### From the Principal's Desk

January 31, 2019



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

Even the weather can't stop us from celebrating our unique and wonderful Catholic school!





































Well, it has certainly been a crazy week for weather - difficult to believe the call is for temperatures in the 60's next week!

We began our week by thanking you - our parents - for all that you do for the school. No Catholic school can be successful without the support and assistance of every family - we are in this together! Additionally on Monday morning, Deacon LaDuca led us in a prayer service celebrating the rich tradition of Catholic schools and reminding us all that our primary mission, both young and "old", is to teach the Faith!

On our crazy Tuesday, the students completed our service project that was started with our small change drive, "Pennies for Parties". Every class decorated a box with a birthday theme along with a large "Happy Birthday" banner. The boxes were stuffed with banners and all of the materials needed put together a home birthday party. The students had a wonderful time with their buddy class! All of the birthday boxes will make their way to House of Mercy to be distributed to those families who might otherwise not be able to provide a party for a child.

Of course on Wednesday we had the day off - I am thinking maybe this was a true celebration for the students!

Today we celebrated our students with a movie and popcorn for the afternoon. The teachers entertained the students with a flash mob dance to "Joy". Check it out on the school's Facebook page - search for HSSFlames or Holy Spirit Catholic School. Tomorrow, Friday, we will thank the clergy and the other ministry leaders of our parish who provide us with amazing support throughout the year.

A tremendous "THANK YOU" to Mrs. Evans and Ms. Gregas for spearheading our week of celebration!

If you have not returned your registration form for next year - now is the time! The registration fee increases to \$150 per student after Friday, February

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If you have a sibling you would like to have join us next year - now is the time to turn in that application.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Laclede - <u>llaclede@holyspiritflames.org</u>.

Applications for new students will be accepted beginning next week and we will begin filling available slots.

Thank you!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

### **World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser**



Thank you to those families who have been participating in this important PTO fundraiser. We have a few more days to go to the official close of the selling.

Please remember that all students in the school benefit from the money raised through this and all PTO fundraisers.

Questions? Concerns? Please email Le'Neeka Manning (leneeka.manning@uscp.gov ) & Emily Sprissler (chefemily192@yahoo.com ).

Each family is asked to sell a minimum of 2 boxes of chocolates



Seeking Ambassadors to the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to introduce and encourage Holy Spirit's future scientists.

We are looking for science fair judges for the February 19 Holy Spirit Science Fair.

Catered lunch will be provided. Arrive at 11:30 and wrap things up by 2:45pm.

Please contact Mr. Mike Thieman (mthieman@holyspiritflames.org) for more details.

### Design the 2019 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 and race page, plus receive a free race entry!

This year's theme is:

### "Love one another because love is from God."

#### **Guidelines:**

- Design should be inspired by this year's theme and must also include the theme on the shirt.
- · 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 the design.
- Deadline for submission is by the end of the school day on Friday, February 1, 2019
- · All Holy Spirit School students are welcome to submit a design.

### **Share Your Creativity and School Spirit!**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gibbons



"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



### **RESCHEDULED!**

Note there is no PTO meeting on this date only the presentation



### Students are encouraged to participate!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Liss iliss@holyspiritflames.org



### **How to Enter**

**Submitting entries for your students is now easier than ever!** Using the copied entry forms, you may submit multiple entries at one time on behalf of your students – either online or through the mail. Just follow these steps:

Make copies of the entry form in this kit, or download the form at doodle4google.com.

On the entry form, have students create their doodles using any material they want, write their 50-word descriptive statement, and have your student's parent or guardian sign their form.

Students can draw the Doodle on another sheet of paper, take a digital photo, or scan the Doodle and tape it to the official entry form. Just be sure that the tape is clear and the Doodle is below the information on the bottom of the entry form.

**Digital Entries:** We've updated our online entry portal so you can upload multiple entries at once as a .jpg or .png file. Simply go to doodle4google.com to get started.

Mail Entries: Entry forms can also be submitted by mail. Mailed submissions must be postmarked by March 18, 2019 and received seven days from the postmark deadline at one of the below addresses:

Regular Mail: Doodle 4 Google Contest (US) P.O. Box 391840 Mountain View, CA 94309-9899

**Overnight Mail:** Doodle 4 Google Contest (US) 1600 Amphitheater Parkway Mountain View, CA 94043







When: April 6, 2019



### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! It is a great way to earn your hours in a fun atmosphere. All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Please click the signup link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A9A92EA31-holy4

### Click here to volunteer

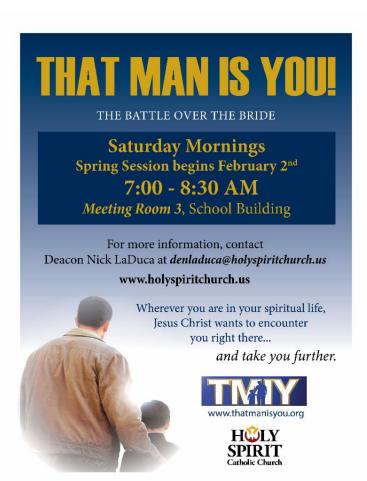
### Yearbook Sales have begun!

Hard copies of the order form went home with students prior

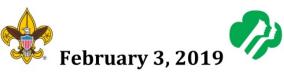








# SCOUT SUNDAY



Calling all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and Trail Life Scouts!

Join Holy Spirit Parish at the 10:30am Mass to celebrate Scout Sunday. Come in your uniform as you are recognized for your work and dedication to serving God, your country, and others. After Mass, come with your family to the cafeteria, where the Mens' Club will be hosting a donut reception in your honor.











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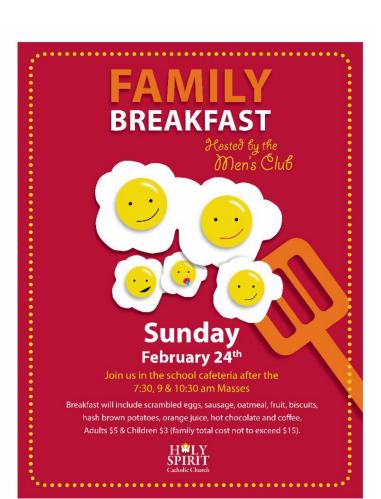
## Married Couples Morning of Reflection



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







**Catholic Charities Presents** 

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR**

Friday February 8 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

St Mark Catholic Church 9970 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Experts on Human Trafficking will share their knowledge and experience and discuss what we can do to help

- Deacon Marques Silva Director of the Offices of Children Protection and Safety will discuss the Diocesan Response
   Kay Duffield Executive Director of NOVA Human Trafficking Initiative will share information on the services that are available
   Bill Woolf Executive Director of Just Ask Prevention will present action items for the prevention of Human Trafficking on the community level
   Parishioners from St Francis Assisi will share "What Parishes Can Do"
   We will hear testimony from the mother of a Human Trafficking survivor

### Please RSVP to volunteer@ccda.net

All are Welcome to Attend! Lunch will be provided

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### Teacher | Job Fair

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

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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 "January 31, 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. World's Finest Chocolate box "check out" form
- 5. 529 Presentation flyer
- 6. Grandparents Day flyer
- 7. 5K Race t-shirt contest flyer
- 8. Doodle for Google flyer

### Parish Flyers:

- 1. Parish Chili Dinner flyer
- 2. That Man is You! flyer
- 3. Pancake Breakfast 2/10 flyer
- 4. Married Couples Morning of Reflection flyer
- 5. Family Breakfast 2/24 flyer

### Community Flyers:

- 1. Scout Sunday flyer
- 2. Diocese of Arlington Teacher Job Fair flyer
- 3. ANSLL Registration flyers Spring 2019
- 4. Catholic Charities Presentation on Human Trafficking flyer