

# Special From the Principal's Desk

August 12, 2020

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**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts***  
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**"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"**

## **Changes to the start date of the school year...**

Dear Holy Spirit Families,

We are looking forward to the start of the new school year and the return of students to the Holy Spirit School campus!

As you might imagine, with the continuous flow of new information, procedures, and guidance surrounding COVID-19, we spend our days assessing and reassessing our reopening plans while also trying to complete the routine items of a "regular" school opening. It seems as though, to mix my metaphors, the goal posts are constantly being changed and each hurdle gets a bit higher. The most recent developments have come in the form of the Emergency Temporary Standard Infection Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 as put into effect by the Virginia Department of Labor. These Standards are geared to labor standards for employees, but certainly throw yet another wrinkle into how we approach the year. Additionally, we struggle to receive

materials and supplies from taxed vendors as so many schools and places of business are looking for similar items.

With all of that in mind, please note that we are going to delay the official start of the school year to Tuesday, September 8, 2020 although we will have three days of orientation the week prior as outlined in the attached letter. When students come for orientation they should be in their regular uniform (with mask). Students may/should bring all of their school supplies with them that day.

We do so look forward to seeing everyone and I apologize for the late notice in delaying the start date. I have been an optimist throughout this entire process and continue to know that with all of our best preparation, this will be a wonderful school year.

[Beginning of the year letter 2020](#)

*-Maureen Ashby*

Principal

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## VANPOOL

Traditionally information/signups for vanpool come home in the beginning of the year family packets.

With the new dismissal procedures that will be in place, we would like to have as many vanpool participants as possible already assigned their spots going into the first days of school.

Attached is the vanpool information/registration sheet for this year. For those who are new, please read the information carefully to see if you "qualify" for a vanpool slot.

Completed forms may be sent back via email to Mrs. Lori Martin at [receptionist@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:receptionist@holyspiritflames.org).

[Vanpool 2020 Signup](#)

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## MORNING CARE AND EXTENDED DAY

Thank you to those who completed the Morning Care/Extended Day Care survey we provided a few weeks ago.

A reminder that we will not be able to take drop-in students to the program this year due to restrictions required by the Virginia Department of Social Services in response to COVID-19.

Information regarding the newly instituted pay structure and the registration form will be available on the school website by Wednesday, August 19th. It will be sent directly to those families who already completed the survey as priority registrants.

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## **Headphone/Earbuds**

**All Holy Spirit students will need a personal set of headphones/earbuds throughout the year for use in the computer lab and with the Chromebooks and iPads.**

**For health purposes we are requesting that all students provide their own headphones/earbuds.**

**Parents may choose the device based on comfort for your child. Please though do not purchase overly expensive equipment. Earphones/earbuds should be brought the first day of school in a clear plastic Ziploc bag with the student's name clearly written on the bag.**

**\*Note that the better choice for the younger students is headphones as the earbuds do not tend to fit correctly and fall out.**



All Holy Spirit School students need to have three (3) masks and one (1) face shield in reserve at school at all times.

Students should bring the masks and face shield on their orientation day in a clear Ziploc bag labeled with the student's name.

Each day students should come to school with a clean mask already on in order to enter the school building!

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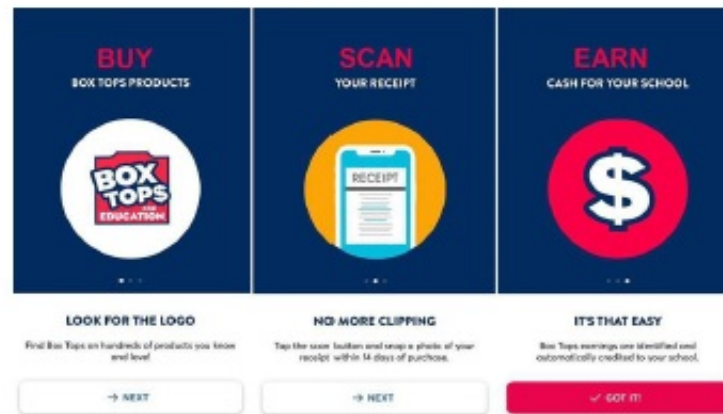
## YEARBOOKS!

The YEARBOOKS FINALLY! For families who ordered a yearbook, they will be delivered to your student(s) during orientation.

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School supply shopping is the perfect time to download the Box Tops App and scan those receipts to get money for Holy Spirit. The app is simple and easy to use and is available in the App Store and Google Play! Once you download the app and select Holy Spirit as your school you can:



The app will keep track of the box tops for you and will also clue you in to special deals to earn more box tops!

We will still be accepting regular clipped box tops as well! Some products will let you scan and clip box tops for double earnings!

Email [PTOBoxTops@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOBoxTops@holyspiritflames.org) for any questions!

## Helping Holy Spirit Has Never Been So Easy!



Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Holy Spirit every time you shop at no cost to you. When shopping online, simply go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and Amazon Smile will automatically donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Holy Spirit.

To get started, log into <https://smile.amazon.com> using your usual Amazon account log-in and chose "Holy Spirit Catholic Church Annandale, VA" as your charity.

### How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

- 1 Join AmazonSmile**  
If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser. Simply select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.
- 2 Get the app**  
Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the [App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android.
- 3 Turn on AmazonSmile**  
Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Beginning August 1, Holy Spirit joins Harris Teeter's Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school. It's easy and FREE!

**Link.**  your VIC card to our school today!  **TOGETHER IN EDUCATION**

**Connect your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's Together in Education account.**

- Online**
  1. Log in to your Harris Teeter profile at the top of [harristeeter.com](http://harristeeter.com)
  2. Click on My Account once logged in
  3. In the together in education section, type the school name in the School Search toolbar
  4. Once the school name generates, click on the school name and then Add a School  
*(Note: it is easiest to type the school code listed above into the school search bar)*
- App**
  1. Go to "My Account" and click "Together in Education"
  2. Type in the school name in the search bar
- In-store** Ask your cashier to link your VIC card to our school's TIE code.
- Mass Link** Let the school link for you!  
We just need your last name and VIC card number/ phone number and we will link your card.

**Holy Spirit's TIE Code is 1307**



## PTO NEW FAMILY SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 26, 2020  
6:00 - 8:00 pm





The PTO invites all new families to attend a new family social.

Come and meet some of the great folks in your new community!

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## USED UNIFORM SALE

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Open to all Holy Spirit School families

Items are \$4.00 each

Cash or check only







# Donate Food! **DRIVE THRU**

to benefit the St. Lucy Food Project



**August 28**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

Lower Parking Lot



The St Lucy Food Warehouse will be set up in the parking lot to accept "non-contact" drop off of food donations. Those donating will not ever have to get out of their cars - they will drive by and drop their donations into large boxes which will then be "lift-gated" into the St. Lucy Warehouse food truck.

*Can you Volunteer to help direct traffic?*

**[www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)**

# THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

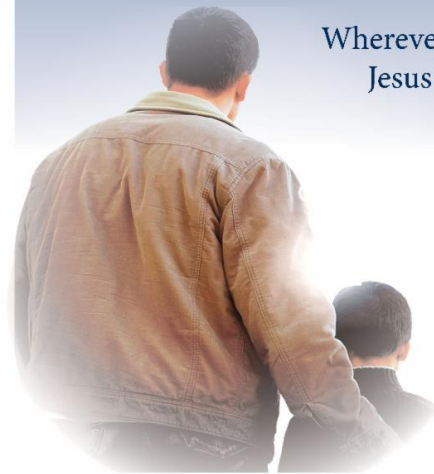
**Saturday Mornings**  
Fall Session Begins September 12<sup>th</sup>  
**7:00 - 8:30 AM**  
In the *Quinn Room*, School Building

For more information, contact  
Deacon Nick LaDuca at [denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us)

[www.holyspiritchurch.us/tmiy](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us/tmiy)

Wherever you are in your spiritual life,  
Jesus Christ wants to encounter  
you right there...

*and take you further.*

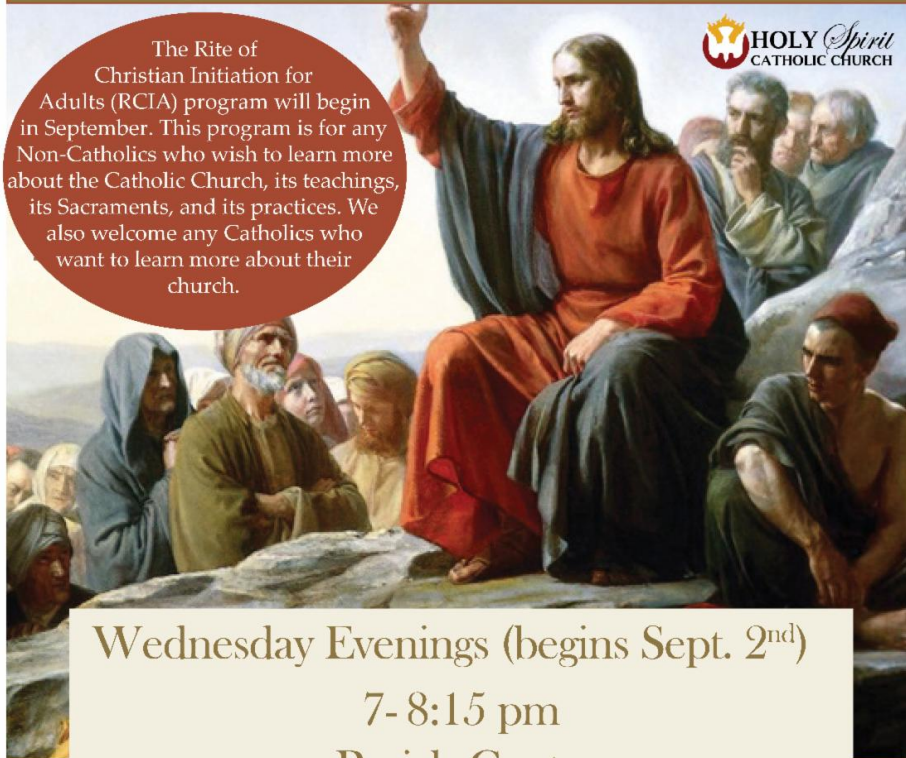


[www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org)

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

# Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program will begin in September. This program is for any Non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church, its teachings, its Sacraments, and its practices. We also welcome any Catholics who want to learn more about their church.



Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

7- 8:15 pm

Parish Center

Also Available Live Streamed, See Parish Website  
For more information:

E-mail Deacon Nick LaDuca at [denladuca@holyspirtchurch.us](mailto:denladuca@holyspirtchurch.us)

## Family Folder Flyers



The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 12, 2020 " (or [click here](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School flyers:

1. Box Tops/Amazon Smile/Harris Teeter Rewards

Parish flyers:

1. That Man is You

Community flyers:

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