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From the Principal's Desk

May 30, 2019



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Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2018 / 2019

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

Winding Down

It is difficult to believe that we are heading into the final weeks of the school year!

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to join us for Lunch on the Lawn on Wednesday. Although it was super warm outside, it was a lovely day for a picnic. Thank you to Dr. Little and Mr. Toussaint for having the band and honor choir students join us for some entertainment.

A hearty congratulations to both of those groups who performed so well at their recent competitions at Hershey Park. The band placed 2nd in the Middle School Concert Band I A category and the honor choir placed 1st in the Middle School Treble Choir A category. Well done!



@classroomclipart.com

Strings Program for 2019/2020

Holy Spirit is exploring the possibility of adding a strings program for the 2019/2020 academic year.

For next year this program would be restricted to students in grades 3-7. The set-up would be similar to the existing band program in that in-school lessons would take place on Wednesdays.

Students would only be allowed to participate in one of the two programs: band OR strings, not both.

At this point we do not have information regarding associated costs and are simply trying to gauge interest from our families.

Please follow the link below to participate in a short three question survey to assist us in the endeavor to flesh out interest.

[Click here for questionnaire](#)

A reminder that the Parent Portal will close on Friday, May 31st as we prepare report cards for the end of the year.

Please remember that all financial obligations to the school (tuition, lunch orders, extended day, library fines, etc.) must be met before report cards are released. For families not returning for next year, all financial obligations must be met before official transcripts and records will be released. (A reminder that the Extended Day charges for the month of June are billed and pulled in July; this is the only exception to the above regarding outstanding financial obligations.)

Please be sure to check your Boonli lunch account to be certain all charges have been paid. If your child forgot his/her lunch at some point, we did provide your student with lunch and the charge is in your account.

Notices with information regarding lost or damaged library books have gone home. Please check with your student to see if he/she received one.

With regard to school uniforms for the 2019/2020 academic year, please note that all students must be in the full new version of the uniform (the "grandfather year" is over with the conclusion of the school year in June). This includes the new logo being present on all maroon polo shirts and fleece jackets. We are adding a long-sleeve PE t-shirt to the uniform pieces for next year. These will be available at Flynn & O'Hara and are an optional piece (students may wear the short-sleeve t-shirt all year, if they so choose).

Thank you for your attention to this over the summer.

A reminder that Friday, June 7th is the final day of school for both the kindergarten and the prekindergarten students. This is an early dismissal day for these grade

levels and there is no afternoon extended day for them.

The final day of school for grades 1-7 is Wednesday, June 12th. This too is an early dismissal day and there is no afternoon extended day.

For your planning purposes, some of the major dates for next year's academic calendar have been added to the main school calendar; i.e. beginning and end of the year; Christmas break; Easter break. Additional information will be added over the coming weeks.



For the 2019/2020 academic year, Holy Spirit is transitioning to FACTS for our tuition management. This is the same company which we already use for tuition assistance.

We are in the process of uploading pertinent information. When we reach the point where we need families to create accounts, we will pass along that information. For families who already have an account for tuition management (maybe a high school student), we have been told you will have single sign-on capability to the FACTS system for all of your students.



For families who applied for tuition assistance, just a brief update. I am still waiting on award information from the Diocese/Office of Catholic Schools with regard to particular scholarships and grants for the students in our school.

I am more than cognizant that the notification of aid is particularly late this year but the money from these particular items greatly impacts the bottom line of available aid to this school.

I appreciate your patience and will notify families as soon as possible.



Letters went home to all families who have not yet met their PSSC obligation.

Please be certain to log all of your volunteer hours via the school website.

A reminder that all PSSC hours must be completed and/or any fines for incomplete hours paid prior to report cards being distributed to your family.

Questions? Contact your PSSC coordinator.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Because who doesn't love a dress down day?!



JULY 4TH ON JUNE 4TH

HOSTED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

**WEAR YOUR RED,
WHITE, AND BLUE TO
SCHOOL!**

Please no face paint or hair dye

Used Uniform Sale

June 6th, 2-6pm

We are gladly accepting gently used and clean uniforms to be sold at the end of year used uniform sale.

At this point we no longer need blue polos, grey skorts, or the middle school plaid skirt/kilt as we will have switched completely to the new uniform for the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you!

Holy Spirit Supports Crayola ColorCycle



It's time to start clearing out those **used markers, sharpies, and highlighters** laying around! Crayola ColorCycle seeks to eliminate these items from landfills to convert them into liquid fuel.

Collection boxes are located in each classroom. This collection will run until **31 May 2019**.

The class which gathers the most supplies in weight will win a **Popsicle party** the following week!

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer King at kinjenn10@gmail.com.

For those looking to get a jump on next year...



SCHOOL SUPPLY SALE

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HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020 SCHOOL SUPPLY ONLINE ORDERING INFORMATION

We are pleased to offer School Supply Kits as a convenient way to purchase exactly what your child needs for the class room! These kits match our school requirements for each grade. It's guaranteed to save you time and the hassle of finding that correct item!

Grade Level 2019-2020	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$30.00
Kindergarten	\$80.00
Grade 1	\$65.00
Grade 2	\$65.00
Grade 3	\$70.00
Grade 4	\$76.00
Grade 5	\$87.00
Grade 6	\$110.00
New Middle School Grade 7 & 8	\$110.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$105.00

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

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Starting Now through June 30th!

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, HOL134 (letters/3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

School supplies will be delivered to the school and available at the August Open House.

For questions, please contact the school office at 703.978.7117

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Join us to commemorate our parish's patronal feast
of Pentecost with a

Solemn Mass and Vespers

Sunday, June 9th

6:30 PM

(No 6 PM Mass)

Holy Spirit Church

The music for these liturgies will be provided by Chantry, a professional vocal ensemble specializing in music of the Renaissance. The evening's music will include works by Palestrina, Anerio, and Lassus.





Holy Spirit
Columbian Squires Circle #5482
Membership Drive



Attention: Boys 10 to 17 consider membership in the Columbian Squires. A Squires Circle is run by and for young men. Through their local circle, Squires work and socialize as a group of friends, gradually developing into Catholic leaders. Knowing that they have so many other activities, they do what they can, when they can and have fun doing it. Additionally, adult counselors from the Knights of Columbus and a Father Prior (Priest) provide support and advice.

For more information, contact Mike Poumace at squires@holyspiritchurch.us
or 703-425-8769.



HOLY SPIRIT BASEBALL OUTING

**POTOMAC NATIONALS (MINOR LEAGUE) VS.
CAROLINA MUDCATS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019 6:35 PM

- \$12 TICKETS- reserved seats
- Fireworks show after game
- Free ball cap for group members
- Unused tickets can be used for a future game
- Two drawings for two tickets to a future game

RESERVE TICKETS AT
HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US
(CLICK THE VOLUNTEER
BUTTON) OR CONTACT POU-
MADE@PRODIGY.NET OR
703-425-8769

The knights will be collecting payments after masses on June 8-9 and distributing tickets after masses on June 15-16.

This is not a fund raiser - tickets are at cost for group rate.

The Potomac Nationals of the Carolina League play at Northwest Federal Field at Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge, Virginia, and are the Carolina League affiliate of the Washington Nationals — just a short trip down I-95 or Hwy 123 and easy parking.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "May 30, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Crayola ColorCycle Collection - flyer
2. EPI School Supply Ordering - flyer
3. 2019/2020 School Supply List

Parish Flyers:

1. VBS - flyer
2. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp - flyer
3. Project Manger - flyer
4. Solemn Mass and Vespers - flyer
5. Columbian Squires Membership Drive - flyer
6. Baseball Outing - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. PVI Summer Boys Soccer Camp
 2. PVI Girls Summer Soccer Camp
 3. BI STEM Day
 4. National League of Junior Cotillions - flyer
 5. National League of Junior Cotillions - registration
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