

From the Principal's Desk

September 15, 2016



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Holy Spirit School

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

Happy Thursday

This week we embarked on our first week of Scantron Testing with the 6th & 7th grade classes. All went well and I am, again, indebted to the fundraising efforts of the PTO over the years as the Chromebooks have made the testing experience easily managed with student schedules.

With regard to the car lines (both morning and afternoon), we have lengthened the area in which cars are able to pull up in front of the school - if you are the front car as the group pulls in please be sure to round the curve and pull up as far as the swinging "Stop Here" sign. I would also ask that you please be cognizant of leaving large gaps between cars so that we can maximize the space. Remember that your student does not have to be dropped off directly in front of the area where his/her class lines up - when cars make multiple stops it slows us down.

To reiterate, please do not drop your child off in the upper lot in the morning - the line is moving pretty quickly now and all families are expected to drop-off in the proper, designated places.

Lastly, please be sure to put down your cell phone when driving through the car line so that all attention is put on the students and cars.

Friday, September 23rd is an Early Dismissal day for the students while the teacher participate in professional development. Extended Day will be open.

Thank you to all who attended the PTO Volunteer Fair last night - with your assistance we are able to offer so many wonderful events and items to enrich

the students' experience here.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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



Holy Spirit Parents and Students,

During the 2015-2016 school year, we earned over \$2,900 collecting Box Tops! Well done.

Our Fall Drive will run from now until Thursday, October 13th. You will find a collection sheet as a separate document on the school website. Print out as many as you wish! Box Tops coupons can be attached to collection sheets using TAPE or GLUE. NO staples please! Be sure to include name of student's teacher so that his/her class gets proper credit. Expired Box Tops coupons do not count. But, partially filled sheets do count!

One class per grade will win; there will be 10 winning teams. The class, per grade, that gathers the most Box Tops (average per student) by the deadline of Thursday, October 13th will earn a Dress Down Day!

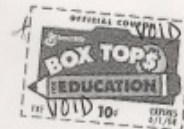
Ask friends, family and neighbors to help you collect!

(Hint! Hint! check out our sample letter to Grandma)

Visit www.btfe.com/products for a complete list of participating box tops products.

Dear Grandma,
Please collect Box Tops for me. They are the little pink coupons you find on many products you likely already have in your home. Each is worth 10 cents and dimes do add up FAST! My school has contests throughout the year that make it possible for the kids who collect the most to win dress down days. With your help, my chances of winning will be even better. Please clip and save them for me!

Love, Suzy



Box Tops Fall Collection Sheet



Changes to Extended Day Billing

In our continuing efforts to automate payments to the school, Extended Day billing for both the morning and afternoons will be done through the same platform on which families make tuition payments, Smart.

The payment draw will take place on the same schedule as each family's tuition payment. Families will receive, from Smart, an email indicating what the additional amount will be for the billing cycle.

Please note that at the end of the year for tax purposes, families will be able to access the amount paid for Extended Day services via the family's Smart account.



We will complete our first week of Scatron testing with the 6th & 7th graders tomorrow! Everything seems to have gone well and we look forward to sharing results at the November parent/teacher conferences.

A reminder that grades 3-5 will test next week.



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).

[October Lunch Menu](#)

Join Holy Spirit School's Running Club!!

Holy Spirit's Running Club is a great way for students to stay healthy and active! During the Fall season, we participate in CYO Cross Country and in the Spring Season, CYO Track and Field. Open to students in grades 3-8, the club focuses on challenging students to excel in running at their age appropriate level.

building camaraderie among the team, and of course having fun in the process!

Running Club is held every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 at Holy Spirit School. The season will begin on September 13th and run through November 8th. We will also have three meets throughout the season.

Registration and payment can be found online using the "Register for CYO Sports" link at the bottom of the Holy Spirit School Website.

FLAMES

What to bring to practice:

- Gym clothes
- Running shoes
- Water bottle with your name on it
- Medical Participant Combined Form
- Participation Agreement Form

PARENTS

Looking to fill your volunteering hours? We are still in need of parent volunteers for practice! No need to commit to the entire season. Feel free to only sign up for a few practices.

For more information, contact:

Lizzie Menapace
emenapace@holyspiritflames.org
703-978-7117 ext. 1145



Do You Love to Sing?

Do you want to help lead the music at the Friday 9am Mass?

Are you in Grades 3-8?

Join the SCHOOL CHOIR



**We meet after school on Mondays in the music room
right after school until 4:30.***

***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. Gullickson in the Music Room.
Questions? lgullickson@holyspiritflames.us

Choir Form

Student Name _____ **Grade/Class** _____

Initial here if your child will be going to **Extended Day** after choir ____

Name and phone number(s) of person(s) picking up your child after rehearsal:

Contact for Emergencies. Name _____ **Relationship** _____ **Phone** _____

Preferred Email for Choir Updates _____



Forming today's young hearts in the faith!

The Holy Spirit Youth Office and Holy Spirit School have collaborated to create a new program for our Middle Schoolers- Cor Unum! We will be holding small groups (single sex) for 7th and 8th graders. These new guys and girls groups are meant to help our middle school youth learn what it means to be a young man or woman of Faith in Today's World!

Cor Unum for Girls! *Select Fridays after school from 3:30-5 pm*

Cor Unum for Girls is a place where 7th and 8th grade girls from all different middle schools can come together to discuss important topics of the Faith, pray together, create new friendships and learn how to be young women of Faith in today's world. Led by some of our dedicated school teachers this is not something you will want to miss! Snacks will be provided!

- Fall Dates: September 30, October 14 and 28, November 4 and 18, December 2 and 16
- Spring Dates: January 13 and 27, February 10 and 24, March 10 and 24, April 7 and 28, May 12 and 19, June 9

Cor Unum for Guys! *Select Fridays before youth group from 6-7:30 pm*

This group is meant to help our young men learn what it means to be a man of God in today's world. Led by dedicated adult and college age men, this group is an incredible way for our boys from all different middle schools in the area to come together to discuss topics of the Faith, form good friendships and have a lot of fun! Snacks will be provided and the group will let out just in time for our Friday Night Youth Group!

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"Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and one soul..."
Acts 4:23

Please keep the top portion of this form and bring the bottom portion to the Youth Office on your first meeting. Holy Spirit students will need to bring a note to school giving them permission to be dismissed to the youth room.

Cor Unum Permission Form

My youth, _____, has my permission to attend the Holy Spirit Cor Unum for Guys/Girls which meets on the dates listed above in the Youth Room in the school building.

- My youth has a Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Registration/Liability form on file with the Youth Office. (If you do not have one on file, please go to www.holyspiritchurch.us/youth and fill one out for middle school.

- For the girls group: At 5:00pm please dismiss my youth to
 - Front door for carpool line
 - Extended day (for HS students only)
- For the guys group: At 7:30pm please dismiss my youth to
 - Front door for carpool line
 - He will be staying for Youth Group



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "September 15, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [October Lunch Menu](#)
2. [A Parent's Guide to Performance Series](#)
3. [Fall Chess Club Sign-Up](#)
4. [Running Club - Cross Country](#)

5. [School Choir](#)
6. [Join Scouting](#)
7. [8th Grade Lunches with Youth Ministry](#)
8. [7th & 8th Grade Dance at St. Bernadette School](#)
9. [Emergency Contact form for St. Bernadette Dance](#)
10. [Box Tops Flyer - Fall 2016](#)
11. [Box Tops Collection Sheet - Fall 2016](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Militia Immaculata flyer and permission form](#)
2. [Squire Roses flyer](#)
3. [Cor Unum permission form](#)
4. [Knights of Columbus - Catholic College Fair](#)
5. [Knights of Columbus - Soccer Challenge](#)
6. [Knights of Columbus - Illuminated Rosary](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Bishop Ireton Cheer Clinic](#)
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