From the Principal's Desk



December 16, 2021

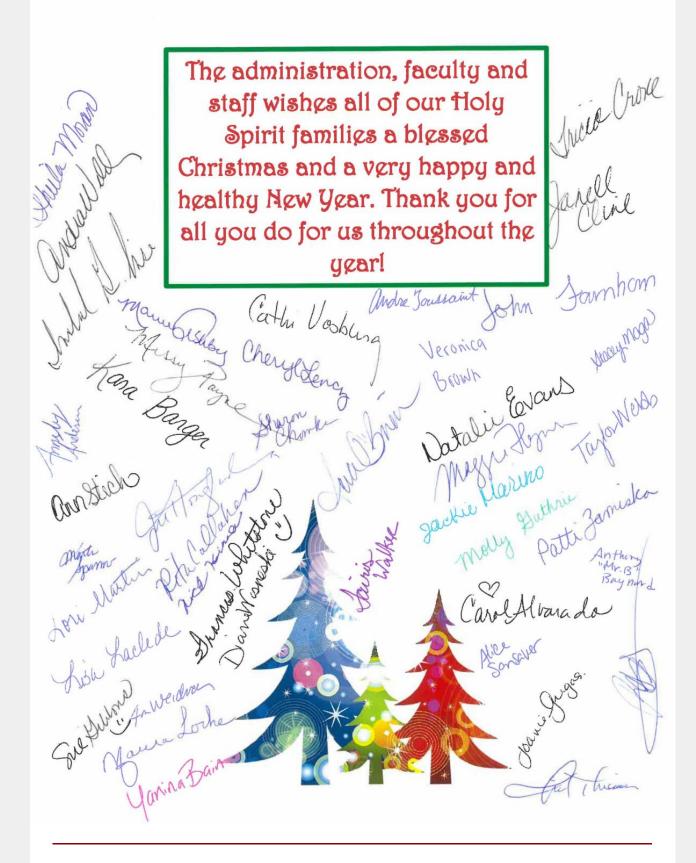


Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Enjoy the break!





A reminder from the front office:

Information regarding re-enrollment for the 2022/2023 academic year was sent home last week with the "youngest or only" student in each family. Please be sure to look through everything and to take the time to work through the process now in place via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. There is a letter with specific instructions on how to navigate that and, of course, Mrs. Laclede is happy to assist (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org).

You should note that there is a deadline of January 7, 2022 to complete the reenrollment process. The school is blessed to have already begun to receive applications from prospective families and acceptance letters will begin to be sent out to those families on January 10, 2022.

The K-4 shows earlier this week were wonderful and I am grateful to everyone who put much time and love into seeing them come to fruition. In particular, a huge thank you to Mr. Toussaint, Mrs. Wisneski and all of the classroom teachers for giving their time and talent to the productions. For those who would like to see, the links to the dress rehearsal videos are available on Mr. Toussaint's Schoology pages.

A reminder that Friday, December 17 is an early dismissal day for all students with NO Extended Day in the afternoon.

If you didn't hear...

Santa was here on the campus earlier this week. Click on the picture below for a short blurb from WDVM.



As we head into the final week of Advent, I certainly pray that this time has been fruitful for your family and that you have found both large and small ways to prepare to receive our Lord into your hearts.

I hope you enjoy a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year with your families. For those traveling, please do so safely. We will see everyone back in January!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Before we get into the highlights, there are some reviews underway for the school's recess duty program. We are looking at some potential adjustments to recess duty. Please fill out this short survey: <u>Holy Spirit Recess Duty Survey #2 (google.com)</u>

Featured Vacancies:

Spring Fundraiser: Do you like barbecue, golf, and spring weather? If so, then the Spring Fundraiser is right for you. The initial work has been done; we need a volunteer to see it through! As committee chair for this fundraiser, you will fulfill your hours for the year.

If you see an event that you are interested in participating, please send inquires to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - <u>PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org</u> connect with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Did you know you can earn money for our wonderful school just by using AmazonSmile for all your Amazon purchases? Simply open the Amazon app, type in Amazon Smile (https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F), look for Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale and sign up. 5% of all eligible purchases will go directly to the school. Last year the school received \$725 just through purchases you'd normally make anyway.

This year we have a goal of \$800 raised through Amazon Smile. This is a very simple way for us to earn money where we already shop. Please reach out to Katherine Osborne (kosborne1023@yahoo.com) with any questions. Happy Shopping!

Important upcoming dates to remember:

January 18 – PTO Meeting, 6:30–8:30 pm. Join the Zoom Meeting: https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/88005951581?

pwd=NUxTSoFhcodUQXEzaWJIZnpjOHVFZzo9

Meeting ID: 880 0595 158, Passcode: 884234

January 19 – Chipotle Fundraiser, 5–9pm (see information below) **February 16** – Talent Show Audition Sign-up Form Due (see information below)

Committee Vacancies:

Spring Fundraising (Golf/BBQ) – Chair and Co-Chair **Virtual Fundraising** – Chair



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH | 5-9PM 9506 MAIN ST NO 22B, FAIRFAX, VA, 22031

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE EF4 RDPA
OR SHOW THIS FLY ER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$ 150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Show case



SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM



When: February 23, 2022

Where: Holy Spirit Gym Time: 3:15 - 5:30pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 9, 2022.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR: SINGERS, ACTORS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS, MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS, MARTIAL ARTISTS, DANCERS CLOWNS

*** ANY TYPE OF PERFORMANCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO ***

Perform er Participation Form (for students): complete this if you wish to perform in the show. This slip is due ONEWEEK prior to the day of the auditions/registration. Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. More information will go out prior to the signups related to how the event will run to maintain the high safety standards of Holy Spirit.

PERFORMER PARTICIPATION FORM

Student's Name:	_
Performing with (if in a group)	
Talent/ Act:	
Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. Please make it on February 23 but want to perform, email Joe Te discuss. At this time the signups will be held live in the gym to sit socially distant with masks on until they are called to available to fill out on the day of signups, and pens will no be provided this year for precautions so please send your st signup event.	rpenning (jterpenning@infinitetech.org) to a. This may change. Students will be asked review their act. Forms will not be t be provided. Pizza and drinks will not
NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:	
TIME LENGTH:	
SONG NAME:	
STAGE NEEDS:	
For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version:	

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Feb. 6 – 11 in the school library. More information coming soon!



COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High** Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday. Last updated 12/13/2021

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/community-transmission/

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **0**

Time period: December 10 - December 16, 2021

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever (100.0F) or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

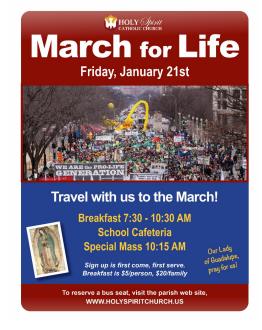
If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org)

If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with the school nurse, it may prove helpful if and when there is a need to contact trace in your child's class.

Parish Happenings!







Community Happenings!

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING 2022 LITTLE LEAGUE



Annandale-North Springfield Little League

Register at www.ansll.org by December 31st to get your Early Bird discount!

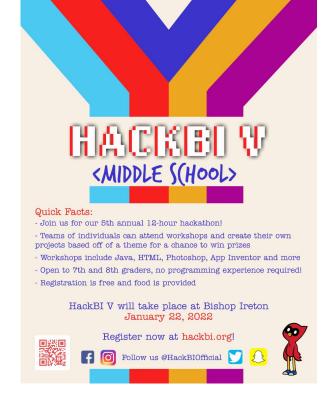
For boys and girls ages 4 to 16

Contact us at info@ansll.org





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FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "December 16, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- 1. PTO Chipotle Fundraiser flyer
- 2. PTO Talent Showcase flyer
- 3. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Christmas Coat Drive flyer
- 2. March for Life flyer
- 3. Christmas Mass and Confession Schedule flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. Hack BI flyer
- 2. ANSLL Baseball registration flyer