

From the Principal's Desk

August 29, 2019

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"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"

What a week!

It has been an exciting week as we have rolled all of the students into the school over the course of the week. If your students are anything like mine at home, I am sure they are tired (maybe a little cranky) and ready for the long weekend.

I cannot thank everyone enough for your patience with the afternoon car line - we have certainly had more than our share of disruptions. And yet, despite the funeral reception on Monday, another on Tuesday, and the rain storm on Wednesday we managed to get everyone on their way home in a relatively short amount of time. Please note there is a funeral scheduled for 12 noon on Friday so the parking lot will be a challenge once again.

A reminder that everyone has an 11:30 am dismissal on Friday and there is NO extended day.

Beginning on Tuesday of next week (September 3rd) the new vanpool slots will go into use (current kindergarten families already have their slots). If you have applied for a slot for this year, please look for the paper that will come home tomorrow with your slot number.



I believe one of the most asked questions of the week has been "What's up with the teacher backpacks?" Each faculty member has been provided an identifiable backpack that they will carry with them when they exit the building. These packs contain class rosters and other papers, as well as, first aid kits and supplies that would be needed in the event of an emergency. As parents come in over the year for recess duty, you will notice that there are bags specific to "recess" as well. We feel this is an organized method of being sure that faculty are well prepared should an emergency arise.

A few reminders from last week's newsletter:

First, **Back to School Nights** are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 3rd (grades 1-5) and Wednesday, September 4th (grades 6-8)**. Please make note of the start time of each of these evenings - it is **6:30 pm**. Parents of children in prekindergarten and kindergarten are encouraged to attend the opening part of the evening to hear all of the general information regarding the coming year and the presentation from the PTO officers. Please remember that these are general information events and not meant as a time for personal conferences with teachers. If you have questions that are pertinent to your individual child, please contact the teacher directly to request a time to speak.

Second, on **Monday, September 9th** we will celebrate the **Virgin Mary's birthday with a prayer service at 8:30 am**. We are asking that each child bring in one to two **flowers** that morning to contribute to a class flower arrangement for the procession. All are certainly welcome to attend.

Third, please note on your calendars that **Monday, September 23rd** will be an **early release day with an odd time - we will release at 12:00 noon** that day (information regarding exact bell times will be forthcoming; Extended Day will be open). As some of you may recall, our school visit from Bishop Burbidge was cancelled last year due to inclement weather and it has been rescheduled for September 23rd.

Fourth, Holy Spirit Parish and School have the honor to host the **Diocesan Mass for Disabilities on Sunday, September 29th at the 10:30 am Mass**. I would encourage all of our families to attend this Mass which is said by Bishop Burbidge to celebrate the unique gifts of all. Many of our own students will be participating directly in the Mass from readers, to gift bearers, to choir members. There will be a reception following the Mass in the school.

Lastly, a **Virtus seminar** will be presented here at **Holy Spirit on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**. Go to www.virtus.org to register. Please

remember you must be Child Protection Compliant in order to volunteer in the school or go on field trips. Parents must be compliant in order to perform required recess duty.

Please note that due to the length of the school's announcements this week, none of the parish or community flyers are pictured below. Refer to the "Family Folder" section at the bottom to see information for upcoming parish events as well as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Porto Charities Golf Tournament.

Have a terrific weekend!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Spirit Days! Spirit Wear!

The PTO is happy to announce Spirit Days at Holy Spirit School!

So, what is a "Spirit Day"?

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning in October (see the school calendar for exact dates), students are able to come to school dressed in their Holy Spirit School gear (as opposed to their uniform).

Where do we get our Spirit Wear?

Our online spirit gear web store is NOW OPEN! To view and order your new gear exclusively online, [CLICK HERE](#).

The web store will only be open for a **LIMITED** time and will close on Sunday, September 8th at 11:59 p.m. EST. Orders will be delivered to classrooms prior to our first Spirit Day on Wednesday, October 16th!

Once closed, spirit gear will be gone for the year. Don't delay. Order today!

*All items with the exception of the pajama pants can be worn on Spirit Days. These are intended for wear at home ONLY.

Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to the October 16th Spirit Day.

Parents, make sure you get your gear too!

Show your school spirit and order today!

NEW YEAR. NEW GEAR.

All new this year...
SPIRIT DAYS! Be sure to
show off your school spirit
with all new **HOLY SPIRIT
SPIRIT GEAR.**

*Spirit Days will be held the 3rd
Wednesday of each month starting
in October

*Select samples (for sizing purposes)
on display at Back to School Nights
on September 3rd and 4th

*Order online **ONLY** from August 23rd -
September 6th

*Orders will be delivered to classrooms
prior to our first Spirit Wear Day,
October 16th



SHOP **EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE** FROM: **8.23.19 - 9.8.19**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL PTOSPIRITGEAR@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG

Parents please have your student bring in an old
T-shirt or a smock for Art Class



Thank You
Mrs. Liss Art Teacher



@classroomclipart.com

Dear Holy Spirit Parents:

Welcome to the HS Strings Program! I am delighted to be your strings teacher at Holy Spirit and introduce the program to the community.

"Studying a musical instrument is an exceptional way to enrich a child's life. It is a 'hands on' creative experience which provides many simulating cognitive benefits such as improved listening, reading and math skills." It is my privilege to have the opportunity to encourage your child to move forward with their achievements.

As a new program for the 2019/2020 academic year, the program is designed for students from **3rd to 7th grade** who wish to study a string instrument (violin, viola, cello and string bass). The curriculum incorporates group lessons, master classes, ensemble playing and performance opportunities. For grades 3-5, classes will be scheduled Wednesday mornings when school is in session. All middle school/advanced students will have classes after school from 3:20 to 4:20 pm on Wednesdays.

The tuition for the program is \$410 for the school year. This price includes a method music book/sheet music. Tuition is payable by check to "Strings The Best, LLC" or via paypal (stringsthebest@gmail.com). Parents may opt to pay \$210 by September 16, 2019 and the remaining balance by November 1, 2019.

Students are required to rent or purchase an instrument to participate in the program. Most of the rental options are rent-to own programs which are designed to be cost-effective for you while providing students with a complete instrument package, including the instrument, bow, instrument case and rosin. There are several music shops in the area where you can rent or purchase an instrument for your child. You will be provided more detailed information at the string parents' night.

There will be a strings information night on **September 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Quinn Room**. This will be a demonstration and information session to which both parents and students are invited in order to learn more about the program.

Registration for the program is due by September 13, 2019. Please follow the attached link to access the registration form. (<https://forms.gle/5teHbt4MbHkvRJVA>). The first strings class is scheduled to begin on September 18, 2019!!!

Please contact me (stringsthebest@gmail.com) if you have any questions! I look forward to meeting your child in class on Wednesday!

Respectfully,
Dr. Hwan-Ah Lee

Holy Spirit Choirs: Mass Choir Honor Choir



Mass Choir Sign-Ups: Thursday September 5 @ 3:15-4:00 pm in Music Room

First Mass Choir Rehearsal: Thursday September 12 @ 3:15-4:30 pm in Music Room

Honor Choir Sign-Ups: Tuesday September 3 @ 3:15-4:00 pm in Music Room

First Honor Choir Rehearsal: Tuesday September 10 @ 3:15-4:30 pm in Music Room

Schedules for both choirs will be sent out the first week of September.

***NOTE: Please plan to pick up your child in the car line in front of the school at the end of each rehearsal. Parents who are late for pick up (4:40), your child will be sent to extended day and charges will accrue!**

Fill out the interest form below and return to Mr. Toussaint.

Questions? atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org

Choir Interest Form - Due by Friday August 30

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

I am interested in joining Mass Choir _____

Preferred Email for Choir

I am interested in joining Honor Choir _____

Updates _____

Initial here if your child will be going to Extended
Day after choir _____

Name and phone number(s) of person(s) picking up
your child after rehearsal:

Contact for Emergencies:

Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____



COMING SOON!!!!
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

October 11th – October 19th

KICK OFF: Friday, October 11th 8:00AM-3:30PM
Saturday: **CLOSED**
Sunday October 13th 10AM-2PM
Monday: **CLOSED** for Columbus Day
Tuesday 7:30AM-7:00PM
Wednesday, Thursday 8:00AM-3:30PM
Friday 8:00AM-11:30AM

SHOP ONLINE

NOW **ALL YEAR LONG** STARTING October 16th - June 2nd
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/holyspiritflames>

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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Back to the 80s

Dinner & Dance

Holy Spirit Auction 2019



The Back to the 80s Dinner, Dance & Auction will take place on *Saturday, November 2, 2019* starting at 6:00 pm at the Waterford in Springfield, VA.

We are striving for 100% parent participation and would love to have ALL FAMILIES at this fun event!

If you would like to sponsor, donate or buy tickets, please [click here](#)

If you have any ideas on making this an amazing auction or would like to volunteer, please email holyspiritauktion2019@gmail.com



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "August 29, 2019" (or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Robotics Club
2. Silverknights Chess and Coding Clubs
3. Players Soccer Academy
4. Spirit Wear order information flyer
5. Auction information flyer
6. Strings program for grades 3-7
7. Mass Choir/Honor Choir registration flyer
8. Book Fair flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Picnic & Open House
2. Priesthood Sunday
3. Adult Volleyball Nights
4. Blood Drive
5. CYO Sports Sign-ups
6. Short and Sweet flyer
7. Conquer flyer
8. Walking with Purpose flyer
9. That Man is You flyer
10. Parish Children's Choir flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Boy Scouts
 2. Girl Scouts
 3. Porto Charities Golf Tournament
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