

From the Principal's Desk

March 17, 2016



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Happy St. Patrick's Day! The students, faculty and staff had a wonderful day celebrating the Irish in us all. We also had fun "surprising" Father O'Donohue for his birthday today. As a community we are truly blessed to have him at the helm - his dedication to Catholic education and to this school is remarkable.

I am excited to announce three new programs coming to Holy Spirit. I also cannot stress enough that these programs would not be possible without the tremendous financial support of the PTO.

First, the school will be purchasing an annual site license for IXL. Some families may already be familiar with this program, but for those who are not it is a web-based program which enhances student learning. Due to its adaptive nature, teachers will be able to provide both remediation and enrichment work on specific skills that can be tailored to the needs of the individual learner. A couple of our math classes have been piloting the program and we've received positive feedback from both parents

and students.

Second, Holy Spirit will be including robotics as a part of our curriculum enhancements for next year. We have teamed with Fun Bot Lab to offer a comprehensive elementary robotics learning experience for our students. Through professional development with teachers and direct robotic insertions we will be providing our students with an exciting and purposefully designed program.

And it gets even better! Along with the robotics experience, the PTO will be bringing 100 iPads into our community to facilitate the robotics program, enhance the curricula and provide even more opportunities to individualize and energize the learning of our 21st Century students.

Additionally, for those who would like a jump start on robotics, Fun Bot Lab will be hosting a Robotics and Media Camp for grades K - 6 here at Holy Spirit this summer. Please see the information below.

Holy Spirit is a dynamic and growing school and I am most pleased to play a small part in moving us always forward.

A repeat of a few calendar reminders:

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. See additional information below.

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

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.

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.

Monday, April 4th is when we return from the Easter break and switch over to Spring uniforms.

April 18 - April 22nd is Terra Nova testing week for grades 3-7. I would ask that you please refrain from having students absent during this time as 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

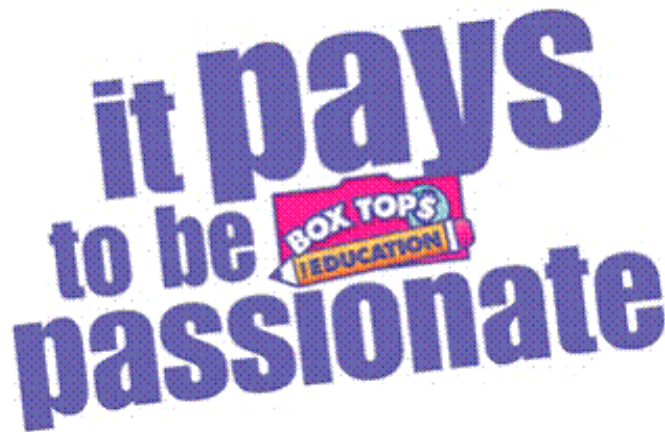


Please join the Holy Spirit School
Community for a

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.



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

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.



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.

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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
YBPpay.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 YBPpay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID Code: 11439516

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

Enter Code: 11439516

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!!!

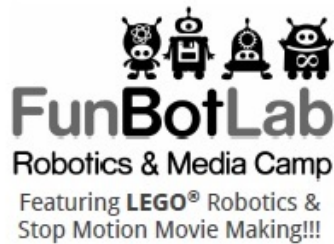
*** All proceeds support the students of Holy Spirit and school programs***

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.](#)



A special offer for our hosts
at Holy Spirit School



FunBotLab Annandale - 8800 Braddock Road (Holy Spirit School)



Rising Kindergarten & 1st Graders

Micro Bots (rising Kindergarten) and **Mini Bots** (rising 1st Grade)

5-Day Sessions, **\$470** per Session

Monday-Friday 9AM - 3PM (extended day available 8AM - 6PM)

Session A1 - June 27 to July 1, 2016

Session A2* - July 4 to 8, 2016

Session B1 - July 11 to 15, 2016

Session B2 - July 18 to 22, 2016

Session C1 - July 25 to 29, 2016

Session C2 - August 1 to 5, 2016

THEME: LEGO Super Heroes I

THEME: LEGO Super Heroes II

THEME: LEGO Star Wars I

THEME: LEGO Star Wars II

THEME: LEGO Elves VS. Ninjas I

THEME: LEGO Elves VS. Ninjas II

Rising 2nd - 6th Graders

Big Bots (rising 2nd Grade), **Mega Bots I** (rising 3rd Grade),
Mega Bots II (rising 4th Grade), and **Giga Bots** (rising 5th & 6th Grades)

10-Day Sessions, **\$940** per Session

Monday-Friday 9AM - 3PM (extended day available 8AM - 6PM)

Session A* - June 27 to July 8, 2016

Session B - July 11 to 22, 2016

Session C - July 25 to August 5, 2016

THEME: LEGO Super Heroes

THEME: LEGO Star Wars

THEME: LEGO Elves VS. Ninjas

*Yes, we are having camp (and special activities!) on July 4, 2016!



Register Today at www.funbotlab.com!
Please email melissa@funbotlab.com with any questions!



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

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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](#)
4. [7th & 8th grade Dance at St. Ambrose - flyer](#)
5. [7th & 8th grade St. Ambrose Dance Permission form](#)

5K Information:

1. [Sponsor Letter Information](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Cor Unum permission flyer](#)

Fun Bot Lab Robotics & Media Camp:

1. [Holy Spirit site Summer Camp flyer](#)
2. [Summer Camp Referral Program](#)

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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