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# From the Principal's Desk

October 20, 2016



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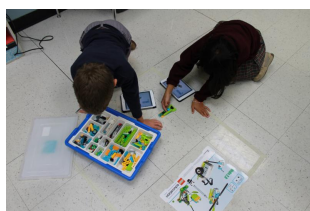
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## *Holy Spirit School*

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

## The robots are here!



The students have been having a great time with their introduction to the robots. Some students are building; others are programming on the computer; all are smiling and excited about the challenge! Please be sure to ask your student about their experience thus far.

A huge thank you to the PTO for funding our robotics intensive!

As we seek to grow the robotics program at Holy Spirit we will be looking to purchase our own robots. If you would like to help fund such an endeavor, please contact me.

A reminder that Spirit Week, Ton of Love, and the Book Fair are right around the corner. Be sure to look at all of the flyers for pertinent information as the

dress-up/down days are always a big hit with the students and I would love to see 100% participation.

We will be recognizing our Veterans and First Responders with a special flag raising ceremony on Thursday, November 10th. Be sure to see the information below. In connection with that the NJHS is sponsoring a "Hero Wall"; again, look for information below.

The Parent Portal will close tomorrow, Friday, October 21st and the end of the 1st quarter is October 27th. Now is the 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. The link to the Sign-Up Genius is below.

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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



# Parent-Teacher Conferences

A reminder that the November parent-teacher conferences are mandatory and it is at this conference that Scantron results for students in grades 3-7 will be shared with parents.

[Click Here to Sign-Up for Conferences](#)

Access code: 2016Conferences



## 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)

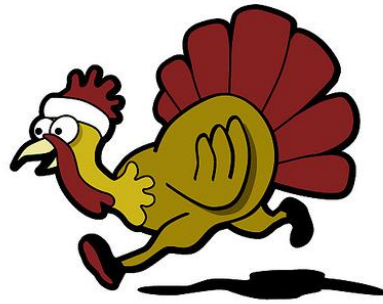
Our goal is to collect 2016 items. Let's show our Holy Spirit School "Spirit" by reaching our goal!

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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## 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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## The Wall of Heroes

The National Junior Honor Society would like to honor all people who have served our country, including first responders such as police officers and firefighters with the Wall of Heroes for Veterans Day. This is our way of showing our gratitude for those who have sacrificed their lives for others, for all the people who keep our country safe. We are asking veterans and active members in all the armed forces to please be included in the Wall of Heroes. You will receive a sheet of paper where you are able to place a picture of your hero, also where you can include a brief description of your hero. Please bring in a copy of the original picture, if possible. In the description, please include:

- Branch of Military
- First responders, firefighters, and police forces
- Rank
- When and Where they served

Please bring in the sheet with your hero and description by October 24.

See below for Hero Wall template.

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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

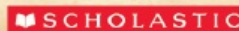
TUESDAY 8:00-7:00

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



**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 20, 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](#)
5. [Hero Wall - explanation](#)
6. [Hero Wall - template](#)

Parish Flyers:

Community Flyers:

1. [Bishop O'Connell Open House](#)
2. [Bishop Ireton Open House](#)
3. [Oakwood - Raising Kids for Success](#)

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