

# From the Principal's Desk

March 9, 2017



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## *Holy Spirit School*

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

## So many activities, so little time!

I thank all of those parents who have been assisting us throughout the year with recess. Having extra eyes, ears, and hands on the playground helps keep everyone safe. I would ask, as a way of a reminder, that anytime parents are here at the school in any capacity where assisting students is involved that cell phones not be used and thus distracting you from the task at hand which is the supervision of students. Additionally, when driving through the campus during morning arrival or afternoon dismissal cell phones should not be in use by drivers.

Please remember that Monday, March 13th is a NO SCHOOL day for students as the day is designated by the diocese for teacher professional development.

Next week will also bring the Student Council's mini Spirit Week. Please see the information below as Tuesday, March 14th is a dress down day with grade levels wearing specific colors. Friday, March 17th is our annual Fathers Day celebration and students are allowed to add St. Patrick's day oriented accessories to their uniforms. Please be sure that chosen items are appropriate for Mass (or they can be added once Mass has ended). As an FYI, Friday, March 17th is also Father O'Donohue's birthday if you happen to see him around that day!

The last day to apply for tuition assistance for the 2017/2018 academic year is March 17, 2017.

We will have Adoration in the school chapel on Wednesday, March 22nd. Please look for a sign-up in next week's newsletter.

Spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 28th. For these pictures the students **"dress up"** in their Sunday Best (there should be no jeans, gym shorts or t-shirts). A picture form will go home next week. All students have their picture taken and no money is collected that day. Picture packages will be delivered to the school and sent home. Parents have a choice of purchasing partial or total packages. If parents do not wish to purchase the pictures the package must be returned to the school.

If, by chance, there are still families who have siblings who will be joining us next year, please note that several of our classes are full at this point and others filling quickly. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Laclede with any registration questions.

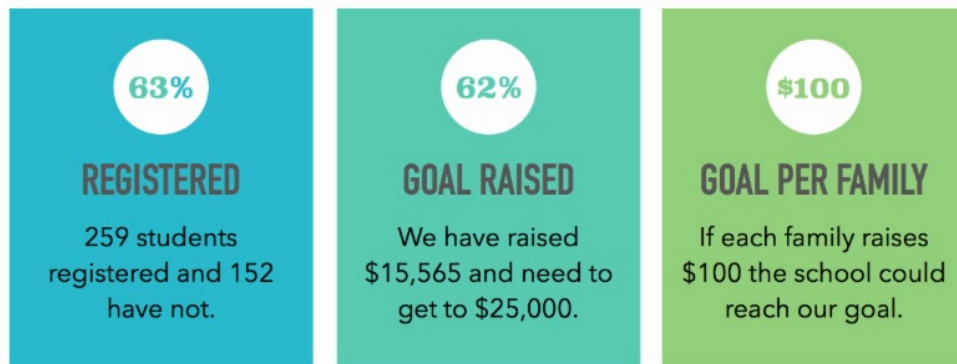
*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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

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## Read-A-thon



The PTO sponsored Read-A-Thon will come to a close tomorrow. A huge thank you to all who have participated; we have raised \$15,565. Cash/check donations can still be sent in to school by Friday - and the fundraising portion of the site will remain open for an additional week.

As a school community we are consistently moving forward and investing in both curriculum related and sometimes just fun items and programs to benefit the students and enhance their learning experience. That forward progress does often come with a price tag and the PTO provides tremendous financial backing for those endeavors.

If you have not considered donating, please do!

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The Holy Spirit Student Council is proud to announce...

## Spring Spirit Week!

When? March 13-17

What's Happening?

Tuesday: **PI DAY** 

\*buy your raffle tickets beginning Monday for a chance to "PIE" a Holy Spirit Staff Member in the face!

\$1= 1 ticket    \$5= 6 tickets    \$10= 12 tickets

Friday: **Happy St. Patrick's Day** 

(and Father O'Donohue's BIRTHDAY!) Wear all your green accessories! Regular uniform required, no face paint or hair dye as we will be going to mass.

Dear Holy Spirit Families~

It is hard to imagine that spring is around the corner when we have barely had a winter, but it will be here before we know it! In preparation, the Student Council is sponsoring a Spring Spirit Week. As always, the Student Council works hard to create an environment where all students, regardless of their grade level, feel like they are part of a whole.

One of the week's activities this year will be the first ever "Pi Day"- not a typo, but rather a play on the mathematical term meaning 3.14159265359. We are going ALL out for this special day and thanks to the willingness of some famous Holy Spirit faces, the students have the opportunity to possibly throw a pie in the face of a staff member!

All the students have to do is purchase as many raffle tickets as they want and choose the staff member they would like to "pie". Their raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing and if your student's name is selected, they will get to throw a pie into the face of their selected person.

The Student Council Officers will be coming around the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>- March 10<sup>th</sup> to sell raffle tickets to the homerooms. Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00 OR 12 tickets for \$10.00. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Gabriel Project as part of our community outreach.

The following Holy Spirit Staff member faces will be the ones getting "PIED"

Mrs. Ashby	Father O'Donohue	Mrs. Evans	Mrs. Crone
Miss Dailey	Coach Gregas	Mrs. Miller	Mrs. Schwartz
Mrs. Marino	Mr. Pietuska	Mr. Gordon	

We are so excited for this week and we are so appreciative to have so many good sports on staff here at Holy Spirit. We always want to find ways to give back to the community and we love to have fun while doing it. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Taylor Dailey and Kathryn Virusky

To add to the fun, Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> is a dress down day for the students. Each grade is asked to dress in the following

color:

8<sup>th</sup>-Red

7<sup>th</sup>- Orange

6<sup>th</sup>- Yellow

5<sup>th</sup>-Green

4<sup>th</sup>-Blue

3<sup>rd</sup>-Pink

2<sup>nd</sup>-Purple

1<sup>st</sup>-White

Kindergarten- Yellow

PreK-Orange



Please join the Holy  
Spirit School  
Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers

**Holy Spirit School**

March 17, 2017

9:00am

Our school day will begin at 9:00am in the church. Dads and children are welcome to meet us there. If Dads are unable to attend, children are welcome to invite uncles, big brothers, or adopt one of their friend's Dads with a prior note from their parents. If not coming at 9:00am we will be glad to receive the children at the regular 8:00 school time. Receptions will follow mass in your children's classrooms.



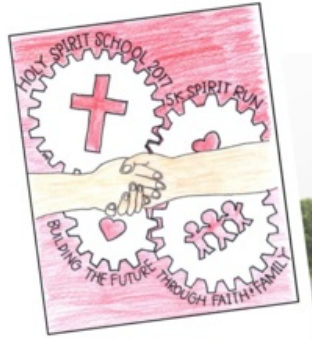
He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

~Clarence Budington Kelland~

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# 5K Spirit Run

May 20, 2017 | 8:00 am | Burke Lake Park



## Register now for a chance to win!

The first fifty students to register for the 5K Spirit Run will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an afternoon of fun with Father O'Donohue for his or her class! Contact [sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org) or [shicks@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:shicks@holyspiritflames.org) for more details.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpiritRun5K2017>

[Click here to register!](#)

[Click here for Race Letter](#)

[Click here for Sponsorship Information](#)

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Time to Order a Yearbook!





#### Personalized Yearbook Cover

Make your student's yearbook unique by adding their name in foil on the cover.

**\$5.00**

Your student's name imprinted in foil



#### Autograph Insert

Autograph inserts allow students space to share messages with friends.

**\$1.00**



#### Yearbook Stickys

Removable stickers let students have fun personalizing the pages of the yearbook. Over 65 stickers.

**\$2.00**

Order online at  
**ybpay.lifetouch.com**



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#11439517

### 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

**Online Orders Only**  
[YBPpay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPpay.lifetouch.com)

**Sale Deadline Date:**  
March 3, 2017

**Early Bird Sale!**  
Order early to save.

Order Online at [YBPpay.lifetouch.com](http://YBPpay.lifetouch.com) with Yearbook ID Code: 11439517



A note from Father Tom Ferguson, Vicar General for the Diocese of Arlington:

As a general rule, the obligation of abstinence from meat on Fridays of Lent is an important element of the Church's observance of the penitential nature of this holy season.

This year, however, Friday of the second week of Lent corresponds with Saint

Patrick's Day (March 17), which has traditionally been an occasion for joy-filled celebrations in this diocese. Having taken into consideration both past practice and present circumstances, and having judged that it would serve the spiritual good of the faithful, Bishop Burbidge has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2017.

Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.

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*Your Way*

SEE BEFORE YOU BUY!

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Picture Day

**Holy Spirit School**  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
¡ martes, 28 de marzo, 2017

Questions Call 703-802-0105 or toll free 1-855-573-4141  
agarrett@lifetouch.com  
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# Join Holy Spirit School's Track Team!!

Holy Spirit's Track team is a great way for students to stay healthy and active! During the Spring season, we participate in CYO Track and Field. Open to students in grades 3-8, the team focuses on challenging students to excel in running at their age-appropriate level, building camaraderie among the team, and of course having fun in the process!

Practice is held every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 at Holy Spirit School. The season will begin on March 7th and run through May 9th. We will also have a 2-day meet the weekend of May 6th and 7th.

Registration and payment can be found online. The participant agreement form and medical form should be handed in to Coach Menapace on or before the first practice attended.

FLAMES

## What to bring to practice:

- Gym clothes
- Running shoes
- Water bottle with your name on it
- Medical Participant Combined Form
- Participation Agreement Form

## PARENTS

Looking to fill your volunteering hours? We are still in need of parent volunteers for practice! No need to commit to the entire season. Feel free to only sign up for a few practices.

For more information, contact:

Lizzie Menapace  
emenapace@holyspiritflames.org  
703-978-7117 ext. 1145



# FunBotLab

## Robotics & Media Camp

[www.funbotlab.com](http://www.funbotlab.com)



## Back again this summer!

Fun Bot Lab, a LEGO® Robotics & Media Camp, will be offering 4, 1- week sessions of summer camp from June 26th to July 7th at our campus at Holy Spirit. The Fun Bot Lab program provides a solid foundation of engineering, programming, and movie-making for rising Kindergarten through 8th Graders.

Use code FUNBOT25 for \$25 off each week of camp. There are also discounts for siblings and attending multiple sessions.

Go to [funbotlab.com](http://funbotlab.com) to register today, spots are filling up!  
Email [courtney@funbotlab.com](mailto:courtney@funbotlab.com) if you have any questions or call us at 703-831-7747.



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# Lenten Soup Suppers

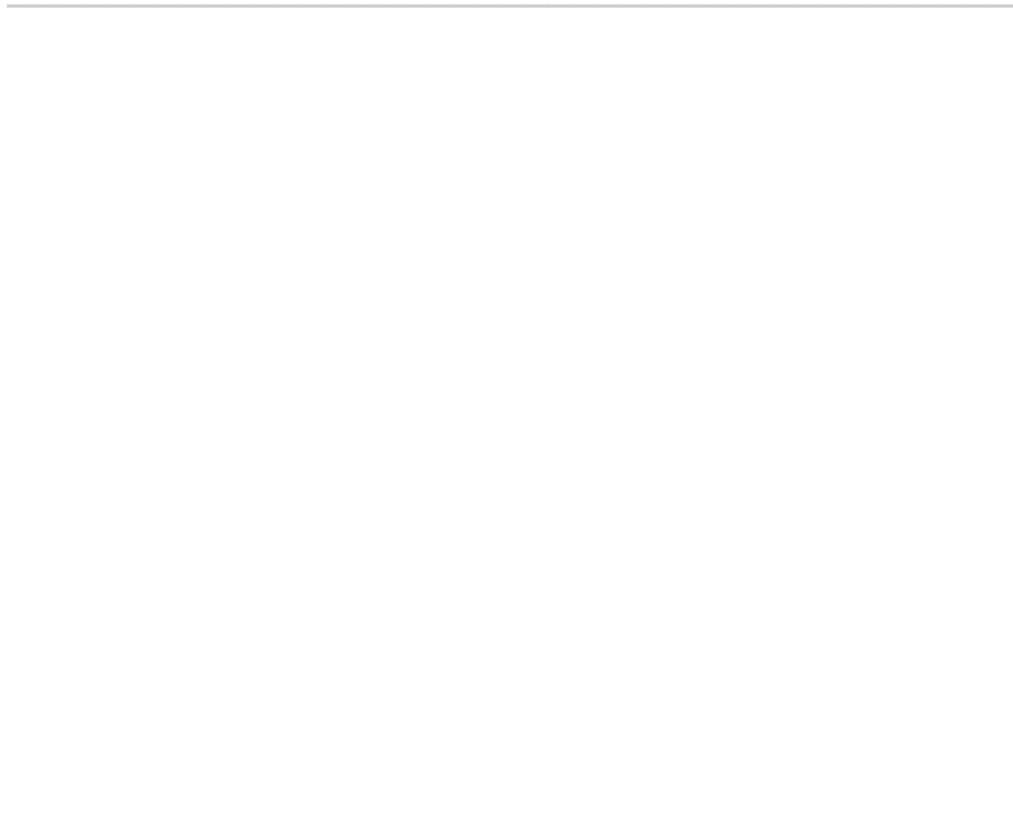
**Fridays March 3 - April 7 | Supper 5:30 - 7 PM**

Bring your family and enjoy homemade soup every Friday in Lent. Free will donations accepted.

## Soup Makers Needed!

Can you donate your favorite meatless soup to the Friday Lenten Soup Suppers?

Contact Carol Eldridge  
(703) 978-7141 or [cle74@hotmail.com](mailto:cle74@hotmail.com)  
**OR**  
[Volunteer!](#)  
click the yellow button



# † Lenten Food Drive

## To Benefit The St. Lucy Project

Hunger continues to burden many in our diocese. More than 219,000 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 4th and fill it with non-perishable food items.**

## Blue Bag Food Collection March 11 & 12 | All Masses Holy Spirit Church

### The St. Lucy Project is in need of the following items:

- (no glass items please)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
  - Canned Meat/Fish
  - Canned Fruits and Vegetables
  - Pasta & Pasta Sauce
  - Breakfast Cereal (hot & cold)
  - Dried & Canned Beans
  - Children's Snacks
  - Rice
  - Soups
  - Shelf-Stable Milk

### 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. 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)





# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Hosted  
by the*



**Sunday  
March 12**

**In the school cafeteria after the  
7:30, 9, & 10:30 am Masses**

Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage,  
fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more!

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

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



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!



@HSS\_Flames



### 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.](#)



## 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 April lunch menu](#)

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## Family Folder Flyers

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

School Flyers:

1. [Mini Spirit Week flyer](#)
2. [Pi Day letter](#)
3. [Fathers Day Celebration flyer](#)
4. [Track Flyer](#)
5. [April Lunch Menu](#)
6. [Yearbook Flyer](#)

5K Spirit Run:

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

3. [5K Spirit Run Sponsorship Letter](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Vacation Bible School flyer](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [FunBot Flyer](#)

2. [Spotlight on the Arts flyer](#)

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