

# From the Principal's Desk

October 13, 2016



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## *Holy Spirit School*

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

## Get Ready for a Busy Few Weeks!

The month of October is upon us so take a deep breath and get ready for a busy few weeks!

First, our first robotics intensive begins tomorrow, Friday, October 14th. The folks from Fun Bot Lab will be with us for the next two weeks teaching students and teachers some ins and outs of basic robotics. We are super excited about this new curriculum enhancement and I look forward to seeing our students meet this new challenge and to see how we can grow this program here at Holy Spirit.

Just when we finish our robotics intensive then one of the highlights of the year will be upon us - Spirit Week! Our week of fun will begin on Monday, October 31 and run through Friday, November 4th. Please be sure to look at the information below as to what is happening each day so that you have some time to prepare.

Running right along with Spirit Week this year is the annual Book Fair! Again, please see information below and be on the look out for the schedule of class visits to the fair.

The Parent Portal will close just around the corner on October 21st and the end of the 1st quarter is October 27th. Now would be the best time for students to coordinate with teachers regarding any missing work that may still need to be made up. Report cards for the quarter will go home on November 4th.

Please remember that Parent/Teacher Conferences are mandatory on November 10 and 11th. It is at this conference that parents will receive results

of the Scantron testing. A Sign-Up Genius will be made available in another week.

If you have not had a chance to "follow us" on Twitter, I encourage you to do so as our postings give you a small glimpse into what the students are regularly doing in the classrooms.

I know it is all a lot, but no worries - it will be Christmas before we know it!

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

*"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II*  
*Holy Spirit School Class of 2015*

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# **ROBOTICS** **@ HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL** **WEEKS**

**AN INTENSIVE 2-WEEK PROGRAM**

## **FEATURING:**

LEGO® Robotics Exploration  
in the computer lab for Kindergarteners

Intensive iPad-based elementary school robotics  
with LEGO® WeDo 2.0 for grades 1-2

Advanced LEGO® EV3 Robotics Programming  
in the computer lab for grades 3-8

**COMING FALL 2016**



**Holy Spirit** | *Inspiring Minds*  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL | Igniting Hearts

Begins tomorrow, Friday, October 14th!

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## Spirit Week 2016

### October 31 - November 4

#### **Monday, October 31st:**

- Dress-Up as your Favorite Literary Character OR your Favorite Saint. Be as creative as you like. No Weapons, Masks, or Hair Dye allowed.

#### **Tuesday, November 1st:**

- All Saints Day: Mass, Regular Uniforms.

#### **Wednesday, November 2nd:**

- Fun Run sponsored by the Student Council. P.E. Uniform with crazy accessories (tutus, wigs, hats, glasses, etc.) is a must! No Hair Dye or Face Paint allowed.
- Parent Volunteers will be needed throughout the day. Be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius.

#### **Thursday, November 3rd:**

- Ton of Love Food Drive Collection in the morning. Help support the St. Lucy Project and return your blue bag filled to the brim (see information below for more specifics)
- Dress-Up: Favorite Sports Team/Jersey Day

#### **Friday, November 4th:**

- Dress-Up: Holy Spirit Colors (Red, Black, and White). Hair Dye and Face Paint ALLOWED.
- Pep Rally starts at 1:30pm-Parents Welcomed (just be ready for some noise!)
- Turkey Shoot Finalists Compete! (see below for more information)



## TON of LOVE 2016

Monday, October 24th- Wednesday, November 2nd

Once again, Holy Spirit is having its annual food drive. This year, we will be donating to Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

- \* Pre-K: macaroni & cheese kits
- \* 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)

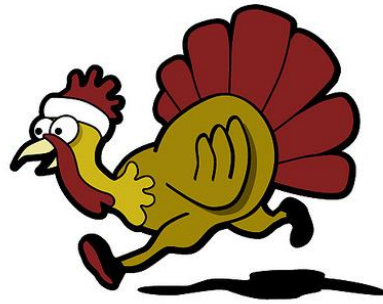
Our goal is to collect 2016 items. Let's show our Holy Spirit School "Spirit" by reaching our goal!

You will receive your "blue bags" the week of October 17th and

donations will be accepted until the morning of the 2nd of November.

Sponsored by Holy Spirit School Student Council

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## Turkey Shoot

WHEN: October 31st- Nov. 4th

WHERE: PE classes, gym

FOR: Food for Others

COST: \$1.00. All money will be collected on Monday, Oct. 31st 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 10 free throws.

The top mass buddy teams will compete in a final shoot out on Friday, November 4 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 purchase gift cards for Food for Others in conjunction with our Ton of Love food drive.** These gift cards will help purchase food for at risk students.

[Click Here](#) to Sign-Up to Assist with the Preliminary Free Throw Contest during P.E. Classes

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# Formation in Christian Chastity Classes

The Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity Program lessons will be taught in grades 1-8 during the week of October 17th. Information regarding this program may be found on the school website under the Current Families tab and then under Formation in Christian Chastity. This is an opt-out program. If you wish to not have your child participate, you must complete the opt-out form.

Additionally, the middle school students have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan approved Human Growth and Sexuality classes which begin on Thursday, October 20th. 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 13th.

[Click Here for Information and Forms](#)

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## Holy Spirit Veterans and Friends,

Please join us on November 10 at 7:50 am around the flagpole in front of Holy Spirit School. The student body will conduct a Flag Raising Ceremony and a special tribute to our veterans.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Schwartz  
at [cschwartz@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:cschwartz@holyspiritflames.org) by 11/7/16

Thank you and God Bless America!

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## Book Fair

**Sunday, October 30th - Friday, November 4th**

**Shop online for a larger selection Oct. 23rd - Nov. 12th**

**<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 anytime the Book Fair is open.

### HOURS

**SUNDAY 10-2**

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

**TUESDAY 8:00-7:00**

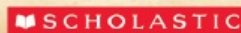
**FRIDAY 8-11:30**

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, as in the past, teachers will have "wish baskets". These are books selected by the teacher that they could 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





Join Us for Our Parish



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

Disney Animation's:  
"Zootopia"

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

**All Are Invited!**  
**Side Dish & Dessert Potluck**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

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

**HolySpiritChurch.us**



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**Holy Spirit School is now on Twitter!**

**@HSS\_Flames**

**Follow us to see some of the fun and exciting things that go on here at school each day!**



## 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 November Lunch Menu](#)

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 13, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [November lunch menu](#)
2. [Spirit Week 2016](#)
3. [Ton of Love 2016](#)
4. [Turkey Shoot 2016](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Parish Pig Roast](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Bishop O'Connell Open House](#)
2. [Bishop Ireton Open House](#)

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