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From the Principal's Desk

October 5, 2017



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"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

Has it finally turned to Fall?

What a glorious week of weather we have had!

A reminder that Monday, October 9th is a school holiday - I hope you enjoy the long weekend! Additionally, WINTER UNIFORM begins on Tuesday, October 10th.

The sign-up to assist with Adoration in the school chapel is below. We always appreciate adult assistance with ensuring a constant presence in the chapel throughout the day.

It is hard to believe that the end of the 1st Quarter is quickly approaching (October 26th). Now would be a wonderful time to check the Parent Portal and work with your child on any assignments that are still missing to teachers. The portal will close on Friday, October 20th in preparation of report card distribution.

Conference days are scheduled for November 9th and 10th. We will have a half day on 11/9 with conferences in the afternoon and a full day of conferences on 11/10. All families, prek - 8th grade, are asked to sign-up for a conference time. Be on the look out for a Sign-Up Genius towards the end of October.

The annual Book Fair begins Sunday, October 15th and extends through the week to Friday, October 20th. This is a great way to support the library collection!

We will celebrate Spirit Week at Holy Spirit beginning Monday, October 23rd. This is a fun-filled super week with lots of activities and dress-up days for the students. Be on the lookout for information from the Student Council.

I tend to feel as though once we hit the month of October I need to take a deep breath because in a blink of an eye it will be December! This year is no exception as we have a tremendous number of wonderful events for students and families over the next three months. Be sure to keep an eye on the school calendar and watch for announcements.

Have a wonderful weekend.

-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.



Adoration

We will have Adoration in the school chapel on Tuesday, October 10th and are seeking parents to assist us in ensuring that the chapel is never left unattended while the classes transition in and out throughout the day.

A reminder that volunteers must be Child Protection Compliant.

[Click here to sign-up](#)

Passcode: Adoration



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!



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:

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

Return bottom portion _____

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.

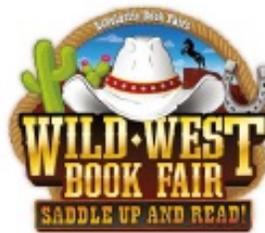
Have you registered yet?

[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.



COMING SOON!!!
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

October 15th – October 20th

KICK OFF – SUNDAY, October 15th 10AM–2PM

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8-3:30

Tuesday Opens at 8:00 AM with Evening Hours Until – 7:00 PM

Friday 8-11:30 AM

SHOP ONLINE OCT. 15TH – Oct. 31ST

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

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL
LIBRARY – TO VOLUNTEER**

Contact

Victoria Chavez – 703-978-5471





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!

10th Annual Porto Charities Inc.
Golf Tournament

Regency at Dominion Valley Golf Club
Haymarket, Virginia
Friday, October 13, 2017



18 holes on an Arnold Palmer executive course
9:00 am shotgun start – Captain's Choice
\$ 100 per person (golf with cart & lunch) by 9/15/17
\$ 125 per person (golf with cart & lunch) after 9/15/17

Exciting prizes, raffle items and live auction!

Gold Sponsor	\$ 2,500 (Foursome, hole sponsor & signage)
Silver Sponsor	\$ 1,000 (Foursome & signage)
Bronze Sponsor	\$ 500 (Hole sponsor & lunch for 2)
Hole Sponsor	\$ 300
Porto Sponsor	\$ 100

Porto Charities Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable and educational organization.
Contributions to Porto Charities Inc. are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Payment Options:

- Please mail checks payable to Porto Charities Inc. to:
 - Bill Mundy 4519 Gilbertson Road, Fairfax, VA 22032
- Questions - billm10049@aol.com or 703 978-7544

Registration Deadline is September 30, 2017

Catholic College Night!



Meet Representatives from
Catholic Colleges and Universities

**Wednesday,
October 11
7-9 pm**

In the School Gym



Parents, High School Juniors, Seniors and Grads:

Come to the Annual Catholic College Night! Meet college
admission officers and alums! Get the info you need for the
important decisions ahead!



Our Lady of the Most Holy
Rosary, pray for us!



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

B **I** **N** **G** **O**
F a m i l y
N i g h t !

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 October 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 5, 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. October lunch menu
4. Math Olympiad sign-up sheet
5. Screenagers Parent Guide

Parish Flyers:

1. CYO Cheerleading flyer
2. Pilgrimage Flyer
3. KAIROS Prison Ministry - Cookie Ministry
4. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue
5. Parish Pig Roast
6. Parish Illuminated Rosary
7. Knights of Columbus College Fair
8. Men's Club Oktoberfest
9. Family BINGO

Community Flyers:

1. Porto Charities Golf Tournament
 2. Paul VI High School - Future Panthers Night
 3. Bishop Ireton Cheer Camp Flyer
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