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# From the Principal's Desk

October 4, 2018



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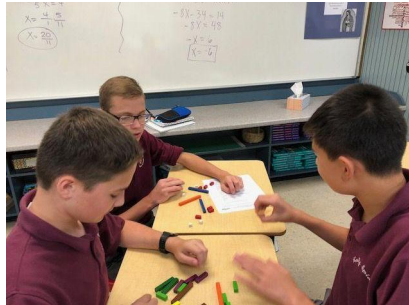
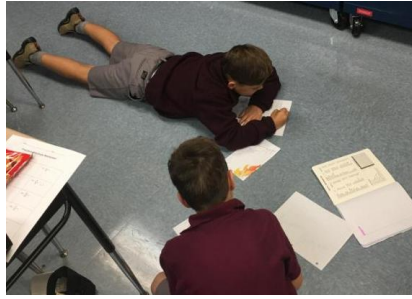


## Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2018 / 2019

"Let us love one another because love is from God"

## In Full Swing!





As we begin the month of October we are certainly in full swing when it comes to academics. Every classroom has much going on and students are challenged on a daily basis to grow both in grace and wisdom.

We are also in full swing such that 1st Trimester interims will go home next week, Friday, October 12th. Parents in grades 3-8 are encouraged to regularly check the parent portal to keep abreast of your children's successes. Paper interims will go home only for those children who currently have a 75% or lower in a core academic subject or an "X" or a "1" in a Special.

October is also the month when school activities really begin to ramp up so please be sure to check the school calendar, this newsletter, and the PTO Highlights for various announcements.

**A new PTO sponsored activity this year is Trunk or Treat!** The announcement and sign-up links are below for both securing a spot for your decorated car and for volunteering to help run the event. I hope that you are all able to clear your schedules for Friday, October 26th and can join us for an evening of fun, fun, fun!

The Student Council will sponsor Spirit Week beginning Monday, October 29th and our annual food drive benefiting Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project will run the same week. Look for information on both these events soon.

A reminder that both Monday, October 8th and Friday, October 26th are no school days for students.

The parish has a plethora of activities going on as well; be sure to scroll all the way through the newsletter for activities that are of interest to your family.

## **Formation in Christian Chastity**

The Diocesan developed "Formation in Christian Chastity" program is taught to all children in grades 1-8 in all Diocesan schools and in parish religious education programs.

At Holy Spirit School, this curriculum is taught in the regular religion classes during one week in the Fall. This year the information will be taught during the week of October 15th.

**This is an "opt-out" program meaning that parents must sign and return the waiver in order for students to be excused from the program and the waiver must be received by Friday, October 12th.**

Course materials by grade level are available at the below link or via PowerLearning on the Family Information page under the Formation in Christian Chastity tab.

[Diocesan Formation in Christian Chastity Course Materials](#)

The opt-out form may be found in in the Family Folder section below or in PowerLearning on the Family Information page under the Formation in Christian Chastity tab.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend!

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

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**Come Join Us!  
Car Spaces Limited!  
Fun Unlimited!**

# TRUNK OR TREAT

A PTO SPONSORED EVENT FOR SCHOOL AND PARISH FAMILIES!  
Decorate your car and fill your trunk with candy!

**Prizes:**  
-Best decorated car!  
-Best kid costume!



**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**Upper Parking Lot**

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit [holyspiritflames.org](http://holyspiritflames.org).

Limited spaces available.  
(More than one family can share a spot.)

[Click here to sign-up for a car space!](#)

Plus we need volunteers because no great events happens without the folks behind the scenes!

[Click here to volunteer!](#)



## Book Fair

**Sunday, October 14th - Friday, October 19th**

**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

**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!

Alice Rowley  
Librarian



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**[Online shopping link](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyspiritflames)**  
**[Click here!](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyspiritflames)**

**Please remember that in order to volunteer to assist  
at the book fair (or to shop with your child during**

the school day) adults must be Child Protection  
Compliant

## Book Fair Schedule by Class

Students are welcome to make purchases (or just wish lists) at the time of their visit. Students are welcome to come in to the book fair at any point of the day, at the Teacher's discretion. Thank you for your support!

PKC Monday, 11:30-12:00  
PKM Monday, 8:30-9:00  
KDW Tuesday, 10:00-10:30  
KW Monday, 10:00-10:30  
1K Tuesday, 2:00-2:30  
1B Tuesday, 1:30-2:00  
2H Tuesday, 8:30-9:00  
2L Tuesday, 9:00-9:30  
3P Monday, 11:00-11:30  
3A Monday, 10:30-11:00  
4V Wednesday, 1:30-2:00  
4L Wednesday, 1:00-1:30  
5S Wednesday, 10:30-11:00  
5A Tuesday, 11:00-11:30  
6G Wednesday, 8:30-9:00  
6S Wednesday, 12:00-12:30  
7D Tuesday, 10:30-11:00  
7B Wednesday, 2:00-2:30  
8K Monday, 1:00-1:30  
8T Monday, 9:30-10:00

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**Winter Uniform**



**We will switch over to the winter school uniform on  
Monday, November 5th**

**\*\* Please note that at this time we are no longer  
accepting used uniforms - we have quite a full  
closet and no more space. Thank you for  
understanding!**

**Grades PreK-K**

**Boys**

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Steel gray pants from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Solid gray or white dress socks
- \* Sneakers (velcro for PreK; no light up shoes)

**Girls**

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo with gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* OR plaid drop waist, solid front jumper with white peter pan collared short or long sleeved blouse. (The peter pan blouse may only be worn with the jumper - and the polo only with the

slacks)

\* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.

\* Solid maroon or white dress socks: ankle, knee or tights

\* Sneakers (velcro for PreK; no light up shoes)

### Grades 1-5 Boys

\* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo

\* Steel gray pants from Flynn and O'Hara

\* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo

\* Solid gray or white dress socks

\* Black or brown belt

\* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

### Girls

\* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo with gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara

\* OR plaid drop waist, solid front jumper with white peter pan collared short or long sleeved blouse. (The peter pan blouse may only be worn with the jumper - and the polo only with the slacks)

\* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.

\* Solid maroon or white dress socks: ankle, knee or tights

\* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)



## Grades 6-8 Boys

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Dark gray slacks from Flynn and O'Hara
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.
- \* Solid dark gray dress socks
- \* Black or brown belt
- \* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

## Girls

- \* Long or short sleeved maroon polo with Holy Spirit logo
- \* Dark gray wrap around kilt
- \* Optional: Long sleeve, full OR half zip maroon polar fleece with Holy Spirit logo.
- \* Solid dark gray dress socks: ankle, knee or tights
- \* Black or brown school shoes (not sneakers)

## Winter Gym Uniform (worn to school on gym days)

### Grades K-8


- \* Gray T shirt with logo
  - \* Gray sweat shirt with logo
  - \* Gray sweat pants with logo (red uniform gym shorts may be worn underneath)
  - \* Solid white ankle sport socks
  - \* Non marking tennis shoes
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Porto Charities recognized as a Seton Award winner at the NCEA's annual Gala!

Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Gibbons, Father O'Donohue and I had the distinct privilege and pleasure to attend the National Catholic Education Association's annual Seton Award Gala on Monday, October 1st.

Porto Charities was honored as a Seton Award honoree for all of the wonderful work the organization has done for many years in support Catholic schools like ours who have the privilege of educating children with intellectual disabilities whose parents desire a Catholic education for them.

Congratulations to Porto Charities!



**2018 NCEA Seton Award Honoree**

**PORTO CHARITIES, INC.**

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

**B**ecause Catholic schools are called upon to provide a Catholic education to all who want one, the work of Porto Charities is vital. Porto Charities, Inc. (PCI), located in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, is an organization dedicated to actively assisting people with developmental or intellectual disabilities. The PCI vision is to support this population by helping to provide inclusive education, meaningful work and independence in living, commensurate with their capabilities.

PCI raises and provides funds, resources, assistance, education and residences to improve the quality of life for its clients by supporting their inclusive education in Catholic schools, housing and work. Among the unexpected but welcome effects PCI programs bring to schools is a notable change to the school environment. The school staff, students and their families all say they can feel the widespread spirit of acceptance throughout the school when inclusion is part of the everyday routine. In addition to education, PCI's mission includes promoting awareness, friendship and social forums among members, their families and communities.

In the Diocese of Arlington, people with intellectual disabilities are welcomed at five diocesan schools, but PCI has set its sights higher in the hope that all diocesan schools will be able to provide comprehensive special education services. Currently, these services are offered at the following schools: Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Dumfries, Holy Spirit Catholic School in Annandale and St. Mark Catholic School in Vienna. PCI has four more schools working to incorporate its services in 2019: Including St. Veronica in Chantilly, St. Bernadette in Springfield, St. Theresa in Loudoun County, the Basilica School of Saint Mary in Alexandria.

The organization is working to educate parish pastors and principals about the mission-driven responsibility of inclusion. In an effort to add more success stories to a growing list, the PCI board is working directly with school administrators to help them see that with PCI's help, putting these successful programs in place only takes the willingness of the Catholic school community.

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**PORTO  
CHARITIES, INC.**

**Disability Awareness Month Mass  
with Bishop Burbidge - October 7  
at 11:45 am. - St. Mark Catholic  
Church**

Join Porto/PCI at the Disability Awareness Month Mass  
with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on Sunday, October 7 at  
11:45 AM at St. Mark Catholic Church, [9970 Vale  
Rd. Vienna, VA.](#)

A reception with Bishop Burbidge will follow after the  
mass in the Cassidy Activity Center.

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**For those thinking ahead...**



## Academic Year 2019-2020

### What is the program?

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through funding from diocesan parishes as well as the *Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

### Who is eligible?

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12).
  - *Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.*
  - *Not applicable to students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese and/or international students.*
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families who reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

### How do I apply?

- Submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date
  - Applications will be completed electronically online at [online.factsmgt.com/SignIn](https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn)
    - *Only one application is required per family.*
- Remit processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL should follow the high school submission date.

Due Dates: **HIGH SCHOOL**

**January 22, 2019**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**March 15, 2019**

### Awards

Awards are made for **ONE ACADEMIC YEAR** and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools determine the amount and the distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the schools will then credit the tuition accounts of approved families.

*\$3,537,470 awarded in 2018*

### ● For more information ●

#### Questions regarding process

Mary Manilla-Smith  
703.841.2519  
[m.manilla-smith@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.manilla-smith@arlingtondiocese.org)

#### Questions regarding application

FACTS Grant & Aid  
1.866.441.4637  
<https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/>

#### Award decisions

Please contact [your school](#).

#### Diocesan Tuition Assistance

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Tuition-Assistance/>

**Information available in PowerLearning and on the school website under the Prospective Families tab**



# Why be **PRO-LIFE?**

Join us for a series of talks on the current  
debates around abortion

**Next Event:**  
**October 6**  
10-11 AM  
Meeting Room 2

## **The Kavanaugh Confirmation and Abortion in the Supreme Court**

*What have we learned about abortion-related constitutional law from the confirmation process for Judge Brett Kavanaugh? What might happen to that law in the Supreme Court going forward?*

**Eric Claeys**

Professor of Law,  
George Mason University

Sponsored by the parish Respect Life group

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**Celebrate!**

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**Sign up for a day to intentionally pray for our parish priests. Let's fill their year with our prayers!**

Your name will appear in a calendar that will be given to our priests on Oct. 28, Priesthood Sunday. Sign up at:

**[HolySpiritChurch.us](http://HolySpiritChurch.us)**

(select the yellow "Volunteer" button.)

October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary

**Join Us**

for an  
**Illuminated Rosary  
for Life, Marriage  
and Family**

**7 PM Monday, October 8  
(Columbus Day)**

On the grounds between the church and school.

Refreshments will be provided after the Rosary.

**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

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*Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!*

Join the Men's Club for this year's

# October Fest



Friday, October 12

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, sauerkraut and potato salad, as well as German beer, soft drinks and water.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

For more information, email: [irwinmetro@yahoo.com](mailto:irwinmetro@yahoo.com)

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# SOCCER CHALLENGE

SPONSORED BY: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Saturday, October 13 9 AM - 2 PM**

Field behind Holy Spirit School

All individual boys and girls ages 9-14 years are invited.

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

**Contact:**

**Mike Poumade**

703 - 425 - 8769 [poumade@prodigy.net](mailto:poumade@prodigy.net)

**More Rule Info:**

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/youth/soccer/soccerguide.pdf>



Join Us for Our Parish



All are invited!

and Screen *Paddington 2*  
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.

[HolySpiritChurch.us](http://HolySpiritChurch.us)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

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

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

# US FLAG COLLECTION

**RETIREMENT  
CEREMONY**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8  
7:30 PM**

**IN FRONT OF SCHOOL**

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

**WORN FLAGS?**

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

**OCT 20-21, 27-28  
NOV 3-4**

**IN CHURCH VESTIBULE**

# Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age

How to spot and avoid identity theft, fraud,  
and scams, to protect yourself and your family

**Saturday, October 27  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
Holy Spirit School  
Meeting rooms 1 and 2**

**Guest Speaker:**  
Pamela Houghtaling  
AARP Fraud and Abuse Network

Identity theft and other scams cost Americans millions of dollars every year—over the phone, on the computer, and at your front door. What can we do to protect ourselves, our families, and our vulnerable neighbors from these scam artists?

Come find out at the Good Samaritan Society's annual fall event. In addition to learning about this important issue, you'll hear from our own Deacon Tom Grodek about how to balance trust in God with being a good steward of all that God has given you.

Anne Chason, a long-time parishioner and local author, will also share her book, *Alphabet Belonging to Christ*.

Fellowship and light refreshments will also be provided. All are welcome!



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# Family Bingo



**Saturday, October 27 In Holy Spirit School**  
**Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM**

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



Saint John-Marie Vianney

Saint Juan Diego

Saint Catherine of Siena

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Gregory the Great

Saint Rose of Lima

Saint Therese of Lisieux

## 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.



For information contact Ron Poussard at [ronpoussard@mac.com](mailto:ronpoussard@mac.com)

# 8TH GRADE <HACK BI/>

NOVEMBER 3, 10AM-10PM



**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**



**NO FEE REQUIRED  
FOOD IS PROVIDED**

- <WHO/> All 8th graders!
- <WHAT/> 12 hours of programming with workshops that will introduce programming and other technology including photoshop and robots
- <WHERE/> Bishop Ireton High School  
201 Cambridge Road Alexandria VA, 22314
- <BRING/> Positivity and creativity!  
Laptop and charger optional

## CUP STACKING AND TYPING CONTEST!

8th grade students may attend workshops in several areas. After each workshop students will create a program or document using these skills. After the workshops are complete, students will pair up to create an entry for a prize.

**PRIZES INCLUDE: KEYBOARD, RASPBERRY PI, AND GAMES**

**REGISTER AT HACKBI.ORG (WEBSITE)  
HACKBI@BISHOPIRETON.ORG (EMAIL)**

Early bird registrants who register before 9/21/18 are entered into a raffle!

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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# 2018 BISHOP IRETON CHEER CLINIC



Spend an unforgettable day learning cheerleading and performing with the  
2016-2018 Christian Cheerleaders of America National Grand Champion

## BISHOP IRETON CHEERLEADERS

- WHO:** Girls 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade (No experience necessary!)
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 13th 2018, 8:30 – 2:30 (Game starts at 1:00)  
**The Clinic concludes with a halftime performance during the Varsity Football Game**
- WHERE:** Bishop Ireton High School Gym, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314
- COST:** \$50 – Cost includes t-shirt, hair bow, lunch & performance at halftime with the Varsity Cheerleaders!! Bring your friends and your cameras!! Don't miss out on this amazing experience!!
- REGISTER:** Register and pay online at [www.bishopireton.org/cheerclinic](http://www.bishopireton.org/cheerclinic)  
or fill out the form below & mail to:

Bishop Ireton Cheer Clinic  
201 Cambridge Rd., Alexandria VA 22314  
ATTN: CHEERLEADING  
Questions? - [bicheerclinic@hotmail.com](mailto:bicheerclinic@hotmail.com)

## COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company & ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: YS AS Referring Cheerleader: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to pay by check, please make payable to Bishop Ireton High School and write "Cheer Clinic" in the memo line.

Spots are limited – so don't delay and sign up today!



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "October 4, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT form
2. Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality Class OPT-IN form
3. Virginia 529 FAQ sheet
4. PTO's Trunk or Treat - flyer
5. Book Fair - flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Winter Sports Sign-ups
2. Illuminated Rosary - flyer
3. K of C Soccer Challenge - flyer
4. Parish Pig Roast - flyer
5. Adult Volleyball - flyer
6. Why be Pro-Life? - flyer
7. Men's Club Oktoberfest - flyer
8. Flag Retirement Ceremony - flyer
9. Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age - flyer
10. K of C Family BINGO - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Porto Charities Golf Tournament - flyer
  2. Porto Charities Golf Tournament sign-up
  3. Hack BI - flyer
  4. BI Cheer Clinic - flyer
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