

August 19, 2021



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2021/2022**

**"In work there is dignity"**

**We can't wait to see you!**

We are in the home stretch and looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow during the two Meet Your Teacher events that are scheduled. Please see information below for specifics.

A word about school supplies for those who ordered via EPI. As we have experienced across many areas this Summer, shipping delays have hit this too. We have been informed by our EPI representative that the shipment will hopefully ARRIVE in Virginia today. It will then have to be transferred to a local carrier in order for delivery to be made to the school. We will certainly get everything to students as soon as possible. Please do not fret - the teachers are aware and will adjust as needed.

We are also still awaiting several new picnic tables (which were ordered in June when school got out), tables for one of the kindergarten classrooms, reading tables for several of the classrooms, and new chairs (all of which were ordered the first week of July), a new ActivePanel for the science lab, and new iPads to complete our needed inventory.

We have certainly been practicing patience with regard to deliveries all Summer and have adjusted our plans accordingly.

A continued reminder that if you have a rising kindergartener or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned immediately. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

In the same medical lane, if your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with us, please contact Mrs. Wild (awild@holyspiritflames.org). It is not mandatory for parents to provide this information to the school, but it will be helpful in instances of contract tracing should that be necessary.

A reminder that paperwork needed for the start of the school year will be available for pickup during the August 20th Meet Your Teacher event in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



The tradition of Catholic educators is alive and well!

On Tuesday morning, Bishop Burbidge celebrated the annual Opening Mass for all of the Diocesan school administrators and teachers.

Pictured here with me are my daughter, Hanna, who is a Special Education teacher in the Options Program at St. Paul VI High School, and our very own Mrs. Jill Hoagland (2nd Grade) and her daughter, Brigid, who is teaching in the Theology Department at St. Paul VI High School.

Hanna and Brigid are proud alumni of Holy Spirit School, Class of 2011 and they now have the terrific joy of continuing the proud tradition of educating the youth of our Diocese. God is good!

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

# Holy Spirit School PTO



## **PTO? Here in the weekly newsletter?**

### **You got it!**

In an effort to cut down on the number of email communications families receive each week, information traditionally found in the "PTO Highlights" will now be a part of the "From the Principal's Desk" newsletter.

## **PTO Board 2021/2022**

President - Tom Fields - [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)  
Vice President - Heather Howard - [PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org)  
Treasurer - Eileen Feely - [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 - Vacant

## **Upcoming Events!**

Wednesday, September 8 - Volunteer Fair  
Wednesday, September 15 - PTO Committee Chair Meet and Greet  
October 18 - October 26 - Boosterthon!

## **Monthly Meetings**

General PTO meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month.  
Check the school calendar for exact dates/times.  
You receive credit towards your Service Hour Commitment by attending!

## **Volunteering**

We still have a tremendous number of open volunteer opportunities. We look forward to working with parents from across the school community as we support the mission of the school and the many, many programs and activities that run throughout the year.

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.

## **Recess Duty**

Thank you to all who participated in our survey regarding recess duty coverage. Given the late date that we were able to gather and present information to the school administration, we will use the traditional structure of assisting with recess duty coverage for this current academic year. Please be on the look out for information from the Recess Duty Coordinator, Amy Mannion, and the Sign-Up Genius for scheduling your service dates.



**Please join us tomorrow, Friday, August 20th to meet your teachers!**

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Families with Last Names A-M**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm - Families with Last Names N-Z**

**Family Packets will be available for pickup!**

## RECESS DUTY

# WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

### Monday, August 23

- 7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades 1-8
- 7:40 am - Morning carline begins
- 8:00 am - School begins for Grades 1-8
- 8:30 am - Kindergarten parent orientation (no children, please)
- 9:30 am - Prekindergarten parent orientation (no children, please)
- 11:30 am - Early dismissal for Grades 1-8
- 11:30 am - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades 1-8

### Tuesday, August 24

- 7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades K-8
- 7:40 am - Morning carline begins
- 8:00 am - School begins for Grades K-8
- 9:00 - 9:45 - Prekindergarten student visit (with parent) - last names A - L
- 10:00 - 10:45 - Prekindergarten student visit (with parent) - last names M-Z
- 11:30 am - Early dismissal for Kindergarten students ONLY
- 3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades 1-8
- 3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades 1-8

### Wednesday, August 25

- 7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades Prek - 8
- 7:40 am - Morning carline begins

8:00 am - School begins for Grades Prek - 8

11:30 am - Early dismissal for ALL Prekindergarten students ONLY (both full and half day students)

3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades K-8

3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades K-8

## Thursday, August 26

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades Prek - 8

7:40 am - Morning carline begins

8:00 am - School begins for Grades Prek - 8

3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades Prek - 8

3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades Prek - 8

## Friday, August 27

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades Prek - 8

7:40 am - Morning carline begins

8:00 am - School begins for Grades Prek - 8

3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades Prek - 8

3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades Prek - 8

\*Please remember - NO school lunches will be provided the first week of school. Be sure to pack a lunch for your child the first week.

\*\*During the first week of school the vanpool slots for last year will be used with the EXCEPTION of kindergarteners who are now first graders. These students will be dismissed with the regular carpool unless they are in a group vanpool that used a non-kindergarten slot. Applications for vanpool slots will be sent home in the beginning of the year packet.



### How will the church construction impact the carline?

The information I was provided by the Construction Manager is that, "the traffic pattern will remain as it has always been. The lane in front of the church will be open to one way traffic , till school drop off is complete. After about 8:30 ish , we will block the lane and send traffic two way in front of the school . At 2:15pm we will open the lane in front of the church. This will be an ongoing process through August, and September. After September, we will closing the lane occasionally."

With that in mind, please note that there are no parking spaces directly in front of the school; if you are coming into the building, you will need to park on the sides of the front grass area or in the general parking lots.



### **Family Numbers/Car Tags**

**We will continue to make use of "family numbers" and "car tags" for afternoon pick up.**

**If you lovingly held on to your tags from last year, please discard of them. All families will be assigned a new number and provided two tags. The tags for this year will be dated with the 2021-2022.**

**Thank you!**



## **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.**



The Summer Reading list is posted to the school website under the *Happening at Holy Spirit* section on the front page.

IXL Math assignments for students in rising K-8 were included with each student's report card.



### **Did your kiddos have some fun with their hair this Summer?**

Please remember that students are expected to return to school with their natural hair color and a school-appropriate hair cut.

Thank you.



# Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!



Two Sale Dates- **Wednesday, August 18** from 5:00-7:30 (during the New Family Social)

**Friday, August 20** 10:30 to 2:30 (during the Meet Your Teacher Event)

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 THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR EMAIL - [MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com](mailto:MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com) TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS**

#### Important Details-

- Masks will be required
- Limited volume of shoppers at one time, as needed
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed
- Shopping preference - one shopper per family, if possible

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

## Extended Day 2021/2022

The Registration Form and Rate Table for Morning Care/Extended Day for the upcoming academic year are available on the school website under the *Quick Links - Family Resources* tab.

The information is included in the "Family Folder" section below, as well.

See flyer below for school supply lists by grade level.

## Parish Happenings!

**YOUTH**  
Greetings from Holy Spirit Youth Ministry!

**BE STILL**  
Youth Ministry Kickoff 2021

We'd like to invite you to our kickoff events that will take place the following dates:

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| <b>Middle School</b><br>Grades 6-8<br>Sept 24, 7:30-9:30pm | <b>High School</b><br>Grades 9-12<br>Sept 26, 7-9pm |
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The nights will include food, games, prizes, and a brief introduction of our theme for the year, "BE STILL"

**Be sure to Register**  
for the 2021-22 Youth Ministry Year at:  
[www.holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth)

Grief Support Group

Seasons of Hope  
Fall 2021

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted"

Wine & Cheese

**Short & Sweet**

The Office of Youth Ministry invites all parents of youth in grades 6-12 to join us and learn about our vibrant and growing youth programs and how YOU can get involved!

Wednesday,  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 - 9:00PM, Meeting Room 2

Please RSVP to [youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us) by Sept 20

**HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
St. Lucy, pray for us!

## St. Lucy Summer Food Collection

to benefit the St. Lucy Food Project

Hungry children are home for the summer and are not able to get the usual free lunches at school. Demand for food increases in the summer. The St. Lucy Food Pantry network must respond.

**Blue Bag Pickup: August 7 - 8**  
Fill it with non-perishable food items.

**Blue Bag Food Drop Off: August 14 - 15**  
All Masses, Holy Spirit Church

The St. Lucy Project is in need of the following items:  
 1 Peanut Butter and 2 Jellies  
 Canned Chicken and Tuna  
 Canned Tofu  
 Breakfast Cereal (can be used for all meals)  
 Children's Snacks  
 Granola Bars  
 Pudding  
 Non-Perishable Juices  
 Shelf Stable Chocolate Milk  
 Apple Sauce  
 Raisins

It costs \$6 cents a lb. to transport food to the poor in over 50 locations. Check Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please mail a check in the pre-addressed envelope provided with the blue bag (or bring it to the truck with your bag). Please make checks payable to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Food Project" in the memo of the check. Thank you.

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

**COMMUNITY CHANGEMAKER**

Rain or shine!

## Parish Picnic & Open House

Sunday, September 12  
1 - 4pm  
Front Lawn

Free! All Are Welcome

**Please bring a dish to share:**  
 A-R: Salads/Sides  
 S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food & Activities Include:  
 Burgers & Hot Dogs, Soda, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Moonbounce, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Scouts Obstacle Courses and more!

**Side Dish Potluck**


Many volunteers needed, youth and adult! See website.

**Don't forget lawn chairs!**

**HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
[www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)

Interested in becoming  
**Catholic**  
or learning more?


*Classes are forming now!*



Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)  
7-8 pm  
Parish Center

For more information:  
E-mail Father Carroll at [fc Carroll@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:fc Carroll@holyspiritchurch.us)

**INOVA** Save Lives • Give Blood



**INOVA**  
Inova Blood Donor SERVICES

## Saturday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

**6:45 - 11:45 AM**  
In the Gym

Covid antibody testing included for all blood donors.

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.  
**Make your lifesaving appointment today!**

**Questions?**  
[giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us)

**HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Marian Homes, Inc.

## Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity  
Maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals



**Sept 25th**  
**10 AM - 1 PM**  
**Upper Parking Lot**


Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.  
**NO** newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:  
[Knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:Knights@holyspiritchurch.us)

**HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST



**ARLINGTON**  
Diocese Pilgrimage  
1954-2021

## A Pilgrim Experience

for the Whole Family

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021**

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage)

**THE BASILICA**

# Community Happenings!



## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 19, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family  
Folder

### School Flyers:

1. School Supply Lists
2. Used Uniform flyer
3. Extended Day 2021/2022 Registration Form
4. Extended Day 2021/2022 Rate Table

### Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Summer Food Collection flyer
2. RCIA flyer
3. Blood Drive flyer
4. Parish Picnic flyer
5. Youth Ministry kickoff flyer
6. Grief Support Group flyer
7. Document Shredding Event flyer
8. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer

### Community Flyers: