

From the Principal's Desk

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

Good-byes are never easy, but this year seems particularly difficult...

This is the time of year when we traditionally announce the departure of the faculty and staff who are moving on to new adventures either personally or professionally. This seems particularly difficult this year as we haven't had the same opportunities to share daily communication and contact with one another. That being said, I am truly grateful for all that each of these folks have done to assist us with advancing the mission of Holy Spirit School. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best and keeping them in your prayers as they turn a page. I send my very best farewell wishes to: Mrs. Belinda Cleveland, Ms. Kathryn Virusky, Ms. Hope Zinstein, Mrs. Jean Black, Mrs. Erin Ratschan, Mrs. Monica Check, and Mrs. Sheila Forrer.

It is important to acknowledge that not only do we have faculty and staff leaving, but we have students and families who will not be returning. Each family at Holy Spirit brings something special to the table and has helped to shape our community into what it is today just by their presence. I thank each family for the time and commitment that you have shown to Holy Spirit School. We will miss having you a part of our community and wish you too only the very best.

In other news....

A reminder that our 8th grade class of 2020 will be finishing next week. I could not be more thrilled that we will have an in-person celebration of the Holy Mass and the opportunity to acknowledge all that they have achieved while students here at Holy Spirit. I do hope you will join us to send off the 8th graders by watching their car parade on June 2nd; see the flyer below.

As academic classes begin to wrap up, we need to return items to your children that have been here since March and they have textbooks and other items to return to us. You should be receiving email correspondence from your child's teacher(s) with the items that need to be brought on drop-off day. Below you will find a section with particulars. Particularly on Thursday and Friday, we will need to have various places on campus for different classes. Except for the middle school students, we are asking all families to remain in their cars as we go through the process.

If you have used uniforms to donate, they must be clean and in good condition. They must be in a separate bag and labeled as being used uniforms.

Items in the lost and found that are labeled will be returned to classroom teachers for inclusion in individual student bags.

Student medications will be available for pickup on your Book Return day.

Outdoor classroom assistance...

We are still seeking additional adult volunteers to assist us with the outdoor classroom project.

If you have (or you know someone who has) a background in project management, landscaping, etc. and are willing to volunteer time that would be great. We are in need of folks who can help not just with planning, but who can be here on-site during the day too to assist with keeping us on track and to troubleshoot as needed.

If you are interested, please let me know!

Moving into next year....

I have this part of my note at the bottom, not because it isn't of the utmost importance, but because we are making very slow progress in being able to fully plan for the upcoming year. As you might notice in the news, there have been no full/complete/final decisions on the part of the Commonwealth of Virginia as to mandates that may be in place.

I know this can be frustrating, but also hope you will continue to show patience. Given that NOVA is just moving into Phase I tomorrow, we need to provide the process some more time. As much as I would love to have 400+ students walk through the front door of Holy Spirit School in August, we have to be cognizant that some decisions will not be ours to make and

some will not even be decisions that the Diocese of Arlington Office of Catholic Schools will be able to make.

I hope that you take this weekend to relish in the fact that we will all be able to participate in-person in the celebration of the Mass. Enjoy!

Thank you for all you are doing and for your continued support of Holy Spirit School.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Book Return

**Tuesday, June 2nd (following the car parade)
8th graders only (Masks/face coverings must be worn when exiting the car.)**

Cars will line up in the lower lot in the traditional car line pattern.

Stations will be set up to facilitate an orderly return.

Students will follow a predetermined pattern and move from station to station.

Textbooks and other materials for particular classes will be returned to the specific teacher.

A station for donating used uniforms will be present.

The last station will be where students will be given a bag, labeled with their name, of items that were collected from lockers and/or desks.

Please note that if your child has lost or damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) any textbooks, you will be billed for the replacement of them.

Final transcripts will not be sent to high schools until all financial obligations to the school are met.

Wednesday, June 3rd - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

6th and 7th graders only (Masks/face coverings must be worn when exiting the car.)

Cars will line up in the lower lot in the traditional car line pattern.

Stations will be set up to facilitate an orderly return.

Students will follow a predetermined pattern and move from station to station.

Textbooks and other materials for particular classes will be returned to the specific teacher.

A station for donating used uniforms will be present.

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Please note that if your child has lost or damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) any textbooks, you will be billed for the replacement of them.

Thursday, June 4th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Grades 3-5 (No students or family members should exit cars.)

Grade 3 - cars should enter the campus using the 2nd entrance on Woodland Way that goes to the back of the school.

Grade 4 - cars should enter the campus using the 1st entrance on Woodland Way and follow the signage and directions to flow through the upper parking lot.

Grade 5 - cars should enter the campus using the 1st entrance on Woodland Way and line up in the lower parking lot in the traditional car line pattern.

Teachers will be stationed such that as you pull through, they will hand you student belongings and receive back textbooks, etc.

Donations of used uniforms must be in a separate bag with a label indicating uniform donation. All uniforms must be clean and in good condition.

Please note that if your child has lost or damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) any textbooks, you will be billed for the replacement of them.

Friday, June 5th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Grades Pk - 2 (No students or family members should exit cars.)

Grade 2 - cars should enter the campus using the 2nd entrance on Woodland Way that goes to the back of the school.

Grade 1 - cars should enter the campus using the 1st entrance on Woodland Way and follow the signage and directions to flow through the upper parking lot.

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten - cars should enter the campus using the 1st entrance on Woodland Way and line up in the lower parking lot in the traditional car line pattern. Watch for directional signs as to which line to get into when you arrive.

Teachers will be stationed such that as you pull through, they will hand you student belongings and receive back textbooks, etc.

Donations of used uniforms must be in a separate bag with a label indicating uniform donation. All uniforms must be clean and in good condition.

Please note that if your child has lost or damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) any textbooks, you will be billed for the replacement of them.

**Please help us send off the 8th graders
in style!**

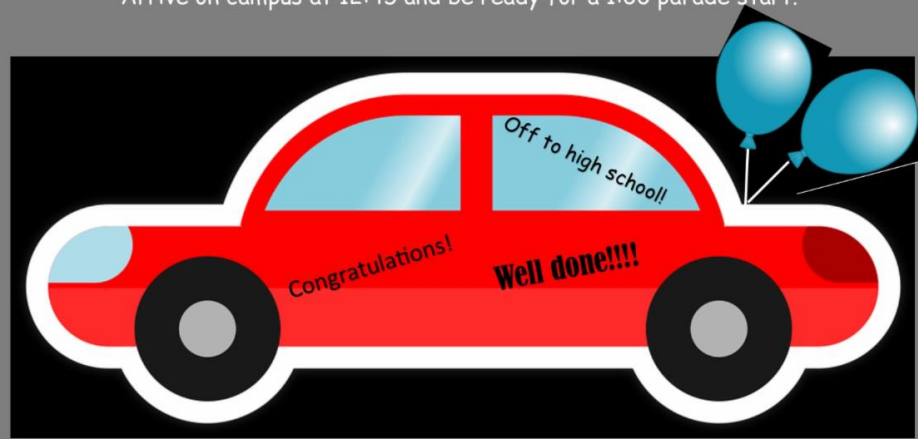
June 2nd - be there!

Help us celebrate the 8th grade!

We are continuing our annual tradition of sending the 8th graders off with flair!
Come and park your car in the upper or lower lot and be ready to cheer on the 8th graders and their families as they drive the circle in their decorated cars.

Honking horns is greatly encouraged!

Arrive on campus at 12:45 and be ready for a 1:00 parade start.



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Go to <https://www.getepic.com/> to learn how to access Epic! For free.

After June 30th, families can continue having access to Epic! At home for \$7.99 a month.

Epic! Is an award-winning subscription service, which gives millions of families and classrooms instant, unlimited access to thousands of books, videos, and quizzes from leading publishers to help kids everywhere read, learn, and grow.

Students at Holy Spirit School have access to Epic during school hours through the school library's PowerLearning page or through their teacher's Epic account.

Calendar Dates of Note

Friday, April 25 - Screenagers - 6:30 pm
Friday, May 1 - INTERIMS
Friday, May 1 - Screenagers - Next Chapters - 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Day - more to come from the PTO
Monday, May 11 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday, May 12 - Friday, May 15 - Virtual Field Day
Wednesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Service
Saturday, May 16 - Virtual 5K Spirit Race
Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 22 - Virtual Art Show
Friday, May 22 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday, May 22 - Virtual Talent Show
Monday, May 25 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/TEACHERS
Wednesday, May 27 - "Lunch on the Lawn"
Friday, May 29 - LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO TURN IN ACADEMIC WORK
Friday, May 29 - Parent Portal Closes
Tuesday, June 2 - 8th GRADE CAR CELEBRATION - 1:00 PM - all are invited! (8th graders ONLY will return books)
Wednesday, June 3 - 6th & 7th grade book return - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 3 - 8TH GRADE GRADUATION
Thursday, June 4 - 3rd-5th grade book return 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Friday, June 5 - PK - 2nd grade book return 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Monday, June 8 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Prayer Assembly
Tuesday, June 9 - Teacher workday
Wednesday, June 10 - Teacher workday

This is a working copy, please note there may be additions as we move along.

[Printable Copy of Calendar Dates of Note](#)



Mass Resumes

Friday, May 29, 2020

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Dispensation

All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice.

Public Worship Resumes

Congregation size is strictly limited to a maximum of up to 50% seating capacity with social distancing of at least six feet. (Families and members of the same household are exempt from these six-foot social distancing requirements.)

Mass Schedule

The normal schedule for both weekday and Sunday Masses will commence effective May 29.

Registration Required

To secure seating to attend Sunday Masses (to include the Vigil Mass), pre-registration is required. Either go to the parish website to reserve seating or contact the parish office (703-978-8074) for assistance.

Health & Safety Protocols

It is expected that those attending will wear a face mask. Please bring your own. It is also expected that those attending will disinfect their hands before entering the church and again immediately before receiving Communion.

Caution

There remains an inherent risk in coming to church at this time. If you or those for whom you care are vulnerable to infection, Bishop Burbidge encourages you to stay home. If you feel sick in any way, do not come.

It'll take an army of faithful to help clean. Join us!
holyspiritchurch.us

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WHISKEYCAKES2020/](http://WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US/WHISKEYCAKES2020/)**

**Monthly Infant
Diaper Collection**

After All Masses
June 13-14th



Bins are located
outside the church
**Diapers sizes 4 & 5 are
most needed!**



The graphic features a central cyan rectangle with text and a baby illustration, surrounded by a grid of 16 colorful icons representing various baby items: a plate with a fork, a diaper, a stroller, a bottle, a duck, footprints, a bib, a rattle, a teddy bear, alphabet blocks, a baby on a board, a baby bottle, a baby bottle, and a baby in a stroller.



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

STAY CONNECTED

Information, especially now, is constantly changing. Stay up-to-date on the latest back-to-school uniform information by opting into our emails, or following us on social! This is where we'll be communicating COVID-19-related safety updates, sharing at-home resources, announcing discounts, etc. We promise we won't overwhelm your inbox! We're just sending the important stuff, focused on making back-to-school shopping as safe and easy as possible this year.

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