

# From the Principal's Desk

November 14, 2019

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**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts***  
**2019 / 2020**

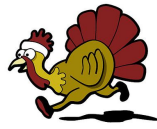
**"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"**

## Brrr....it is cold out there!

The sudden turn in the weather has definitely been just that - sudden! Please be sure to have your child(ren) wear a coat to school as opposed to just the fleece or a sweatshirt on these chilly days. We try our very hardest to have the students outside whether that be in the morning before the bell, at lunchtime for recess, or at the end of the day. The fresh air is super but not as much fun when they are lacking a jacket and end up being cold. Thank you for assisting us with this.

November is traditionally that month when we begin to think even more about the needs of others. As the weather turns we pray for those who are homeless and in need of warm clothing and shelter. As Thanksgiving Day comes into view, we also think maybe just a bit more about those who are food insecure. This is where our annual basketball Turkey Shoot Out comes into play. This a fun activity for all of the students and provides them the opportunity for some playful competition while also zeroing in on those in our immediate community who are in need. We hope that each student can donate \$1 to the cause as all proceeds will go to the Holy Spirit Parish Chapter of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul which does great and loving charitable works for and with those in need.

To that end, we are still in need of many volunteers to assist with the preliminary rounds that take place during PE classes before the big (and loud) final competition which will take place on Monday, November 25th at 1:30 pm. All are invited!



Next week, Wednesday, November 20th we will host an Open House for prospective families from 6 - 7:30 pm. If you know of a family who may be interested in our school, please pass along the information below.

Additionally, Wednesday, November 20th is our next SPIRIT DAY where students may wear their spirit gear to school instead of their regular uniform. Please see the information below for another purchasing opportunity.

A reminder that the 1st Trimester will officially end on November 26th (the Parent Portal will close on November 20th) and report cards will be distributed on December 6th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Speaking of Thanksgiving...a reminder that we are off from school November 27, 28, and 29.

And in the blink of an eye it will be December and the blessed Advent season. Much goes on during the month so please be sure to check the school calendar, announcements in this newsletter, and reminders from teachers about all that will be happening!

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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**SPIRIT WEAR IS BACK!**



**STUFF YOUR STOCKINGS  
WITH SPIRIT WEAR.**

**SHOP NOW ►**



**ORDER DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th**

**ORDER TODAY! QUESTIONS? [PTOSPIRITGEAR@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG](mailto:PTOSPIRITGEAR@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG)**

**Back by popular demand and just in time for  
Christmas, spirit wear is BACK!  
The online store will be open from  
Thursday, November 14th - Sunday, November 24th**

This will be the LAST time that spirit wear will be available to purchase this school year! Order yours today and everything will be delivered to classrooms just before Christmas Break.

Planning to put something as a surprise under the tree? Be sure to email us at [ptospiritgear@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:ptospiritgear@holyspiritflames.org) and we'll make arrangements to get your spirit wear to you without your child(ren) knowing.

\*NOTE: We had lots of feedback from preschool and kindergarten families. Turns out you've been good little boys and girls. Your request has been granted and youth XS short sleeve AND long sleeve t-shirts have been added to the store.

Just as a reminder, here is a list of Spirit Days for the remainder of the year:

Wednesday, November 20th

Wednesday, December 18th  
Wednesday, January 15th  
Wednesday, February 19th  
Wednesday, March 18th  
Wednesday, May 20th

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WHEN: November 18-22  
WHERE: PE classes, gym  
FOR: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
COST: \$1.00.

Money will be collected starting on Monday, Nov. 4th in homeroom.

Parent Volunteers: [Click here to sign up!](#)

For a \$1-dollar donation, students will pair with their mass buddies in a free throw competition. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the gym to help keep score. Volunteers will assign points to shots-- 3 points for every basket made, 2 points for hitting the rim, backboard or net and 1 point for any missed attempts. Each team will get a total of 5 free throws.

The top mass buddy teams will compete in a final shoot out on

Monday, November 25 at 1:30 pm with the entire school cheering them on; parents are also invited!

There will be a trophy for the winning team to be displayed in the front office.

All proceeds will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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## Open House for Prospective Families



[www.holyspiritflames.org](http://www.holyspiritflames.org)

# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

703-978-7117 | 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003

**November 20, 2019**  
**Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Holy Spirit School offers a faith-filled learning environment that is inclusive of students with intellectual challenges and diverse learning needs.

*Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.*





HOLY  
SPIRIT  
Catholic Church

# Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the  
Men's Club

## Menu

Spaghetti with Variety of  
Meat and Meatless Sauces

Garlic Bread

Salad with Italian Dressing

Dessert Items

Wine, Sodas, Juice, and Water

## Prices

Age 10 and over: \$7

Age 6 to 9: \$4

Free for Age 5 and Under!

CLAAMMM  
SAUCE!



Saturday, November 23

5:30-7:30 pm

In the School Cafeteria  
(joined with Meeting Rooms 1 & 2)



*Christmas Card Sale*

*Keep Christ in*  
**CHRISTMAS**

*After All Masses,  
Nov 16 - Dec 8*

 **KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**



Profits help support vocations & other charitable causes



**High School Youth Group**  
**Christmas  
Coat Drive!**

**December 7-8th**

**Drop off items in bins  
in Church vestibule or  
outside the Youth**



- Items Needed:**
- Gloves
  - Winter Jackets
  - Sweaters
  - Wool Hats
  - Hooded
  - Sweatshirts
  - Scarves

Questions? [youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us)

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# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted  
by the



All proceeds go to the school

**Sunday**  
**December 8**

**with Santa!**

School Cafeteria  
After the 7:30, 9:00 &  
10:30 AM Masses



Pancakes, Sausage,  
Fruit, Orange Juice,  
Coffee, & More!  
Adults \$5 Children \$3  
(Max family cost: \$15)

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



The Knights of Columbus invite you to:

# Men's Day of Recollection

Join other men from Holy Spirit Parish for a day of spiritual recollection.

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00am-1:00pm

Quinn Room  
(School Building)

Extend this faith experience!

- That Man is You at 7:30am
- Mass at 9:00am
- Confession at 3:30pm

Morning refreshments and lunch provided.

Contact [knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:knights@holyspiritchurch.us)



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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "November 14, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook Ordering flyer
2. Turkey Shoot Out flyer
3. Open House for Prospective Families flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Spaghetti Dinner flyer
2. Christmas Card sale flyer
3. Christmas Coat Drive flyer
4. Parish Pancake Breakfast flyer
5. Men's Day of Recollection flyer

Community Flyers:

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