

August 11, 2022



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2022/2023**  
**"Joy"**

## Might You Have...

Might you have mad gardening skills?  
Or a drone that is capable of taking an aerial photograph?

Our garden in the outdoor classroom spaces continues to grow and flourish (we have some amazing tomatoe and cucumber plants in addition to perennials and annuals), but we need a "plan". I have some ideas for what I would like to see happen, but am looking for a couple of folks who can help bring the thoughts to reality. Please let me know if you are interested.

Additionally, we have some great old aerial photographs of the school and of the entire campus to include the church. In looking at them this Summer, I realize that nothing similar was done when the most recent wing was put on the school. If you happen to own or have access to a drone which can take some photographs, please let me know if you can help me out with this project.

The teachers officially return to school on Monday, August 15th - how wonderful that we return on the day of the Assumption! We are moving quickly through the building at this point to be sure that we are as ready as possible for them. They have a busy seven days of meetings and professional development. We look forward to welcoming all of our new colleagues and to building community as we launch another year of faith and academic learning.

Please pray for all of us, just as we pray for our school families. Our joined intentions (along with just a bit of elbow grease) are what make Holy Spirit such a beautiful and joyful community.

# Start of School Schedule

## Wednesday, August 24th

First day for Grades 1-8 (11:30 am dismissal)  
Kindergarten Parent Meeting - 8:30 am (no students)  
Prekindergarten Parent Meeting - 9:30 am (no students)

## Thursday, August 25th

Full day for Grades 1-8 (no hot lunch)  
First day for Kindergarten (11:30 am dismissal)  
Prekindergarten students visit classrooms

## Friday, August 26th

Full day for Kindergarten - Grade 8 (no hot lunch)  
First day for Prekindergarten (11:30 am dismissal)

## Monday, August 29th

Full day for all students

## MORNING CARE

**Morning Care** will be open at 7:00 am on the first day of school. Morning care is located in the cafeteria. Families should park in the rear of the building and access the cafeteria via the back doors. Grade levels may begin using Morning Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Morning Care on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
PreKindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

## EXTENDED DAY

**Afternoon Extended Care** for all grades will begin in the cafeteria. Grade levels may begin using Afternoon Extended Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Extended Day on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>  
Kindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
PreKindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
Afternoon Extended Day is closed completely on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the early dismissal prior to the Labor Day weekend.

[Welcome Letter 2022](#)

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Please find below a letter from Dr. Joseph Vorbach, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Arlington with regard to the current guidance on COVID-19.

[Superintendent Letter](#)

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**Don't forget....**



## 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.



Account set-up information is still being established, but if you would like to get a small overview of School Eatery as a company, take a look at the attached!

School Eatery Information for  
Parents

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Does your child currently have one of these fun Summer hair cuts?

A reminder that students are expected to come to school on the first day with their natural hair color intact and with a school appropriate hair style/cut.

Thank you for your help with this!

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## "Closing in" on Christmas



Our hand-me-down Nativity sets have been retired and we are replacing both with beautiful Fontanini sets. One will be a larger 27" set which will be in the front lobby of the school as we make our way through the Advent and Christmas seasons and the other is smaller and meant for the school chapel.

If you would like to donate to assist us in covering the costs of these sets (which have a total price of just over \$5700.00) please let me know.

Additionally we are replacing the images of Mary and Joseph and the Stations of the Cross in the school chapel to match the style of the icons which hang outside of each classroom. If you would like to donate to assist in covering those costs, please let me know.

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For those seeking to make use of Morning Care and/or Extended Day, you may access the information regarding rates and the registration sheet below.

Extended Day Rates for  
22/23



The Summer Reading List may be accessed via the link below. It is also available on the school website under the *Happening Now* section.

[Summer Reading List 2022](#)

Summer IXL Math work came home with report cards.

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**August 1 - August 12**  
**M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Office Closed Monday, August 15, 2022 for faculty/staff meetings**

**Beginning August 14, 2022 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

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School Nurse: Mrs. Sheilia Forrer

Contact: [sforrer@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:sforrer@holyspiritflames.org)

\*A reminder that all medical forms and immunizations updates are due by August 1, 2022

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*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

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Holy Spirit School PTO



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Top of the Day, Holy Spirit!

**Events:**

August 16, 6:30pm – PTO Meeting

<https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

August 17 – New Family Social, Used Uniform Sale, and Food Truck (see flyer below).

August 24 – Back to School!

September 7, 6:30pm – PTO Volunteer Fair.

**Volunteer Coordinator Contact:** If you see an event that you are interested in, please email Mary Sonnen -[PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org)

**Volunteer Fair Planning:** Please plan to attend the Holy Spirit PTO Volunteer Fair scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30PM in the school gym. Your attendance counts towards your annual 20 hour family volunteer requirement for Holy Spirit School. Please contact Mary

Sonnen, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, for more information at 571-243-6423 (evenings/weekends) or through [PTOVpmembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVpmembership@holyspiritflames.org). Sign up for the Volunteer Fair is available in the Connect1 App with your family account. Use a desktop computer to begin and go to this website: <https://app.connect1.io>. See attached handout for easy Connect1 instructions or contact Tom Fields with questions at [ptopssc@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:ptopssc@holyspiritflames.org). Each 1/2 hour of volunteering is worth 1 point in Connect1.

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

**Mabels Labels:** [https://mabelslabels.com/en\\_US/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/)

**BoxTops:** Download App, scan your receipt; Referral code: **A7RD91XB**

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**New Family Social**  
**Wednesday, August 17**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Front Lawn of Holy Spirit School**

Please come to meet other new members of the Holy Spirit community and to hear from the administration.

Bring a picnic blanket/chairs for your family. The Roaming Coyote food truck will be available for picnic or take out orders, or feel free to pack dinner from home.

Post dinner popsicles will be provided!

Any questions can be directed to [PTONewFamilyCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTONewFamilyCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org)  
(Anne Marie Chartrand and Katie Corwin)

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**PTO FUNDRAISER - FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!**



**The Roaming Coyote Food Truck will be at Holy Spirit on August 17 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Pre-orders available or order on site. A portion of the total sales will be donated to the school.**

**All are welcome!  
Stop by to grab your dinner after visiting the used uniform sale!**

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# Used Uniform Sales - COMING SOON!!!



TWO Sale Dates- **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 from 5:00-7:30**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 from 10:30 to 2:30**

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!**

**DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS, SCHOOL SHOES, OR SPIRIT WEAR THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED, TO THE OFFICE OR EMAIL - [MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com](mailto:MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com) TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS**

#### Important Details-

- If you would like to volunteer your time, please sign up on Connect 1
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed

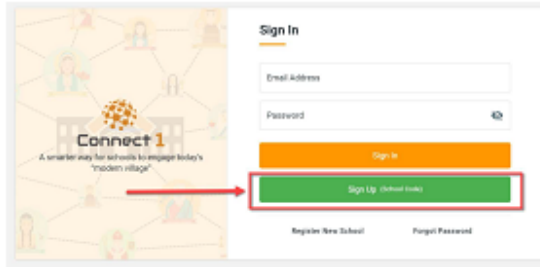
**Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!**

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## Registering for Connect 1 at Holy Spirit School

How to sign up for an account on Connect1:

1. On your computer, go to <https://app.connect1.io>
2. Click the green bar that says "Sign up (School Code)".



3. Enter your email address. Enter our school code, which is L41VP6.  
*(Are you both a teacher and a parent at the school? You'll need to set up two accounts. One using your "hohyspiritflames.org" email account for your role as a teacher, and your personal one for your role as a parent!)*
4. This will open a new page where you enter your name, role and password. For Role, select "Parent/Community Member". *(Unless you are a teacher creating your account with your "hohyspiritflames.org" account. In that case, please select "Faculty/School Employee".)* Click Submit when you are done.
5. A new page opens. A Confirmation Code will be sent to your email. Copy that confirmation code and paste it into this page. Click Confirm.
6. This brings you back to the Sign In page. Enter your email address and newly created password to open the app.

Click here for a printable copy of the instructions

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### PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)

Vice President - **Vacant** - [PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org)

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - [PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org)

Secretary - Lee Conroy - [PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org)

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - [PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org)

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - [PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org)

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - [PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org)

### Volunteering

Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in order to perform recess duty and to volunteer in activities where students are present.

# Parish Happenings!



**MILITIA  
IMMACULATA**

**WHAT IS IT?**  
Militia Immaculata is a prayer group that uses the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Tuesday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the Intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

**WHAT DO YOU DO?**  
We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some delicious snacks!

**WHO CAN JOIN?**  
This group is open to Holy Spirit School students in all grades.  
\*Annual Registration required.  
In addition, weekly Signup Genesis required as space is limited\*

**IS THIS REALLY AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS?**  
Yep! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

**TUESDAYS Starting September 13  
3:15-4:15pm in the Youth Office**

For more information and to sign up, go to:  
[holyspiritchurch.us/mi2022/](http://holyspiritchurch.us/mi2022/)



Wednesday Night

## Bible Study

With Father O'Donohue



**This Year's Topic:  
Isaiah**

September 14, 2022 - May 10, 2023  
Parish Center Large Meeting Room  
8:30-9:30 PM



## Donut Sunday!

Hosted by the Office of Youth Ministry  
August 14th

**Enjoy donuts,  
coffee &  
community, and  
meet your new  
Youth Minister,  
Ronan!**



**Join us in the front of the school  
After the 9 and 10:30 AM Masses**





## You're invited to Men's Club Man Cave Thursdays!

Starting August 18th

Come and have fun while  
building fraternity with  
other men in the Parish

Enjoy drinks wings, subs,  
and other snacks

\$5 donation to defray costs



Hang out and watch  
the classic movie *Jaws*  
from 1975  
while playing  
cards, cornhole, and  
other games!



All men in the  
Parish are invited!

6:30-10pm | Quinn Room  
Questions? Call/Text Sean Roberts,  
Men's Club President at 703-640-4157



## Seasons of Hope

Grief Support Group



If you have recently lost a loved one, and  
would like the support of a small group and  
Scripture-based program, please join us.



Summer Session begins Saturday, August 13  
Parish Center Large Meeting Room  
10 - 11:15 AM

# Community Happenings!



Are you interested in joining Cub Scouts this fall? Learn leadership skills, what it means to be a good citizen, how to care for and explore God's creation in nature, and so much more.

Chartered by the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Men's Club, Cub Scout Pack 50 serves boys from kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Scouts have the opportunity to learn and grow in important character-building ideals while participating in fun activities such as day hikes, fall and spring family camping/campfires, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, Scouting for Food service project, summer camps and more! The Pack is broken up into "dens" grouped by age/grade and led by parent "den leaders" with all parents pitching in to help guide various activities.

Join us for a '**Join Scouting Night**' informational parent meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022 on the front lawn of Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way in Annandale) at 6:30pm. Bring the kids, too, as we will entertain them with an informal game of kickball during the parent information meeting.

For more information, please email Pack 50 Cubmaster, Paul Eubanks, at [pjebanks@hotmail.com](mailto:pjebanks@hotmail.com).



## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 11 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family  
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Summer Reading List 2022

2. School Supply lists for 2022 2023
3. Extended Day Rates for 2022 2023
4. Extended Day Registration for 2022 2023
5. Connect 1 Sign-up Instructions
6. Mabel's Labels PTO Fundraiser
7. Used Uniform Sale flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Militia Immaculata flyer
2. Donut Sunday flyer
3. Bible Study flyer
4. Men's Club Social flyer
5. Seasons of Grief Support Group flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Cub Scouts flyer