

December 9, 2021



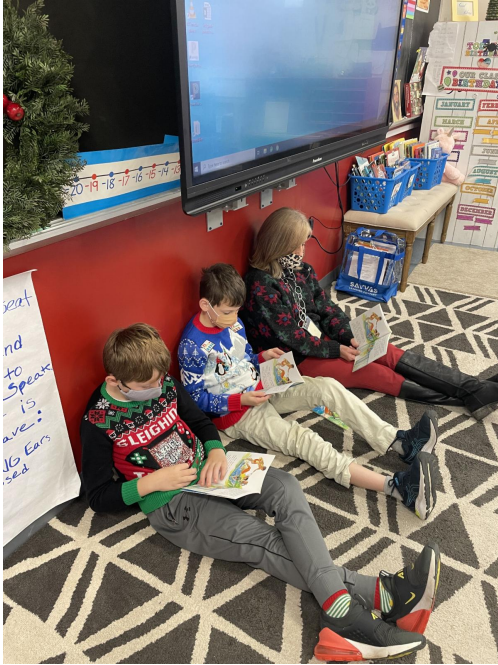
Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Thank you for supporting our fun!







The excitement of the season is growing daily as we watch and listen as the students take in the sights and sounds of Advent throughout the school. From Santa's Ride to the Giving Mass; from St. Nicholas Day to Ugly Sweater Day - thank you for supporting all that we are doing are during these weeks leading up to Christmas.

Information regarding re-enrollment for the 2022/2023 academic year is coming home today 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 re-enrollment 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.

A reminder that next week brings the performances of the K-4 production of *Behind the Manger Scenes*. We will be having two shows on two separate nights and we want to be sure you are here on the correct evening, so please take notice of the information below.

The same holds true for the 5th grade production of *Night of Nights*; there are two

performances, so please double check that you have the correct time for your child's homeroom class.

Have you purchased your Christmas tree yet? The PTO tree sale has begun and the lot is open daily! Be sure to support this annual fundraiser before all of the trees have sold! Also available are wreaths and Holy Spirit ornaments.

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

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Thank you to all who were able to come out at the last minute on December 2nd to help unload the Christmas tree delivery. Your willingness to help at a moment's notice is MUCH appreciated!

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.

Christmas Ornament Sale: The Promos Committee is selling ornaments at the Christmas Tree sale. Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0949a5ab28a3f94-ornament2> (also, see information below). For purchasing, you can come to the tree sale and purchase in person on the dates highlighted below, or you can make your purchase via backpack mail by emailing ptovpdevelopment@holyspiritflames.org.

Christmas Tree Sale: Interested in helping spread the Christmas spirit. Interested in helping others pick out that perfect Christmas Tree? There is always a need for volunteers. Have a good time and get those volunteer hours taken care of at the same time! Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2ofod4fafa728aofa7-2021>

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

Important upcoming dates to remember:

December 11 – Christmas ornament sale @ Christmas Tree Sale 10am–1pm.

December 11 – Gingerbread House Event 5–7pm (see information below)

January 19 – Chipotle Fundraiser, 5–9pm (see information below)

Committee Vacancies:

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

Virtual Fundraising – Chair

Celebrate the upcoming Christmas season with the Holy Spirit Ornament. Buy one as a gift or for your own tree!



*Ornaments cost \$20, and sales support Holy Spirit School.
Ornaments will be sold at the Holy Spirit Christmas Tree Sales. Please click below for dates/times, and to volunteer to sell ornaments:*

[**Ornament Sale Signup**](#)

Thank you for being a Holy Spirit Family.

Merry Christmas!



HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL PTO
CRAFT COMMITTEE PRESENTS



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 5-7PM
HOLY SPIRIT CAFETERIA

One gingerbread house per family will
be provided with icing

Admission is candy decorations to share

Dinner options available for purchase -
details to come

Holy Spirit ornaments available for
purchase

Please RSVP to
stephthull@gmail.com by Friday,
December 10th

WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY.
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE. 25% TASTES MADE
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GOODNESS FROM THE GROUND UP. TOGETHER EVERY
GENEROUSNESS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. SOMETHING DAY
HELPING FOOD CENTERS A BETTER WORLD
BURRITOS ORGANIC LOCAL FRESH
CAUSE/WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
MADE OF

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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 **EF4RDPA**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



CHIPOTLE

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 Showcase



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 *****

Performer Participation Form (for students): complete this if you wish to perform in the show. This slip is due **ONE WEEK** 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 keep the act to 4 minutes.** If you cannot make it on February 23 but want to perform, email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitetech.org) to discuss. At this time the signups will be held live in the gym. This may change. Students will be asked to sit socially distant with masks on until they are called to review their act. Forms will not be available to fill out on the day of signups, and pens will not be provided. Pizza and drinks will not be provided this year for precautions so please send your student in with a snack to have during the signup event.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

STAGE NEEDS: _____

For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version: _____



PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

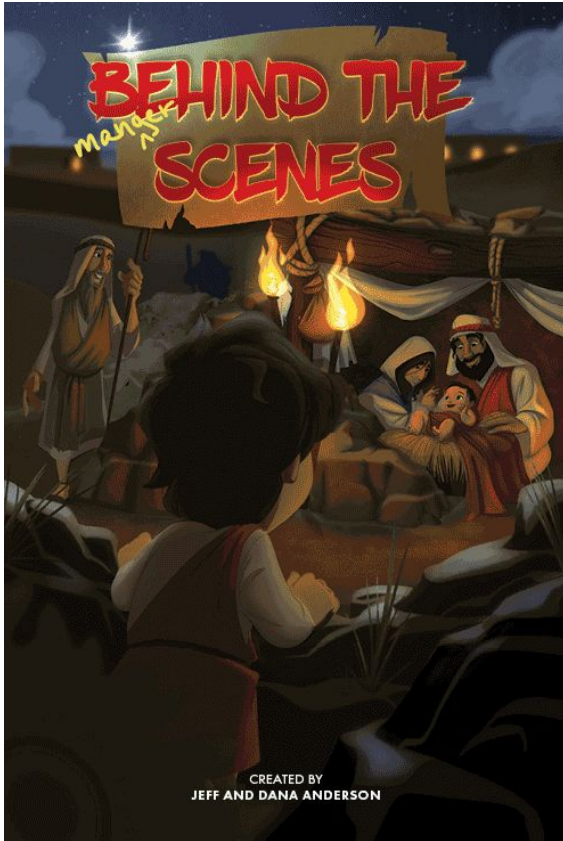
Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoorindator@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.



K-4 Christmas Musical

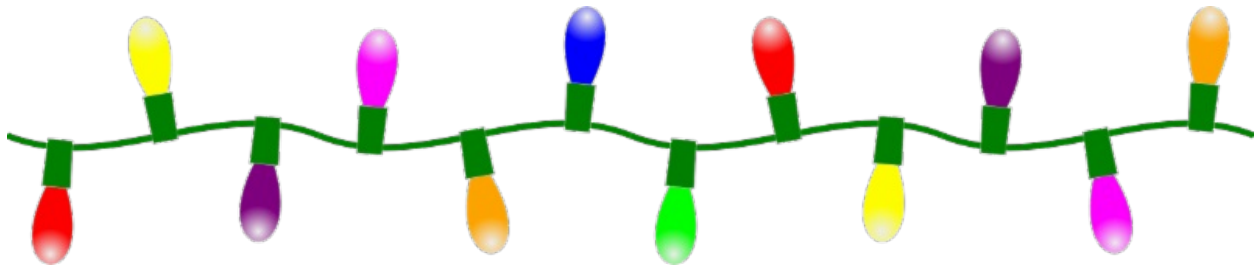
Two casts!

Two musicals!

Two audiences!

Two times the fun!

******Masks are required for admittance******



Costume & Call Sheet for the Christmas Musical: Behind The Manger Scenes

The Christmas Performances are **December 13th (Cast A) & 14th (Cast B) @ 7:00 pm.**

Grades K-3: Please bring your child to their room **NO EARLIER** than 6:15 pm, **NO LATER** than **6:30 pm.**

Grade 4: Please bring your child to their room **NO EARLIER** than 6:00 pm, **NO LATER** than **6:15 pm.**

The show begins promptly at **7:00 pm.** Doors **DO NOT** open until **6:30pm.**

Kindergarten- "Angels"

The Kindergarteners will wear their PE uniform sweatpants inside out, long-sleeve white T-Shirts, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with halos and wings.

1st Grade- "Sheep"

The 1st Graders will wear their PE uniform sweatshirts and sweatpants inside out, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears and a Christmas bow tie.

2nd Grade- "Caravan Travellers"

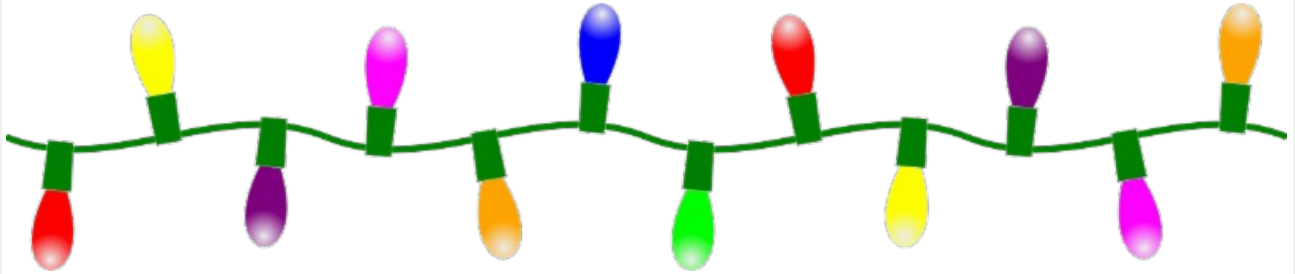
The 2nd Graders will wear long sleeve light blue shirts and black pants, black socks and black shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

3rd Grade- "Shepherds"

The 3rd Graders will wear long sleeve dark brown shirts and khaki pants, brown socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

4th Grade- Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Schoology Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member. Details will be posted Monday November 22.



Cast A:

Kindergarten Whetstone
1st Grade Payne
2nd Grade Hoagland
3rd Grade Case
4th Grade Lencz

Performance: Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

Cast B:

Kindergarten Wisneski
1st Grade Barger
2nd Grade Crone
3rd Grade Magan
4th Grade Rathod

Performance: Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

Night of Nights 5th Grade Nativity Pageant

**Two Casts! Two
Performances!**

Thursday, December 16th

10:00 am - 5FAR
2:00 pm - 5FLY

Doors open to the general audience 15 minutes

before show time



******Masks are required for admittance******

* Please see your student's music Schoology page for costume details.

And we're back!!!!

Students in Grades 5-8 check out Robotics Club with Mr. Sibal!

2021 robotics club



Thursdays 3:20PM-4:20PM
Starting January 6th

\$250
8 SESSIONS
PER
TRIMESTER

SIGN UP NOW!

For more information contact Mr. Sibal
Email: bsibal@holyspiritflames.org

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COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High**
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.
Last updated 12/6/2021

<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**

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!

High School Youth Group 

Christmas Coat Drive!

Drop Off:
December 11th - January 9th
 Drop off items in the metal bins outside the Church near Rectory marked *Coat Drive*, or in the School building.

Help keep our community warm!

Items Needed:

- Gloves
- Winter Jackets
- Sweaters
- Wool Hats
- Hooded Sweatshirts
- Scarves



All donations go to Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA).
 Questions? Contact, youthministry@holyspirtchurch.us

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

March for Life

Friday, January 21st



Travel with us to the March!

Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 AM
School Cafeteria
Special Mass 10:15 AM



Sign up is first come, first serve.
 Breakfast is \$5/person, \$20/family

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

To reserve a bus seat, visit the parish web site,
WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US

HOLY SPIRIT FIRE Holy Spirit FIRE

SUN DEC. 26
 1:00 - 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS HOMLESS MINISTRY



Join Fire Young Adults for this Amazing Christmas Service Project Event and Corporal Work of Mercy!
 See the Website for details and to Sign Up!
www.holyspirtchurch.us/youngadults

Give a "GIFT FOR LIFE" this Christmas

Help expectant mothers in need & women suffering after abortion!

Project Gabriel & Rachel



Give Today!

www.holyspirtchurch.us/giftforlife

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Merry Christmas
 from Holy Spirit Catholic Church

2021

Mass & Confession Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES <i>Nativity of our Lord</i>	NEW YEAR'S MASSES <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>
Christmas Eve Friday, December 24, 2021 Vigil Masses: 5:00pm & 7:30pm Midnight Mass: 12:00am	New Year's Eve Friday, December 31, 2021 Vigil Mass: 5:30pm & 11:30pm
Christmas Day Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00 noon	New Year's Day Saturday, January 1, 2022 Solemnity Masses: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

Weekly Confession Schedule
 (through December 23)
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 7:00pm
 Tue, Thur: 6:00am & 8:30am
 Saturday: 3:30pm

www.holyspirtchurch.us

JOIN FR. MIKE SCHMITZ'S

The Bible in a Year podcast

IN 2022!



Our parish will start a "Bible in a Year" group together on January 1, 2022. Want to join us?

Just subscribe to The Bible in a Year audio podcast in your favorite podcast app. Then email us at bibleinayear@holyspirtchurch.us to receive a monthly email.

2022 could be the year you read (or hear) the entire Bible!

"Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ."
 —ST. JEROME





Community Happenings!

HACKBI V

<MIDDLE SCHOOL>

Quick Facts:

- Join us for our 5th annual 12-hour hackathon!
- Teams of individuals can attend workshops and create their own projects based off of a theme for a chance to win prizes
- Workshops include Java, HTML, Photoshop, App Inventor and more
- Open to 7th and 8th graders, no programming experience required!
- Registration is free and food is provided

HackBI V will take place at Bishop Ireton
January 22, 2022

Register now at hackbi.org!



Follow us @HackBIOfficial





17700 Dominican Drive
Potomac Shores, VA 22026

- Main: 703.445.0300
- Fax: 703.445.0301
- www.jpthegreat.org

Parents: Come enjoy an evening of food and fellowship and learn about Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School! Sister Mary Veronica (Head of School) will be joined by Miss Kendall Parker (Admissions Counselor & JP Alum) on **Thursday, December 16** from 7-9 pm at the home of JP Parents: Sioban and Carlos Nalda, 8601 James Creek Drive, Springfield, VA. Space is limited so please RSVP soon at this link: <https://signup.com/go/YRcoPbW>

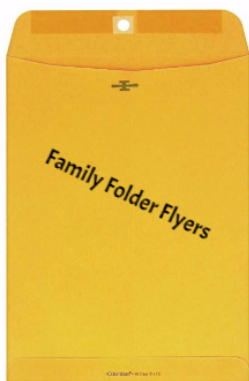
Blessed Advent!

Sr. Mary Veronica Keller, O.P.

Head of School

703.445.0204

House of More



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "December 9, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Robotics Club (Grades 5-8) flyer
2. PTO Gingerbread House Decorating flyer
3. Behind the Manger Scenes Costume Call Sheet (K-4)
4. PTO Chipotle Fundraiser flyer
5. PTO Talent Showcase flyer
6. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

1. Christmas Coat Drive - flyer
2. March for Life - flyer
3. Holy Spirit Fire - Christmas Homeless Ministry - flyer
4. Gift of Life - flyer
5. Christmas Mass and Confession Schedule - flyer
6. The Bible in a Year Podcast - flyer

Community Flyers:

