

From the Principal's Desk

June 9, 2016



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Farewells are always difficult...

This is the time of year when we begin to say our farewells to students and faculty who have been such an integral part of who we are as a community. Farewells are never easy and some tend to be more difficult than others but we also look at farewells and change in a positive way. Holy Spirit has never been about just one person but about the sum of all those who were here before us, are here now, and those who will join us in the near and distant future.

Last night, I had the privilege of witnessing our 8th graders complete their journey at Holy Spirit. I certainly wish each of the members of the Holy Spirit Class of 2016 the very best as they transition into high school and am confident that we will hear wonderful things about each of them as they grow their special gifts and reach new heights academically.

The kindergarten students have their Completion Ceremony tomorrow. What a year of amazing growth these children have had under the care of all of their teachers. They are so very ready for 1st grade!

The prekindergarten students also finish tomorrow; we are looking forward to seeing them in their kindergarten uniforms next year!

Just as we have students who will not be returning next year, we also have faculty who will be moving on and will certainly be missed:

Ms. Katie Bidinger is making the jump to high school art education;
Mrs. Debbie Casselbury is retiring from the teaching profession;

Mrs. Tracy Fentress is also stepping into high school and will be teaching English at Paul VI High School;
Ms. Elizabeth Fritts is relocating to Texas to be closer to her family and will continue teaching in the Catholic school system there;
Mrs. Sherry Hamer is relocating to Pennsylvania to join her husband who has taken a position there and she, as well, will continue her teaching career.

Although we certainly never like to see our faculty move on from Holy Spirit, I thank these dedicated educators for the time and devotion they have shown to the Holy Spirit students. Their contributions to our community are too many to count!

Additionally, we have a few faculty members who will take on new teaching responsibilities for next year:

Mrs. Kara Barger is jumping up to 1st grade;
Ms. Taylor Dailey will be sliding completely into middle school Social Studies;
Mrs. Kate Knox will return to her roots and love of teaching math by moving into the middle school math department;
Mrs. Maura Locke is finishing her coursework in a specialized dyslexia program and will be moving into our Resource program;
Mrs. Corinna Schwartz will stay in the math department but will be with us full time next year while partnering with Mrs. Knox.

I thank these teachers for their continued enthusiasm for teaching and for their desire to grow themselves as educators.

When we return next Fall we will have new faculty join us - some are "old friends" returning to us and others are "new friends" who will bring their gifts and talents to our students. I am sure all will be warmly welcomed.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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

A little extra...

A reminder that final report cards and/or transcripts will not be released to/for families who have a pending financial obligation to the school. Those obligations may include tuition, morning/extended care, library, cafeteria, PSSC hours, etc.

Thank you to those families who have followed-up regarding the PSSC hours. Again, you should have received via your children notices with regard to PSSC hours. Families who have completed the 20 hour commitment were sent a small slip of paper indicating that the hours are finished. Families with outstanding hours received a letter in an envelope indicating the number of hours which are recorded, the remaining balance of hours, and the fee that is being assessed base on that balance. If you feel something is in error or you

are unsure of the status of your family, please contact the appropriate PSSC coordinator. If you have additional hours to log, please submit to the PTO via the school webpage.

For families who have found that they are moving out of the area and your students will not be returning to Holy Spirit, I certainly wish you well. Please contact Mrs. Laclede when you have obtained a Release of Records for the new school so that we may send along needed information.

Morning Care/Extended Day

In order to best ensure that there are no outstanding balances when the school year comes to a close, billing for Extended Day will be broken into groups:

1. 8th grade
2. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
3. 1st through 7th grade.

Payment procedures will be as follows:

- **8th grade** students will receive an invoice on Monday, June 6th, with a payment due date of Wednesday, June 8.
- **PreK and Kindergarteners** will receive an invoice on Monday, June 8th with a payment of Friday, June 10.
- Any use of Morning Care/Extended Day during the week of June 6 for these groups will be on a "pay as you go" basis.
- **Students in grades 1-7** will receive an invoice on Monday June 13, with a payment due date of Thursday June 16.
- Any use of Morning Care/Extended Day during the week of June 13 will be on a "pay as you go" basis.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Ms. Hansen at ExtendedDay@holyspiritflames.org.

It is never too early to order school supplies...

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Grade Level 2016-2017	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$24.00
Kindergarten	\$69.00
1st Grade	\$69.00
2nd Grade	\$47.00
3rd Grade	\$73.00
4th Grade	\$79.00
5th Grade	\$75.00
6th & New Middle School Students	\$112.00
Returning 7th & 8th Grade	\$103.00

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

Order Securely Online

Starting now thru July 15th

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, HOL134 (3 letters/ 3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

School supplies will be delivered to the school and placed in your child's classroom prior to the first day of school.

For questions, please contact the school office at
703.978.7117

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Yearbooks were distributed to students on Monday, June 6th. 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

School's Out - Let's all Shout
And Eat Ice Cream!

Please Join us for a Last Day of School
Ice Cream Fundraiser
at



Date: Friday, June 17

Time: Any Time Between 11:30am and 3:30pm

Just Mention **HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL** at check-out
between 11:30am and 3:30pm on Friday, June 17
and our generous neighbors at ZINGA! will
donate 20% of your purchase to our School!

Fundraising Never Tasted So Good!!



★ 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!



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "June 9, 2016" (or

follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [School Supplies Flyer](#)
2. [School Supplies list](#)

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. [Lake Braddock Field Hockey Camp](#)
 4. [Bishop Ireton's boys basketball camp](#)
 5. [Bishop Ireton's girls basketball camp](#)
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