

From the Principal's Desk

October 10, 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"

Much is happening in the next couple of weeks!

Congratulations to all of the 8th grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening. It was a lovely Mass and Bishop Broglio's homily was wonderful. We pray that each of these students takes to heart the call to evangelize our Faith each and every day with every encounter they have with others.

A reminder that **interims** will go home on Friday, for students in grades 3-8, Hard copies will be sent home only if a student has a 75% or lower in any core academic subject or a "1" or an "X" in a Specials area subject. Please be sure to check the parent portal regularly for updates on student grades.

The annual **Scholastic Book Fair** opens on Friday, October 11th; see below for additional information.

Monday, October 14th is a **no school day** in observance of Columbus Day.

Wednesday, October 16th is our first **SPIRIT DAY!** Please see the information in the block below with regard to this monthly event.

Information is also below on the **Student Council sponsored Spirit Week** from October 21 - October 24th. Please be sure to take a look so that your student can fully participate in each day's fun event.

If you have not already received your "blue bag", it will be coming home by tomorrow. Each year we partner with the St. Lucy Project for our **"Ton of Love" food drive**. Please see the information below. Thank you in advance for your generosity. We have learned over the years that this is a particularly tough time of the year for food banks and so we try to do our part to help our neighbors in need.

Trunk or Treat is right around the corner on October 25th! The hope is to have 45 families sponsor a booth that night and we have many spaces to fill. This was a fabulous event last year but only works if we have lots of participation. Links to the sign-ups for hosting a booth and for volunteering in general are below.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

OUR FIRST SPIRIT DAY IS HERE.

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

**HOLY SPIRIT
FLAMES**

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

SPIRIT DAY DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16th

QUESTIONS? PTOSPIRITGEAR@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG

OUR FIRST SPIRIT DAY IS (ALMOST) HERE!

On Wednesday, October 16th, students are invited to participate in our first ever Spirit Day! Students are allowed to wear any spirit wear purchased at our most recent online sale (with the exception of the pajama pants) as well as any spirit wear purchased from previous sales.

In addition, FOR THIS YEAR ONLY, students will be permitted to wear anything that has Holy Spirit on it (e.g. 5K race shirts, CYO gear, Field Day shirts, etc.). In subsequent years, spirit wear purchased from our online sales ONLY will be permitted. Dress down day guidelines will be in effect for all Spirit Days. If you need a reminder of these guidelines, please consult the Parent Student Handbook (page 56).

Spirit Days are not to be confused with the upcoming Spirit Week (October 21st-24th). Spirit Days will held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Here is a list of Spirit Days for the remainder of the year:

Wednesday, October 16th
Wednesday, November 20th
Wednesday, December 18th
Wednesday, January 15th
Wednesday, February 19th
Wednesday, March 18th
Wednesday, May 20th

For those that did not place an order and are still interested in purchasing spirit wear, we will be having another sale in the near future. Stay tuned.

TON of L♥VE 2019

Tuesday, October 15- Wednesday, October 23

As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to support Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to the increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

*please begin bringing items in the week of October 15th

- Pre-K: Easy Mac- any type
- Kindergarten: instant potatoes
- 1st grade: pasta
- 2nd grade: tuna
- 3rd grade: canned vegetables (corn, green beans)
- 4th grade: canned fruit
- 5th grade: cereal (large boxes)
- 6th grade: jelly
- 7th grade: peanut butter
- 8th grade: canned meats (tuna, Chicken)





Spirit Week Is Coming Up...



Here's How to Help Your Class Earn Points to
Win the Spirit Stick

Oct.21st~Oct.24th

Monday: Hero Day! Dress as your favorite fictional or everyday hero(no full face masks)



Tuesday: Fun Run Day/St.Lucy Food Collection Day! Wear your P.E. Uniform with crazy accessories! (no full face masks)



Wednesday: Quick Rewind-80s Day! Wear 80s style clothes and rock it just like your parents will be for the PTO Auction.

Thursday: School Spirit Day!
PreK-2nd Grade Wears Red
3rd-5th Grade Wears White
Middle School Wears Black

How To Earn Points

There Will Be Teachers Working As Secret Spies Throughout the Week Who Will Judge Your School Spirit! The Most Spirited Homerooms Each Day Earn Points Towards The Spirit Stick!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Decorate your booth and fill it with candy!

Prizes:

- Best kids costumes!
- Best decorated booth!
- Best Carved Pumpkin!



Friday, October 25th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
In the School Building

Limited spaces available. Information and to reserve a spot,
www.holyspiritflames.org
(More than one family can share a spot.)

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 25th

This was a fabulous event last year but only works if we have super participation. Please consider hosting a booth.

Remember that we will have food trucks on site, so you can make an evening of it!

[Click here to reserve a spot to decorate!](#)

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Are you a Middle School "Crafter"?

Mrs. Black's crafty club meets once every month.



A different project will be completed each session.



First session is Thurs., Oct. 17!
We will be making coasters with alcohol inks. ⇨

You can attend as many sessions as you like.
Pick those that are most interesting to you!



There will be a sign up and a small fee to cover the cost of materials, which will vary depending on the project.



Watch for a list of projects and dates! Coming soon!

The Diocese of Arlington has much of which to be proud!



Bishop Burbidge calls for more inclusive community embracing people with special needs, disabilities.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Formation in Christian Chastity Classes Begin Next

During the week of October 14th all students in grades 1-8 will have presented to them the information included in the Diocesan Formation in Christian Chastity program. This is an opt-out program meaning that families must specifically sign and turn in the waiver asking for their child to be exempted from the program.

In PowerLearning on the Family Information page there is a tab for Formation in Christian Chastity. The form is there. For those looking for information about the program, there is a link on the same page which takes you to the Diocese of Arlington website. Please note that for many of the grades levels the same lesson is used but the focus of the lesson changes as the child gets older. If you look at the parent letter for the grade level under the section, "What could parents teach to [insert grade here] Graders?" that will give a better explanation of what is being taught. For instance, in 1st grade, the focus is on creation, in 2nd grade, the theme is the human person as a child of God, etc.

Our First Box Top Drive is Popping Up!

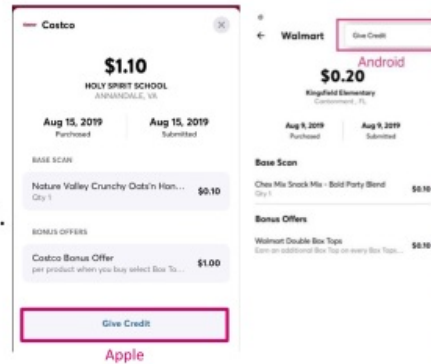


From September 29th - October 11th the class that submits the most Box Tops (both clips and scans) will win a popcorn and candy corn party! Use the collection sheet below to attach your clips and write your scan amounts.

Use the app to give credit to your child's class!

After you scan your receipt:

- 1) Select "Your Earnings".
- 2) In each entry, tap "Give Credit".
(note the locations are different for Apple and Android.)
- 3) Enter your child's teacher.



The family that submits the most through the app during this drive will win a \$25 Amazon gift card!
Happy scanning!!



Email PTOBoxTops@holyspiritflames.org if you have any questions or app difficulties!

[BoxTop Contest flyer & Collection Sheet](#)

Have you bought your tickets yet?

Have you figured out what you will be wearing?

Holy Spirit School

Dinner Dance & Auction

Back to the 80s

Dinner & Dance
Holy Spirit Auction 2019



Saturday Nov. 2
at 6:00 PM

\$75 per person - \$150 per couple

**At the Waterford
Springfield, VA**

Sponsor, Donate, Buy Your Tickets:
www.holyspiritflames.org



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



BOOK FAIR!

Friday, October 11th - Friday, October 18th

Shop online for a larger selection Oct. 14th - Oct. 31st
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyspiritflames>

The Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase books and other educational items for you and your children. It is a great time to shop early for Christmas and to encourage your children to read! 25% of each purchase comes back to the school library. Parents are welcome to shop any time the Book Fair is open.

HOURS

FRIDAY 8:00-3:30

SUNDAY 10:00-2:00

TUESDAY 8:00-7:00

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00-3:30

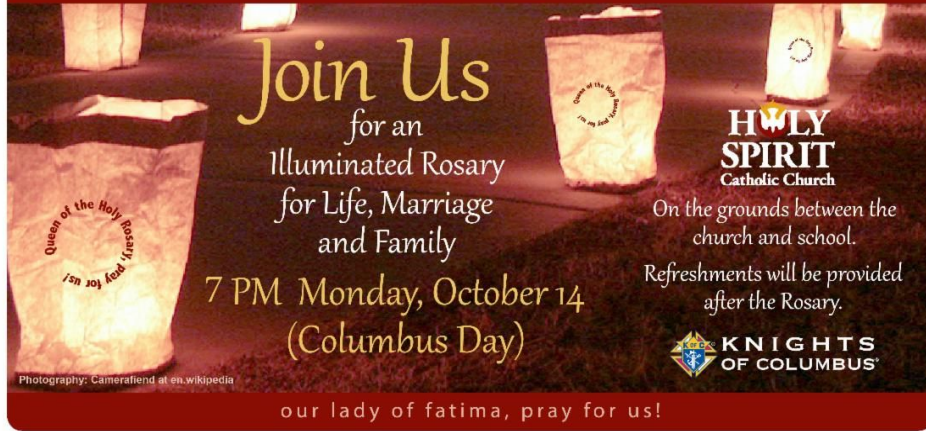
FRIDAY 8-11:30

Classes will visit the Book Fair for a thirty-minute session. Students may bring money or make wish lists during their visit. Individual students may return to the Book Fair to make additional purchases with the permission of the teacher. Also, teachers will have "wish baskets". These are books selected by the teacher that they wish to use in the classroom. If you would like to give your child's teacher a gift, these will be available for purchase through Thursday.

I look forward to seeing you!

Alice Rowley
Librarian

October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary



Join Us
for an
Illuminated Rosary
for Life, Marriage
and Family

7 PM Monday, October 14
(Columbus Day)

HOLY SPIRIT
Catholic Church

On the grounds between the
church and school.
Refreshments will be provided
after the Rosary.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

our lady of fatima, pray for us!

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Join the Men's Club for this year's

October Fest



Friday, October 18

7:30 PM

Parish Center

The Holy Spirit Men's Club invites all interested men of the parish to join them at their October Fest meeting.

Traditional October Fest fare will be served, including bratwurst, wiener schnitzel, sauerkraut and potato salad, as well as German beer, soft drinks and water.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

For more information, email: Michael.Locke@verizon.net

Join Us for Our Parish



and Screen
ON THE GREEN

On the grass between the church and school. In school gym if raining.

See parish website to sign up for side dishes.
www.HolySpiritChurch/pigroast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Dinner 6:45 & Movie 7:15 pm

HOLY
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FAMILY BINGO

ALL HALLOWS EVE THEME



Prize for best
costumed child
and family



Come dressed as your favorite saint or in your favorite costume.

Saturday, October 26
Holy Spirit School
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

Admission

- (Includes Book of 3 Cards)
All proceeds will support Holy Spirit seminarians and religious.
- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
 - Players Under 12 Years: \$3
 - Extra Cards \$1
 - Free for children under 5 years who are not playing. Costumes are optional.

Snacks Sold

- Pizza
- Hot Dogs
- Nachos
- Soft Drinks

Prizes

- Cash Bingo Prizes - Grand Prize \$100
 - Other Games At Least \$30
- All children will receive a prize.



**KNIGHTS
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**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

SOCCER CHALLENGE

SPONSORED BY: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Saturday, October 26, 9 AM - 2 PM

**FIELD BEHIND HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
ALL INDIVIDUAL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9-14**

Individuals kick soccer penalty kicks (12 yards) with scores for shot location in goal. 3 warm-up kicks, 25 kicks for record.

CONTACT:
KNIGHTS@HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US

MORE RULE INFO:
[WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH/
SOCCERCHALLENGE](http://WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH/SOCCERCHALLENGE)

US FLAG COLLECTION

WORN FLAGS?

THE KNIGHTS ARE
COLLECTING WORN US FLAGS THAT NEED TO
BE RETIRED

OCTOBER 19 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 6

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

IN CHURCH VESTIBULE

discover you

Calling all **prospective** teachers ...



Please come to one of the following **Information Programs for Prospective Teachers** scheduled throughout the Diocese and meet with Sister Patricia Helene, IHM, Head of the Marymount University Catholic School Leadership Program, Sister Karl Ann Homberg, SSJ, Assistant Superintendent, and Janet Vetrano, Licensure Specialist to learn more about the opportunities and advantages of teaching in our Catholic Schools.

To register, please contact Janet at janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org by **November 12, 2019**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 **St. Thomas More Cathedral School**
7:00 - 8:45 p.m. 105 North Thomas Street • Arlington, VA 22203
presentation begins at 7:00 p.m. 703.528.6781

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 **All Saints School**
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 9294 Stonewall Road • Manassas, VA 20110
presentation begins at 1:00 p.m. 703.368.4400

Thursday, November 21, 2019 **St. Francis of Assisi School**
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. 18825 Fuller Heights Road • Triangle, VA 22172
presentation begins at 1:00 p.m. 703.221.3868

www.arlingtondiocese.org • 703-841-2519



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 10, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. BoxTops Drive flyer and collection sheet
2. Book Fair flyer
3. Student Council Spirit Week flyer
4. Ton of Love food drive flyer
5. Trunk or Treat flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Pig Roast flyer
2. Men's Club Oktoberfest Meeting flyer
3. Illuminated Rosary flyer
4. BINGO flyer
5. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Diocese of Arlington Prospective Teacher flyer
 2. Georgetown Visitation Open House flyer
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