

From the Principal's Desk

January 5, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

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

Welcome 2017!

I certainly hope that everyone enjoyed the break from school and the students are back in the swing of schedules and school work.

Please note that we have one change to the school calendar that is in the near future. The Office of Catholic Schools has recommended that schools located within school districts that are closed for Inauguration Day be closed as well. **Therefore, Friday, January 20th will be a "No School" day for Holy Spirit.** This day will not have to be made up at the end of the year.

That same day, January 20th will still be the date when we close the Parent Portal for the 2nd quarter. The quarter ends the following Friday, January 27th. If students have outstanding work now would be the time for them to dialogue with their teachers.

The annual March for Life is Friday, January 27th. **This is an early dismissal day for the school; Extended Day will be open but please note that it will close at 5:00 pm.** The parish is sponsoring some 500+ guests for the March. Several of the groups will arrive late on Thursday evening and will depart Friday morning for the March. We hope for there to be minimal impact on our arrival line but please bear with us as we get the buses off the campus. Those same groups plus additional folks will arrive back here Friday afternoon and will stay overnight into Saturday.

I would certainly encourage you to participate as a family in the March. The parish will have buses going downtown. You may find more information and reserve a spot on the bus via the church website: holyspiritchurch.us.

Information regarding tuition rates for the 2017/2018 academic year are in the process of being finalized. Registration paperwork for current students will be coming home in about two weeks and will be due by January 31, 2017 (registration fee will remain the same: \$100/student). New student registration will begin on February 7, 2017.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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



**Attention 3rd-5th grade students,
Board Game Club is back!**

When: January 26, February 2, February 9, February 16,
February 23

Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Room 14

Sign Up Link: [Holy Spirit Board Game Club](#)

Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

We will only be able to accept 20 students. You will receive a follow up email to confirm your participation.

If you have any questions please contact us by email
(or jmarino@holyspiritflames.org or bfranchi@holyspiritflames.org).

Catholic Schools Week 2017

January 29 - February 3, 2017



Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 Parish Mass
 - Please join us in celebrating Mass with the Holy Spirit parish community. Students are encouraged to show their school pride by wearing their uniform.
- Open House for prospective families from 1:00 – 2:30pm in the school.

Monday, January 30

- "Parent Appreciation Day"
- Look for your parent "thank you" in the morning carpool line.
- Prayer Service – 8:30am

Tuesday, January 31

- "Student Appreciation" Day
- Dress-down day
- All school movie/popcorn in the afternoon

Wednesday, February 1

- "Service Day"
- Special guest speaker: Sr. Rosemarie from the Little Sisters of the Poor @ 10 am in the gym
 - Please come join us and our guest speaker

Thursday, February 2

- Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day
- This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).

Friday, February 3

- "Clergy Appreciation Day"
- 9:00am School Mass
- Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Peter, Father Carroll and Deacon LaDuca do within the school and parish community, but also the efforts of those involved with the parish Religious Education office and youth ministry.

[Click Here for CSW Service Project Parent Letter](#)



2017 - 2018 Financial Aid Applications

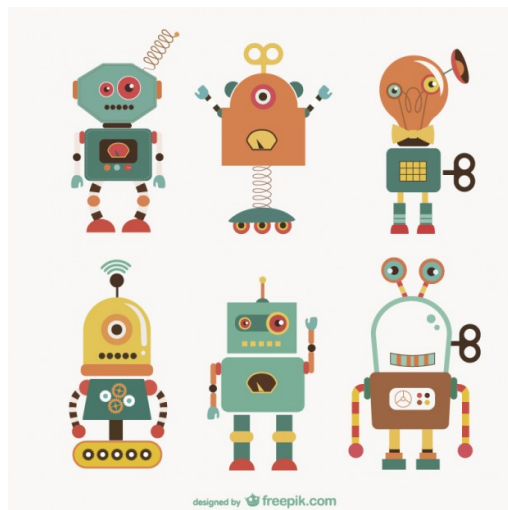
Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

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/3QVGGQ>.

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

Robotics at Holy Spirit



Would you like to help us build our robotics program?

Thank you to those families who have already donated to our robotics program at Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to the arrival of our own WeDo 2.0 robots. As a compliment to those we are all seeking to purchase sets of Ozobots which provide for a different type of programming challenge for the students.

Donations large or small are appreciated.

Thank you!



The poster features a blue background with a yellow border. At the top, the word "BINGO" is written in large, bold, black letters, with each letter inside a different colored circle: B (red), I (green), N (yellow), G (cyan), and O (magenta). The word "Family" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, with the letters scattered around the "BINGO" circles. Below the word "BINGO", the word "Night!" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, with the letters scattered around the "BINGO" circles. In the center, the text "SATURDAY January 21" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, "Doors Open @ 6" and "Games Begin @ 7" are written in smaller, bold, white letters. At the bottom, there are two columns of text: "Admission" and "Prizes". The "Admission" column lists: "Includes 3 books of cards", "Players 12 and older: \$5", "Players Under 12: \$3", "Extra Cards: \$1", and "Free for children under 5 who are not playing!". The "Prizes" column lists: "Cash Bingo Prizes up to \$100" and "Other games at least \$30". At the bottom right, there are two logos: a circular logo for "K of C" and a circular logo for "HOLY SPIRIT Catholic Church". At the bottom center, there is a line of text: "For more information please contact Ron Poussard at ronpoussard@mac.com".

BINGO
Family Night!

SATURDAY
January 21
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Games Begin @ 7

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Players Under 12: \$3
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Prizes
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Squire Roses

Girls ages 10-18 are invited to join the Squire Roses, a girl run/led organization under the sponsorship of the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus.

Why Squire Roses? The purpose of the group is to give girls an opportunity to receive leadership training within a Catholic program. Participants will help plan, organize and carry out both service projects and social gatherings. With appropriate guidance, the girls will develop their own ideas of how to participate in parish life and live out their Catholic faith through charitable activities.

When do we meet? Typically, the first Sunday of the month (with the occasional exception) at 1:15pm in Meeting room 2. Our next couple of meetings are: Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 8 and June 11.

Types of Projects and Activities? Decorating the sanctuary at Easter and Christmas, Mother/Daughter outings, May Crowning, helping at Lenten Soup Suppers, Movie Night, Collecting Rosaries, hosted the parish Advent Event.

Time Commitment? Be active when you can; do not worry when you cannot be with us.

Point of Contact: Ruth Oordt, mroordt@yahoo.com, 210-954-6820.



Holy Spirit School is now on Twitter!

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 January Lunch Menu](#)



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "January 7, 2017" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated:

School Flyers:

1. [Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events](#)
2. [Catholic Schools Week Service Project Parent Letter](#)
3. [January lunch menu](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Knights of Columbus BINGO](#)
2. [Squire Roses](#)
3. [Spiritual Pilgrimage to Lourdes & Medjugore](#)

Community Flyers:
