

From the Principal's Desk

October 3, 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"

October is the month of the Rosary

Over the Summer, we purchased 15 new icons of the Blessed Mother; you may recall seeing these in the photographs of our celebration of her birthday in September. The icons are now hanging in the hallway that leads to the cafeteria as October is one of the Marian months.

Each month throughout the year, we will have a short assembly highlighting a different title of Mother Mary in order to teach the children more about her and the special and important role she has in our Faith.

The first of these assemblies will be Monday, October 7th as we recognize the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Certainly, all are welcome to join us at 8:30 am in the gym.

Please remember that October 7th is an early release day in order to provide the faculty extended time to work on the DFE requirements. Extended Day will be open. (Note that there is funeral on Monday morning thus challenging the car line once again.) In connection with the DFE, thank you to those who have returned the parent survey. For those who would like to participate (I would encourage everyone to so do), the surveys are needed by tomorrow, October 4th so that we can cull all of the data and incorporate it into the self-study.

The 8th grade students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next week on Wednesday, October 9th. Please pray for them, their sponsors, and their families in these final days leading up to this wonderful celebration.

Please also pray for all of the principals in the Diocese of Arlington as we go on retreat next week (October 10 & 11).

Interims for the 1st Trimester will go home next Friday, October 11th. As a reminder, interims are only for students in grades 3-8. A paper interim will go home with students who have a 75% or below in any core academic subject or a "I" or an "X" in a Specials class. The online parent portal is always accessible to parents of students in grade 3-8.

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

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

Information is 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.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been in to assist with roller skating this week. The activity caught the eye of our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joe Vorbach when he was here for a Diocesan meeting earlier in the week! Look for his tweet!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Formation in Christian Chastity

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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.

This program is different from the middle school program on Human Growth & Sexuality.



**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!](#)

Our First Box Top Drive is Popping Up!

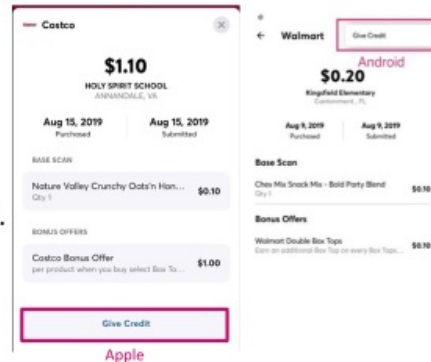


From September 29th - October 11th the class that submits the most Box Tops (both clips and scans) will win a popcorn and candy corn party! Use the collection sheet below to attach your clips and write your scan amounts.

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



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



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!



HOLY SPIRIT BOXING CLUB

NON-CONTACT

**HOLY SPIRIT GYM
THURSDAYS
STARTING OCTOBER 17
3:30 - 4:30 PM**

SPACE IS LIMITED!

**OPEN TO ALL
7TH & 8TH
GRADE BOYS**

**\$25 FEE
FOR FALL
SESSION**

**PROMOTES
FITNESS, DISCIPLINE & SELF-DEFENSE**

To register:
www.holyspurchurch.us/boxing

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COME AND SEE WHAT SHE SAW.



Showing at Holy Spirit Parish in the Gym

OCTOBER 5, 2019

Start Time: 7:00 PM

www.holyspiritchurch.us/movienight



October is Respect Life Month.

Vote...

so she will have a chance to



A Public Service Message from the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus



Virginia Voter Registration & Absentee Ballots
Before and After Weekend Masses Through **October 6th**

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)

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**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!

Join the Men's Club for this year's



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



All are invited!

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
SPIRIT
Catholic Church

Holy Spirit NVJCYO

Information and registration:
HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth

**Winter
Sports**

Basketball

Cheerleading

**Grades
3-8**

"Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person."

-St. John Paul II



**Teams Forming
Register Today!**



Coaches Needed!

Interested in coaching?

Contact CYO@holyspirtchurch.us

**CALLING ALL 5TH-8TH GRADE
BOYS!
JOIN BOY SCOUT TROOP 50
FOR AN OUTDOOR SKILLS DAY**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

1-4PM

THE BACKYARD OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

8800 BRADDOCK RD.

ANNANDALE, VA 22003

RSVP TO SCOUTMASTER LEVIN-

T50HOLYSPIRIT@GMAIL.COM

Boys in 5th-8th grade are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and adventure as you learn the skills you need to make it in the outdoors! Some of the things you'll be doing include:

FIRE BUILDING



EMERGENCY SHELTER MAKING

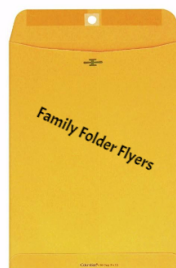


FIRST AID BASICS



KNOTS AND LASHINGS

If you are a Webelos Scout, you'll be able to earn some of your AOL requirements with us. Come have fun and find out more about what Boy Scouts is about. *For questions or to RSVP contact Scoutmaster RJ Levin at t50holyspirit@gmail.com.*



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 3, 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. Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality Opt-in Form
4. Student Council Spirit Week flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter Sports Sign-ups
2. Parish Pig Roast flyer
3. Unplanned flyer
4. Men's Club Oktoberfest Meeting flyer
5. Illuminated Rosary flyer
6. Boxing Club flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Boy Scouts - outdoor skills day flyer
 2. ABGC Winter Registration (English)
 3. ABGC Winter Registration (Spanish)
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