

From the Principal's Desk

March 10, 2016



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What Glorious Weather!

It does feel as though Spring has finally arrived! Please keep in mind that although it is warm outside this week students should not be wearing their Spring uniform quite yet. The switch over date is **Monday, April 4th** when we return from the Easter break. Thank you for your cooperation.

We have so many items on the calendar between now and Easter break that we are being kept on our toes.

A reminder that **Monday, March 14th** is a school holiday for students and a professional development day for teachers.

Also, 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.

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 is our annual celebration of Fathers. Students may arrive at 9:00 am with their guest and go directly to the church for Mass. Small receptions

following Mass will be held in the classrooms.

Monday, March 21st is a dress down day ONLY for those classes who won the February Box Tops competition. See the list below.

On **Wednesday, March 23rd** the Navy Band, Country Current will be performing for the students at 9:00 am. This one hour concert should be terrific - please feel free to come by and hear the band.

Additionally, on **Thursday, March 24th**, Holy Thursday, we will have Living Stations of the Cross performed by the 8th grade at 8:30 am. Again, please know that you are more than welcome.

Friday, March 25th is the LAST opportunity to order a yearbook. Please see information below.

The Easter break begins at 11:30 am on Holy Thursday (no Extended Day) and extends through Sunday, April 3rd.

Very quickly after we return our attention will be turned to Terra Nova testing. I would ask that you please refrain from scheduling appointments for students in grades 3-8 during the week of **April 18 - April 22nd**. Having to take make-up tests can be difficult on students.

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*




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.

**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!**



**Country Current
Wednesday, March 23rd
9:00 am**



The United States Navy Band Country Current is the Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble. The group is nationally renowned for its versatility and "eye-popping" musicianship, performing a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass. This seven member ensemble employs musicians from diverse backgrounds with extensive high-profile recording and touring experience in the music scenes of Nashville, Tenn., New York, New Orleans and more. In the tradition of country music, each member is a skilled performer on multiple instruments. The band utilizes banjo, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, mandolin, fiddle, electric bass, upright bass, dobro, pedal steel guitar and drum set.



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<p>#11439516</p> <p>Announcing... The Holy Spirit School 2015-2016 YEARBOOK</p> <hr/> <p>Our yearbook is planned to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories • Sturdy soft cover • School name and year imprinted in foil on the cover <p>Add on any of the following yearbook extras:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's name imprinted in foil on the cover • Autograph insert • Yearbook Stickys are repositionable and are a fun way to personalize pages <p><small>Schools may adjust yearbook features and the final yearbook features may vary.</small></p>	<p>Last Chance to Order A Yearbook</p> <p>Yearbook Pricing: \$25.00</p> <p>Online Orders Only YBPay.lifetouch.com</p> <p>Sale Deadline Date: March 25, 2016</p> <p>Last chance to order a yearbook! Enhancements will no longer be available after the deadline.</p>
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Order Online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID 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:

I Love Technology (yes, an Ipad!!)

Fitness Fun

Gift Cards Galore

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



[Click here for talent audition form, reservation form, etc.](#)

**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 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!

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

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

Holy Spirit School 5K SPIRIT RUN for INCLUSION!

Proceeds Benefit the Holy Spirit School Special Education Program



Burke Lake Park
May 21, 2016
8:00 AM

Cost:

Before April 21: \$25

After April 21: \$30

After May 11: \$35

Register: www.holyspiritflames.org

 Holy Spirit School 5K Spirit Run



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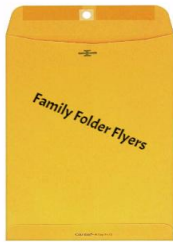
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April Lunch Calendar

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



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 10, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [April Lunch Calendar](#)
2. [Fathers Day Celebration](#)
3. [PTO Spring Social information and forms](#)

5K Information:

1. [Sponsor Letter Information](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Cor Unum permission flyer](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Bishop Ireton's Summer Camp Programs](#)
2. [PVI's "Emma" A Pop Musical flyer](#)
3. [Spotlight on the Arts flyer](#)

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