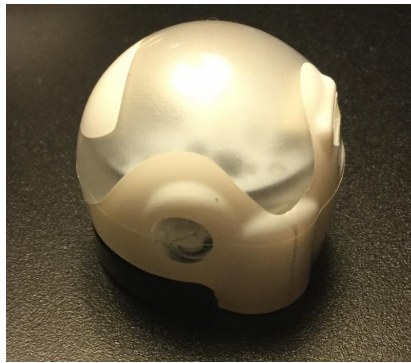
Students without Grandparents available are encouraged to 'adopt' a grandparent for the morning. This could be a friend, neighbor, or other relative. Please send the homeroom teacher a note if such an arrangement is being made



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!

Box Tops for Education

It's a new year....and time for a new contest to support
our Box Tops for Education program!



Create a Box Tops collection container.

This is a perfect snow day activity. Get creative and have fun! Make it for anyone you like – a relative, your doctor's office, your parent's workplace, grandma's kitchen counter – your choice. Pick a container; any size and style. Recycle a glass jar, empty tissue box, coffee canister and turn it into a creative collection container. Visit www.BTFE.com or [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com) for ideas, logos and graphics. Pull out some scissors, craft paper, ribbon, glue and have fun decorating!



Please include the words **Box Tops for Education** and the words **Holy Spirit Catholic School** on the Collection Container. You may also add your name, for example, "Thank you for helping me clip and collect, Johnny Smith".

Bring your collection container to school by Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th. All students who create a collection container will earn a dress down day, to be announced by Mrs. Ashby. \$10 Apple iTunes gift cards will be awarded to **three** students who put the most effort into their creation!

Collection containers will be sent home after the contest is completed.

[Click here for the Box Tops Collection Sheet](#)



5K Spirit Run
Save the Date!
May 20, 2017



[Click here to register!](#)

[Click here for Race Letter](#)

[Click here for Sponsorship Information](#)



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.



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/3QVGGQ>.

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



In the School!!

Family Movie Night

Saturday, February 11

Doors open: 6:30pm
Movie begins: 7:00pm

Join us on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes for a movie about St. Bernadette. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Hot dogs and pizza will be available for a free will donation.

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FAMILY BREAKFAST

*Hosted by the
Men's Club*



Sunday
February 12th

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).

**HOLY
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Catholic Church

Summer Camp Make friends
Campouts Ski Trip Backpacking
Learn new skills Fun Adventure

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



For those families who claim Extended Day expenses as child care on their taxes, please note the following from the IRS:

"Care Providers:

You must identify all persons or organizations that provide care for your child or dependent. You must report the name, address, and TIN (either the social security number or the employer identification number) of the care provider on your return. **If the care provider is a tax-exempt organization, you need only report the name and address of the organization on your return.** You can use Form W-10 (PDF), Dependent Care Provider's Identification and Certification, to request this information from the care provider. If you can't provide information regarding the care provider, you may still be eligible for the credit if you can show that you exercised due diligence in attempting to provide the required information. If you pay a provider to care for your dependent or spouse in your home, you may be a household employer. If you're a household employer, you may have to withhold and pay social security and Medicare taxes and pay federal unemployment tax. For more information, refer to Employment Taxes for Household Employers in Publication 503, Publication 926, Household Employer's Tax Guide, or Topic 756."

IRS website (<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc602.html>)

Holy Spirit School is a tax-exempt organization, therefore you do not need a letter from the school for tax purposes. You should be able to access payments via your Smart Tuition account.



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).

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

[Click here for the February lunch menu](#)



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "February 9, 2017" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [Chess Club Sign-Up information](#)
2. [Box Tops for Education Collection Sheet](#)

3. [Grandparents Day flyer](#)

4. [February Lunch Menu](#)

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](#)

2. [PVI Student Life Close-Up Night flyer](#)
