

From the Principal's Desk

May 26, 2016



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Memorial Day

The arrival of the very warm weather this week has certainly made the presence of the final weeks that much more real. We have so many activities to fill our days - the hallways are constantly buzzing with fun and excitement.

I hope that you will take some time this weekend to remember with your children why we even have this celebration weekend. It would be a wonderful teaching lesson to give your children some background on this holiday, originally known as Decoration Day, and to be sure that they realize the time is meant to honor those men and women who gave their lives fighting for our freedoms.

A reminder that we have an 11:30 am dismissal tomorrow with NO Extended Day and no school on Monday, May 30th.

You should be receiving via your children notices with regard to PSSC hours. Families who have completed the 20 hour commitment should receive a small slip of paper indicating that the hours are finished. Families with outstanding hours will receive a letter in an envelope indicating the number of hours which are recorded, the remaining balance of hours, and the fee that would be assessed

base on that balance. If you feel something is in error please contact the appropriate PSSC coordinator. If you have additional hours to log, please submit to the PTO via the school webpage.



Congratulations to the members of the Battle of the Books team who competed on Tuesday in the annual competition. The Holy Spirit team placed 1st in the White Division and 3rd overall while competing against twenty-two other Diocesan school teams.

Battle of the Books is a Diocesan competition in which our 5th & 6th grade students have the opportunity to participate. Over the course of the year the students read fifteen different novels and then compete in the "Lightening Round", "Written Round" and "Verbal Round" to show their competency in the understanding of each of the novels.

This year's team included: William Claeys, Declan Forrer, Genevieve Forrer, Abigail Parker, Michael Smedley, Nicholas Cruz, Arianna Drenning, Charlotte Harrison, Favio Martinez, Tiffany Nguyen, and Ellie Warren.

Thank you to Mrs. Brooks-Kenney, Mrs. Locke, and Mrs. Molino for working with the students over the course of the year.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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



A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped to make last Friday's Field Day a wonderful event!

A special thanks to Mrs. Klee and Ms. Gregas for all of the time and energy they put into planning the day.

Thanks also the 8th grade students for running all of the games and doing their best to make sure all of their fellow students had terrific fun.



Dear Race Enthusiasts,

Thank you Holy Spirit Community for all your support of the 5K Spirit Run 2016!

We had 274 registered participants on-line and more than 161 participants on race day! That was a tremendous turnout considering the very wet and rainy weather. Our overall winner was Johnny Pace with a time of 17:04! To see overall results, age group winners, and photos, visit <http://www.commonwealthtiming.net/2016-results.htm>. Congratulations to all the medal winners and to all the runners and walkers who came despite the weather. You did a great job!

Our 5K Spirit Run could not have been successful without the support of the entire Holy Spirit School Community. We would like to thank the students who submitted designs for the t-shirts contest, the NJHS volunteers who helped with the activities to prior to the 5K and all those who helped on race day, and all the volunteers who helped prior to race day as well as on race day to make things run smoothly. Thank you to all the Holy Spirit teachers, administration, and staff who registered and promoted the 5K Spirit Run.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors for their financial support at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Supporting levels. Thanks to all the donors who gave generously on-line. There are many expenses associated with a 5K and

without your financial assistance we could not have been as successful. We raised over \$10,000 from the 5K Spirit Run this year! This money will go towards salaries, equipment and technology needed for our special education program.

We would like to recognize and thank Lambie Renner who went above and beyond to help with the creation and promotion of race marketing material. Thank you also to her husband Chris Renner for assisting us in setting-up and marking a great race course.

A special thank you goes to Father O'Donohue whose encouragement and enthusiasm brought the school and the church community together so that we were able to raise awareness in our Holy Spirit Community about our Special Education program.

It truly felt like "One in the Spirit" on Saturday and we are all blessed to all be part of the Holy Spirit Community.

See you next year!

Katie Bidinger and Sue Gibbons
Don't forget to like us on Facebook at Holy Spirit School 5K Spirit Run!

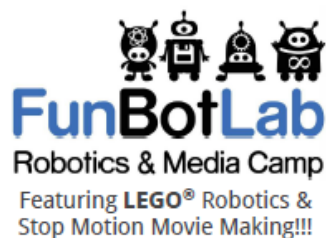


If you missed ordering a 2015/2016 yearbook for your student there are limited quantities for purchase on a first-come-first serve basis.

**Please contact Ms. Hicks to purchase
shicks@holyspiritflames.org**

(Yearbooks will be distributed to those who already purchased in the a couple of

weeks.)



★ 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!





May Lunch Calendar

Please find the June 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 "May 26, 2016" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [June Lunch Calendar](#)

Fun Bot Lab Robotics & Media Camp:

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

Parish Flyers:

1. [Holy Spirit Church Vacation Bible School](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Bishop Ireton's Summer Camp Programs](#)
2. [Paul VI Volleyball Camp](#)
3. [Spotlight on the Arts flyer](#)
4. [Lake Braddock Field Hockey Camp](#)

