



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Where did September go? As we move into October we mark the midpoint of the quarter and so today students in grades 3-8 will be bringing home their 1st quarter interim reports. As you review these with your child, please take the opportunity to praise the work well done and to set goals for classes where improvement may be needed. Each student is different and has strengths and weaknesses unique to him or herself; the same study habits and organizational “tricks” that may have worked for a sibling might not ring true for the “next one in line.” Please do not hesitate to contact teachers for clarification of information or for advice on where to go next.

During the week of October 20th, students in grades 1-8 will be receiving instruction connected with the Diocesan Formation in Christian Chastity Program. Information regarding the program in general and the grade level classroom lessons may be found on the Diocese of Arlington website (http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/form_christianchastity.aspx). This link is also available on the homeroom teachers’ web pages. This is an “**opt-out**” program. If you choose to not have your student participate in this program you **must** fill out and return the enclosed form.

For the middle school students, Holy Spirit will continue to offer the Human Growth and Sexuality classes that we have for many years. This program is presented by Mr. Kevin Bohli (Youth Director for the Diocese) and Mrs. Celia Fructerman (LCSW). A parent meeting will be held on October 15th at 7:00 pm in the school library where the presenters of this program will be available to explain the curriculum and answer any questions. This is an “**opt-in**” program. If you want to have your student participate in the program you **must** fill out and return the enclosed form. (Please be sure to read the forms carefully so that you do not confuse this program with the Formation in Christian Chastity form.)

If you have not had the opportunity to fill out the mailers associated with the Race for Education, please take the time to fill them out and send them back in to the school. This event is an important fundraiser for the school and is successful only if we have support from across the school community.

We move to the winter uniform for students on Tuesday, October 14th. Please refer to the handbook for any questions.

Blessings always,

Maureen C. Ashby
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