

From the Principal's Desk

October 12, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

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"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

Busy, Busy October

There are many attachments to this week's newsletter; please be sure to scroll all the way through for all of the upcoming events.

Super important - note that the Formation in Christian Chastity classes begin next week, October 16th. The block directly below this gives important information and a link to the curriculum on the Diocesan website. If you do not want your grade 1-8 student to participate you must complete the OPT-OUT form and return immediately. As well, the Human Growth and Sexuality classes for grades 6-8 begin next week. If want you student to participate you must complete the OPT-IN form and return immediately.

The annual book fair begins on Sunday, October 15th - this is a super fundraiser for the library with profits assisting us in keeping our book collection current. I hope you will consider supporting the fair.

The Student Council sponsored Spirit Week begins on Monday, October 23rd! Please see the information below. In addition to the fun dress down days throughout the week, we

will hold our annual Ton of Love food drive to benefit the St. Lucy Project. See below for the requested donation items by class. During the pep rally on the Thursday of Spirit Week we will have the "finals" of the Turkey Shoot Out (again, see information below). All donations will benefit Catholic Charities.

The Fall Box Tops drive has begun! The collection sheet is located below so organize all those Box Tops and send them in by October 25th. During the pep rally the class with the greatest number of Box Tops will win the coveted trophy and a class dress down day!

Lastly, we invite all of our families to the November 9th flag retirement ceremony that the Knights of Columbus will perform for our students. If you have flags that are in need of retirement there is a collection box located in the school lobby.

Phew! Keep an eye out for one more, soon to be announced, October activity!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Formation in Christian Chastity Classes Please Read!

The Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity Program lessons will be taught in grades 1-8 during the week of October 16th. Information regarding this program may be found on the Family Information page in Power Learning under the "Formation in Christian Chastity" tab. There is a link there that will take you to the Diocesan site where course materials are housed. **This is an opt-out program.** If you wish to not have your child participate, you must complete the opt-out form that is provided in Power Learning; the form is also provided below in the "Family Folder" section.

Additionally, the middle school students have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan approved Human Growth and Sexuality classes which begin on Thursday, October 19th. **This is an opt-in program.** If you wish to have your child

participate, you must complete the opt-in form and return by October 16th. There is an information meeting for parents regarding the Human Growth & Sexuality program on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm in the school library. The opt-in form is available both in Power Learning and below in the "Family Folder" section.



Brought to you by The Holy Spirit Student Council...a week of guaranteed fun for the whole school!

When: OCTOBER 23-26

MONDAY:

"Monday Madness" - A uniform break day where you dress in crazy mismatched clothes

TUESDAY:

"Character Day" - Dress as your favorite book character or Disney Character

WEDNESDAY:

FUN RUN- Must wear PE uniform but dress it up with fun accessories

THURSDAY:

"School Colors Day" - Wear your red, black and white as we wrap up the week with a Pep Rally, Turkey Shoot Finals AND the collection of our food for the St. Lucy Project.



TON of LOVE 2017

Monday, October 16- Thursday, October 26

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 16th

Pre-K: macaroni and cheese kits

Kindergarten: oatmeal

1st Grade: pasta

2nd Grade: cereal (large boxes)

3rd Grade: peanut butter

4th Grade: canned fruit

5th Grade: canned pasta like ravioli (Chef Boyardee)

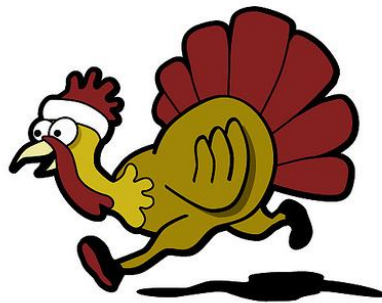
6th grade: canned vegetables

7th grade: jelly (no glass please)

8th grade: canned meat (ham, chicken, tuna)



TURKEY SHOOT OUT



WHEN: October 16-20th
WHERE: PE classes, gym
FOR: Catholic Charities
COST: \$1.00.

Money will be collected starting on Monday, Oct. 16th in homeroom.

For a \$1-dollar donation, students will pair with their mass buddies in a free throw competition. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the gym as older & younger students shoot baskets. 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 Thursday, October 26th at 1:30pm with the entire school cheering them on.

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

All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities in conjunction with our Ton of Love food drive.

We are in need of parent volunteers to assist during P.E. classes for the preliminary rounds.

[Click here to sign-up to assist!](#)



It will be a quick turnaround but our Fall Box Top drive is here!

All those Box Tops you've been clipping all summer and fall - it is time to organize them and send them in to school!

DIMES IN DISGUISE – Cha-Ching Challenge!



Fall Box Top Drive

Oct 12 – Oct 25



How to Win

The homeroom with the highest number of Box Tops wins the Box Top Trophy and Bragging Rights!

The homeroom in each grade level highest number of Box Tops will be awarded a N.U.T. day (No Uniform Today).

Collection sheet available in Family Folder section below.



Flag Retirement Ceremony
November 9, 2017
8:30 am

Members of the Holy Spirit Parish Knights of Columbus will perform a flag retirement ceremony for our students so they may learn how to retire our U.S. flag with honor.

If you have flags in your own homes in need

of retirement there is a box in the school lobby where they may be placed.

All are welcome to join us!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Do you love math?

Do you want to be challenged and compete against your Middle School peers and peers nationally?

Are you in grades 6-8?

JOIN MATH OLYMPIAD!

We meet after school on the *FIRST and THIRD* Thursdays of the month in Mrs. Schwartz's room until 4:15

***NOTE:** Parents who are late to pick up, your child will be sent to extended day and charges will accrue!

Fill out the interest form below and return to Mrs. Schwartz. Limited to first 20 people. First Come, First Served!

First Meeting is November 2 @ 3:15

Meeting Dates:

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|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 11/2 | 12/7 | 1/1 | 2/1 | 3/1 | 4/19 |
| 11/16 | | 1/18 | 2/15 | 3/15 | |

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Student Name _____

Grade _____ Current Math Class _____

Name of Person(s) picking up child after team practice _____

Preferred Phone _____

Preferred Email _____



Holy Spirit School Fire & Ice Auction

The funds raised at this event support activities and technology upgrades for your children that are not covered in tuition.

To help raise funds, teachers have donated **EXCLUSIVE** and **PRICELESS** experiences- not available at **ANY OTHER EVENT**:

- Bowl with Mrs. Virusky and Mrs. Lencz
- Make jewelry with Mrs. Black
- Go on an indoor ZavaZone adventure with Mrs. Franchi and Ms. Dailey
- Paint pottery with Mrs. Whetstone
- Have a fiesta with Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Gibbons
- Go for laser tag with Mrs. Crone and Mrs. Payne
- Jump for Joy at IN FLIGHT with Mrs. Barger and Mrs. Simmons-le
- Head to the book store with Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Brooks-Kenney
- Have a picnic with Mrs. Cleveland or Mrs. Miranda
- Enjoy an Italian Feast with Mrs. Cogliano and Mrs. Knox
- Learn to paint with Mrs. Wisneski and Mrs. Liss
- Take 10 friends on a private tour with Father Carroll

to one of DC's famous Catholic sites

- Get the FRONT row at one of your child's performances or events at the school-a highly competitive location and the best spot for pictures.

Have you registered yet?

[Click here](#)

Saturday, November 4th
Springfield Golf and Country Club
6:00 - 10:00 PM

Parents please remember that you must be Child Protection Compliant to volunteer to assist with the Book Fair (or to come in and shop with your child during the school day).

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



Book Fair

Sunday, October 15th - Friday, October 20th

Shop online for a larger selection Oct. 15th - Oct. 31st

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/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

SUNDAY 10-2

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00-3:30

TUESDAY 8:00-7:00

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!

Nora McNamara
Librarian





HOLY SPIRIT CHEER TEAM

COME JOIN THE TEAM!

Open to ALL 3rd-8th Graders

**Practices are held on Fridays from
3:30-5:00 in the Holy Spirt School
Gymnasium**

**The first practice will be held on
Friday, October 13th (10/13/2017)**

Have Questions?

Email Veronica Doran

jvdoran@verizon.net

**Sign-Ups are still being accepted
through the CYO tab on the parish
website.**

HURRY!

Join the Men's Club for this year's

October Fest



Friday, October 13

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



All are invited!

and **Screen**
ON THE **GREEN**

Pixar's Animation:
"Inside Out"

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

See parish website to sign up for side dishes.

HolySpiritChurch.us

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Dinner **6:45** & Movie **7:15 PM**

HOLY
SPIRIT
Catholic Church

FAMILY BREAKFAST

*Hosted by the
Men's Club*



Sunday
October 22nd

Join us in the school cafeteria after the
7:30, 9 & 10:30 am Masses

Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, oatmeal, fruit, biscuits,
hash brown potatoes, orange juice, hot chocolate and coffee.
Adults \$5 & Children \$3 (family total cost not to exceed \$15).

**HOLY
SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

B **I** **N** **G** **O**
Family
Night!

SATURDAY
October 28
Doors Open 6:00pm
Games Begin 7:00pm
In the school

Admission
Includes 3 books of cards
Players 12 and older: \$5
Players Under 12: \$3
Extra Cards: \$1

Cash Prizes up to \$100
Food Available!





Future Panther Night Under the Lights

Middle School Night
7th and 8th Graders and Families
Rally in the Alley

6:00 PM

&

Friday Night Football

7:00PM

October 20, 2017

Free Food, Fun and T-Shirts
Middle School Students will receive free
entrance to the game & PVI T-Shirt



[Click here for the November 2017 school lunch menu.](#)

Send in a separate menu for each child in your family along with a check for payment. The cost of lunches is \$5.00/day/lunch.
Reminder that you must purchase milk/water separately in order for your child to receive it - beverages are not included in the lunch price.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 12, 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Grades 1-8 Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-OUT form
2. Grades 6-8 Human Growth & Sexuality Opt-IN form
3. November lunch menu
4. Dimes for Devices - Box Tops collection sheet
5. Math Olympiad sign-up sheet

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Cheerleading flyer
2. Pilgrimage Flyer
3. Parish Pig Roast
4. Parish Illuminated Rosary
5. Men's Club Octoberfest
6. Family BINGO
7. Parish Family Breakfast

Community Flyers:

1. Paul VI High School - Future Panthers Night
 3. Bishop Ireton Cheer Camp Flyer
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