

From the Principal's Desk

September 28, 2017



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Holy Spirit School

Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts

2017 / 2018

"Respect and Responsibility in Action"

Screenagers

I've had several inquiries from parents regarding the screening of the film *Screenagers* so I thought I would address many of the questions here. First, let me say that I do believe this is a worthwhile film for all parents to view regardless of how old your children are currently. The film does not just look at cell phone usage (although that is a big part of the film content) but also delves into video game usage. There is a small but powerful segment on cyber bullying and on the impact of children making poor choices in sending private information and pictures via their phones and what can happen when that content does not stay private. There is quite a bit of "science" in the film in terms of the results of studies of the brain, etc.

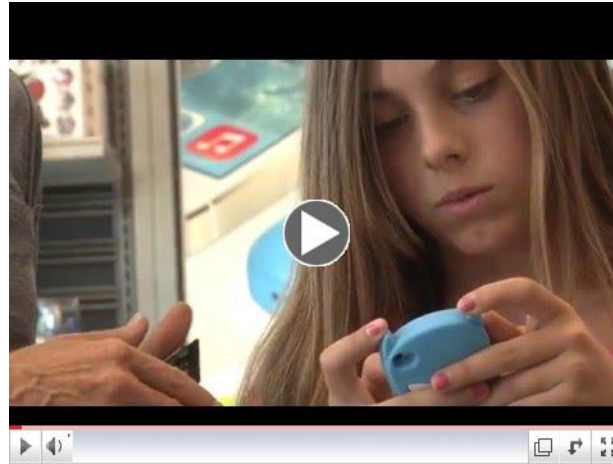
With regard to student viewing, I will always defer to parents in knowing the maturity level of their student but more importantly, you as parents know what conversations you have already begun with your children. I do believe that all middle school students would benefit from seeing the film. For those parents who have already begun conversations about online behavior with their 5th graders - especially those who already possess cell phones - I would suggest the film for them. This is a film that I would have had my own children see in 5th grade if I had the opportunity because as a family we had already begun some of those conversations despite the fact that my children were not provided a cell phone until the middle of 8th grade.

Probably the most difficult discussion in the film is with regard to a young woman sending a private photo of herself to a boy and what resulted when he decided to make that picture public. There is nothing graphic shown but the

young woman does discuss how she felt when she went to school and the cruel reactions she received from many. It is a small part of the film - maybe five minutes.

I am attaching in the "Family Folder" section below the Parent Guide that was sent to us by the film company. Additionally, attached is the official trailer to the film.

I sincerely hope you will join us on Wednesday, October 4th.



Screenagers - Official Trailer

Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: Holy Spirit School PTO
WHEN: 10/04/17 7:00PM
WHERE: Holy Spirit School
TICKETS: \$5/Adult \$10/Family

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

HolySpiritChurch.us/Events or HolySpiritFlames.org

[Click here to register](#)

-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 throughout the school day. Please look for a Sign-Up Genius next week as we are always looking for parents to assist us in ensuring that the chapel is never left unattended while the classes transition in and out throughout the day.



THANK YOU!!!

Our STREAM supply closet is looking great! At this time we are looking for donations of:

- small plastic stirrer straws (with round cross section)
 - cleaned Styrofoam meat trays
 - craft sticks
 - shoe boxes with lids
 - rubber bands (in varying lengths and widths)
 - fishing line
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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 School
Fire & Ice Auction**

The Early Bird registration period ends soon!

Have you registered yet?

[Click here](#)

Saturday, November 4th
Springfield Golf and Country Club
6:00 - 10:00 PM

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



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



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 "September 28, 2017 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Screenagers - Parent Guide
2. Grades 1-8 Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-OUT form
3. Grades 6-8 Human Growth & Sexuality Opt-IN form
4. October lunch menu
5. 7th & 8th Grade Dance Flyer
6. 7th & 8th Grade Dance Emergency Contact Form

Parish Flyers:

1. Pilgrimage Flyer
2. "That Man is You" series
3. RCIA
4. KAIROS Prison Ministry - Cookie Ministry
5. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue
6. Parish Pig Roast
7. Parish Illuminated Rosary
8. Knights of Columbus College Fair
9. Men's Club Oktoberfest

Community Flyers:

1. Paul VI High School - Future Panthers Night
 2. Bishop Ireton Cheer Camp Flyer
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