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"Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated." Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium, 2005

Dear Prospective Parents:

Welcome to Holy Spirit School! As you explore the educational options for your child, my hope is that you will find Holy Spirit School to be the faith-filled, dynamic, academically excellent institution that I know it to be. For over fifty years we have educated the youth of our parish and community and we continue to strive to inspire our students both in and out of the classroom.

As a community, we live our faith daily through acts of kindness and service both large and small. We actively pray together each day and seek to grow the grace that God has given each one of us. As Pope Frances has said, "[T]he main element in school is learning to be magnanimous...This means having a big heart, having a greatness of soul. It means having grand ideals, the desire to achieve great things in response to what God asks of us and, precisely because of this, doing everyday things, all our daily actions, commitments, and meetings with people well. [It means] doing the little everyday things with a big heart that is open to God and to others" (June 19, 2013).

Holy Spirit School dovetails the richness of our Catholic faith with our academic program. The rigorous curriculum stretches students to make important connections between theory and real life and continuously engages students so they are equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century. We provide a well-rounded program that encourages student creativity and curiosity. Our graduates are routinely accepted into their first choice high school and leave us well prepared for higher education.

We are committed to working with families to overcome financial obstacles that may prevent children from attending Holy Spirit School. We have tuition assistance available through the diocese, parish and PTO. Please visit the school website *Admissions* tab and then click on *Tuition Assistance* for instructions and deadlines.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding any aspect of our program.

Blessings always,

Mrs. Maureen C. Ashby Principal



Holy Spirit School inspires life-long learners and ignites servant-leaders through a program of academic excellence grounded in the traditions and values of the Holy Catholic Church.