

# From the Principal's Desk

March 3, 2016



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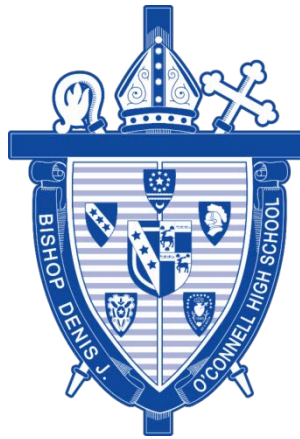
## Interim Reports Coming Out Early

Not knowing what this crazy March weather will do, Interim Reports will be coming home with students in grades 3-8 today for students who are receiving a 75% or below in a core academic subject or an "X" or a "1" in a Specials class. All other student grades for those in grades 3-8 are available via the Parent Portal.

With regard to the portal, please note that as a result of the last Diocesan-wide software update some parents are not receiving the email notifications they set up when they created their account. If you are experiencing this issue please check your settings. If you continue to have trouble Mrs. Laclede is more than happy to help.

A reminder that if you intend to apply for tuition assistance for the 2016/2017 school year, the application and all supporting documentation must be completed and uploaded to Smart Aid by March 14th. That is a hard date set by the Diocese. Information regarding the process is available on the school website under the *Current Families Resources* tab and then *Tuition Assistance Information*.

A heartfelt congratulations to the Holy Spirit Class of 2016 on their acceptances to the following high schools:



A reminder that Monday, March 14th is a student holiday as teachers will be engaged in professional development for the day. Throughout this year the teachers have been learning about and implementing Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. Kagan Structures are instructional strategies designed to promote cooperation and communication in the classroom, boost students' confidence and retain their interest in the classroom. Ask your child about some of the "cheers" they have learned to celebrate learning successes in their classrooms.

Spring pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, March 16th. **Students may dress UP this day.** All students will have their picture taken and proofs will be sent home. If you choose to keep the pictures, payment will be made via the instructions on the envelope. If you do not want to keep the pictures, the entire set must be returned to the school.

Friday, March 18th will be our annual Father's Day celebration in connection with the feast of St. Joseph. Please see the announcement below with details.

In this past PTO Highlights an announcement seeking nominations for the 2016/2017 Executive Board was made. I encourage all those interested in taking a more active role in PTO activities to consider.

Additionally, the annual Spring Talent Show and Fundraiser is quickly approaching. I encourage you to please support the class baskets and attend the show. Information regarding raffle tickets for the baskets and meal reservations will be forthcoming.

If you have not yet registered for the 5K Spirit Run, don't forget! This is yet another wonderful way for us to buildup our fabulous community. If you own a business or know someone who does, we are still graciously looking for sponsors.

I know at times these newsletters can be quite lengthy but please be sure to scroll all the way through so you and your student do not miss out on important (and fun) information!

Thank you for all that you do to support Holy Spirit School!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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

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Please join the Holy Spirit School  
Community for a


Mass in Celebration of Fathers  
Holy Spirit School

March 18, 2016  
9:00am

Our school day will begin at 9:00am in the church. Dads and children are welcome to meet us there. If Dads are unable to attend, children are welcome to invite uncles, big brothers, or adopt one of their friend's Dads with a prior note from their parents. If not coming at 9:00am we will be glad to receive the children at the regular 8:00 school time. Receptions will follow mass in your children's classrooms.

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**it pays  
to be  
passionate**



**This Valentine's Day, Holy Spirit Flames knocked hearts out of this world! It pays to be pa\$\$ionate!**

**Our Winter Box Tops Drive brought in over \$1,110!**

**The winning classes have earned a Dress Down Day on  
Monday, March 21st.**

**Mrs. Barger - ice cream or popcorn party**

**Mrs. Whetstone**

**Ms. Fritts**

**Mrs. Orrick**

**Mrs. Crone**

**Mrs. Lencz**

**Ms. Brooks-Kenney**

**Mrs. Fentress**

**Mrs. Black**

**Mrs. Cogliano**

**Mrs. Crone's champion clippers brought in over 1,330 Box Tops; just over \$130!  
As "The Winning Class" they will RETAIN the trophy for the remainder of the year.**

**Holy Spirit is filled with many great collectors.**

**Our top Box Tops earners include:**

**Abigail (KW) and Ella (3C) Behan**

**Sean Borders (PKM)**

**Justin Bornmann (3L)**

**Audrey (PKB), Theresa (20) and Kayleigh (5H) Brigola**

**Molly Brunk (5B)**

**Gavin Coker (4L)**

**Nikolas Cruz (6F)**

**Madelaina (PKM), Marissa (3C) and Makenna (5H) Ford**

Ariana Girata (6F)  
Luke (2S), Jake (5H) and Anna (7D) Goodson  
Avery (20) and Brady (3C) Jackson  
JP Kurtz (3C)  
Dillon Lakatos (8C)  
Alana (1F) and Bella (3L) Molino  
Joylene Monterroso (KW)  
Adam Puls (3C)  
Grace Suda (2S)  
Brandon Taylor (4V)  
Molly (PKB) and Wyatt Turbok (20)  
Ellie Warren (6F)

**Keep clipping! Ten cents may not seem like much, but it adds up FAST!  
Ask all of your friends, relatives and neighbors to help you  
collect. TIP: Box Tops for Education is a K - 8thgrade program; ask  
families without children, and those with high school/college kids. We  
bet they'll happily clip and collect for you!**



**It's time to roller skate!**

Skating in P.E. classes begins Monday, February 29th and continues



through March 11th.

[Click Here to Volunteer!](#)



**Personalized  
Yearbook Cover**

Make your student's yearbook unique by adding their name in foil on the cover.

**\$5.00**

Your student's name imprinted in foil



**Autograph Insert**

Autograph inserts allow students space to share messages with friends.

**\$1.00**



**Yearbook Stickys**

Removable stickers let students have fun personalizing the pages of the yearbook. Over 65 stickers.

**\$2.00**

Order online at  
**ybpay.lifetouch.com**



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**Announcing...  
The Holy Spirit School  
2015-2016 YEARBOOK**

**Our yearbook is planned to include:**

- All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Sturdy soft cover
- School name and year imprinted in foil on the cover

**Add on any of the following yearbook extras:**

- Student's name imprinted in foil on the cover
- Autograph insert
- Yearbook Stickys are repositionable and are a fun way to personalize pages

Schools may adjust yearbook features and the final yearbook features may vary.

**Last Chance to Order A Yearbook**

**Yearbook Pricing:**  
**\$25.00**

**Online Orders Only**  
[YBpay.lifetouch.com](http://YBpay.lifetouch.com)

**Sale Deadline Date:**  
**March 25, 2016**

**Last chance to order a yearbook!**  
**Enhancements will no longer be available after the deadline.**

Order Online at [YBpay.lifetouch.com](http://YBpay.lifetouch.com) with Yearbook ID Code: 11439516

[Click here to enter Lifetouch Portal for ordering!](#)

**Enter Code: 11439516**

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## **Holy Spirit School's Spring Talent Showcase & Raffle**

**Saturday, April 23rd**

This year's dinner/talent show will feature great talent, great food, a great art show,  
And raffles !!!

**Some of the great raffle opportunities include:**

Wine Baskets  
Sports baskets with game tickets  
Cooking Baskets  
**AND MORE!!!**

\*\*\* All proceeds support the students of Holy Spirit and school programs\*\*\*

**The talent showcase is open to all students in all grades.**

You can sing, dance, play an instrument, perform a scene, recite a poem, or even  
perform a skill like hula hoop or martial arts! We've also seen jugglers, magic acts,  
and comedy

The Lobby art show will again be held for those who wish to submit artwork.

**Talent registrations (auditions) will be held on March 15th at 3:15pm  
In meeting room 3**

**Important Forms that will be coming home:**

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**Attention 7th & 8th Grade Students!**



# Check out this new program, just for you!



*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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

Dates: March 11 and 18, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10

**Cor Unum for Boys!** *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!

Dates: March 11 and 18, April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10

*"Now the full number of those who believed were of  
one heart and one soul..."*

*Acts 4:23*

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**Find the permission flyer in the Family Folders Flyers  
section at the bottom.**

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**5K Spirit Run and 1K Fun Run  
Saturday, May 21, 2016  
Burke Lake Park**

To register your family to run or to sponsor the race, visit our webpage  
by [CLICKING HERE](https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpiritRun5K) or visiting:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpiritRun5K>

[Click Here for Sponsor Letter Information](#)



# March Lunch Calendar

Please find the March lunch calendar in the "Family Folder Flyers" section below.

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## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 3, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [March Lunch Calendar](#)
2. [Fathers Day Celebration](#)
3. [Home & School Connections - March 2016](#)

5K Information:

1. [Sponsor Letter Information](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Cor Unum permission flyer](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [PVI's "Emma" A Pop Musical flyer](#)
  2. [Spotlight on the Arts flyer](#)
  3. [Arlington Diocese Job Fair flyer](#)
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