

From the Principal's Desk

September 26, 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"

Is it Fall or is it Summer?

The weather has certainly been up and down of late, fluctuating between hot and cold. Inevitably I end up with questions from parents about uniforms during this transition time. The formal date for the transition to the Winter uniform is Monday, November 4th but please remember that you have the option to have your children wear the sweatpants and sweatshirts for P.E., etc. even now on the days when the temperature is a bit chillier.

A reminder that tomorrow is an early release day (11:30 am) in order for Diocesan mandated teacher professional development time. Extended Day will be open.

Please look for the **Design for Excellence (DFE) Parent Survey** coming home tomorrow, Friday, September 27th. These will be sent in an envelope and sent with the youngest or only child in each family. Please return the completed survey in the provided envelope by Friday, October 4th. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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 which is an **opt-in** program. Please see the information in the section below.

Both **Trunk or Treat** (sponsored by the PTO) and the Student Council's **Spirit Week** are right around the corner. Information on Spirit Week will be forthcoming shortly. Links to sign up for a spot and/or to volunteer for Trunk or Treat are below.

And because Christmas will be here in the blink of an eye - the link to sign-up to **sell Christmas trees** as a part of the PTO's fundraiser is below.

A final reminder that this Sunday, September 29th is the **Diocesan Mass for Disabilities** hosted here at Holy Spirit Church. The Mass time is 10:30 am and it would be wonderful to see as many of our school families as possible present to support our students who will be participating.

For those needing to attend a **Virtus seminar** as part of your Child Protection Compliancy, a seminar will be held here at Holy Spirit on Wednesday, October 2nd beginning at 6:00 pm. Be sure to register by visiting www.virtus.org and creating an account.

The school auction is right around the corner on November 2nd. If you haven't yet purchased your tickets, please visit the school website and click on the ***Back to the 80s Auction*** tab.



Roller skating begins in the P.E. classes next week and we are still in need of parent volunteers in several of the classes.

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

This time of year is always oh, so busy! Buckle-up and hang-on - it is all a great time!

-Maureen Ashby

Important Middle School Information

Annually, students in grades 6-8 are provided the opportunity to participate in a Diocesan recognized program on Human Growth and Sexuality. The program is a total of three one-hour presentations which are done by grade level and in single sex environments. The program is presented by persons outside of the Holy Spirit School teaching faculty.

The program is an opt-in program requiring parents to sign and return a consent form prior to the first day of the program.

Thank you to those parents who attended last night's information session. I hope you found it useful.

If you would like your child to participate you must sign and return the attached permission form by October 1st at the latest.

[Middle School Human Growth Opt-in Form 2019](#)



**Trunk or Treat
Friday, October 25th**

[Click here to reserve a spot to decorate!](#)

[Click here to volunteer!](#)



PTO Christmas Tree Sales

[Click here to volunteer!](#)

Our First Box Top Drive is Popping Up!

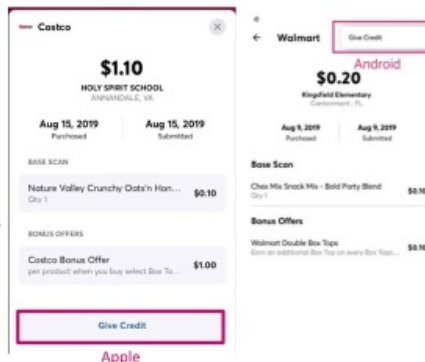


From September 29th - October 11th the class that submits the most Box Tops (both clips and scans) will win a popcorn and candy corn party! Use the collection sheet below to attach your clips and write your scan amounts.

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



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

B.I.B.L.E. Cafe

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

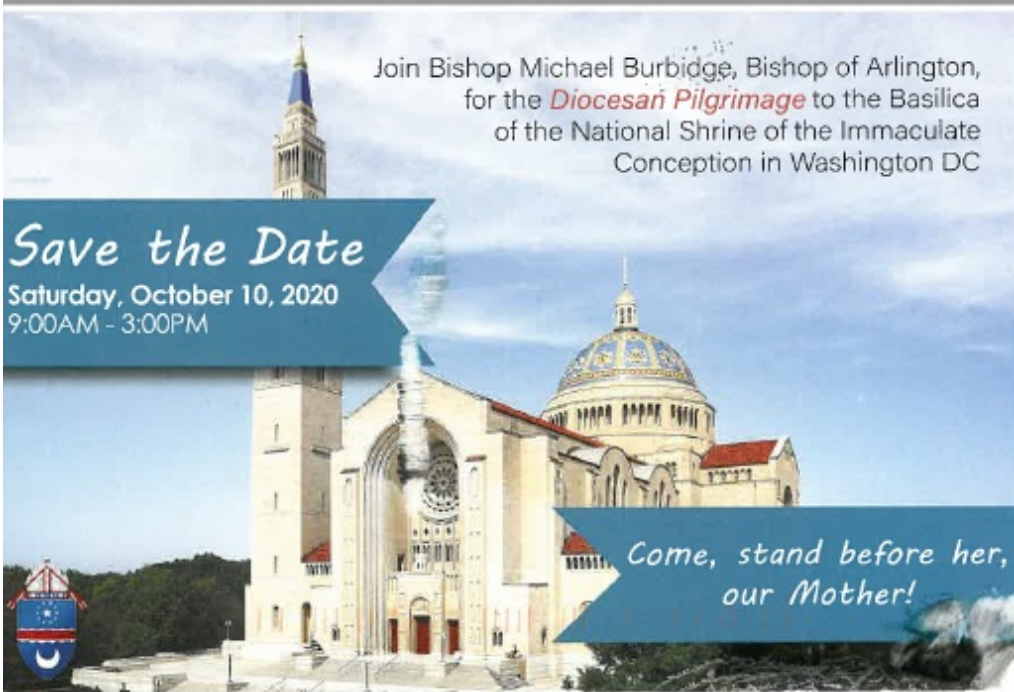
Begins Sep. 25th!!

Topic: The Holy Mass

7:30pm-9pm in Youth Room

Every other Wednesday night


To Sign-Up visit
[www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us/youth/high-school/)
/youth/high-school/



Join Bishop Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, for the *Diocesan Pilgrimage* to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC

Save the Date
Saturday, October 10, 2020
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Come, stand before her, our Mother!



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SHE
SAW
CHANGED
EVERYTHING



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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: Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Join Us

for an
Illuminated Rosary
for Life, Marriage
and Family

7 PM Monday, October 14
(Columbus Day)

Photography: Camerafiend at en.wikipedia

**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 "September 26, 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. NCEA Parent Newsletter
4. Middle School Human Growth & Sexuality Opt-in Form

Parish Flyers:

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

Community Flyers:

1. Boy Scouts - outdoor skills day flyer
