From the Principal's Desk



February 17, 2022



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Joy

Each morning members of the faculty and staff join together for prayer in the school chapel. We pray each day for a particular school family and for the intentions and needs in our own lives. It is a wonderful way to start each day. Currently we are reading daily devotions from the book "Jesus Always" by Sarah Young.

Today's devotion included the following:

"You can find Joy in the most unexpected places. However, this requires effort: searching for the good and refusing to let your natural responses blind you to what is there...Living joyously is a choice."

The passage goes on to talk about finding joy even during the trials that we may face both large and small. I was particularly struck by this today - not because I have some particular large trial that I am facing, but because I pondered this in relation to the joy that we are provided by just living in connection to and communion with Christ. What a beautiful gift you have given your children to have the opportunity to know true joy by providing them the gift of faith. This is a tough world with many pressing issues, but knowing that we are armed with the ability to face life with Joy as we look towards Jesus continuously is the greatest reassurance that all will be okay and that when we take the time to see it, things really do trend toward the good.



Dear Parents and Families,

I'm sending my sincere gratitude for making our Book Fair an outstanding success!

Thanks to your contributions. We raised \$4481 for our school library. We also collected more than \$430 for All for Books™, a program turning Book Fair donations into books for children who cannot afford them.

My reward for hosting a Book Fair is watching your kids discover new books. All that joy wouldn't be possible without volunteers from our school community – you deserve my special thanks.

Thank you to all volunteers who spent the week with us. I would also like to thank all the Grandparents and special guests who attended the book fair on Friday. It was a special end to the week!

All of our bags were generously donated by Lakeshore Learning Store at 7009 Manchester Blvd Ste A, Alexandria, VA 22310.

I hope to see you and your child at our next Fair. Until then, happy reading!

Gratefully,

Alice Sansaver Librarian Holy Spirit School



Dear friends of the 5K Spirit Run,

Thank you, thank you for an amazing 2021 5K Spirit Run! It was a year like no other! It was a hybrid race so we had participants in person and several who ran in their own neighborhoods. We had 6 different start times to accommodate social distancing, and it was the first year we held the race at Holy Spirit School! We broke our participation records and had 336 registrants! We had our Facebook Live start event with inspiring words from Father O'Donohue and a beautiful spring day on a new trail filled with families and friends sharing our Holy Spirit pride after being apart the previous year.

This year will be the 7th annual 5K Spirit Run and although we have enjoyed holding the 5K at

our beautiful local parks, we are excited to announce that the **2022 5K Spirit Run will be held at Holy Spirit School** in our Parish neighborhood so we are able to keep our expenses lower. The money we raise each year helps to financially support our Resource Program. Our growing Resource Team continues to provide academic support for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism, Intellectual disabilities, and other special needs in an inclusive Catholic environment. Holy Spirit School has been a leader in inclusive education in our diocese for many years due to the services our Resource Program provides. Our Reading Resource services not only provide specific reading intervention but also touch the lives of many students by holding small reading groups for students who have been identified as benefitting from early reading intervention.

The 2022 5K Spirit Run will have an in-person 5k route starting at Holy Spirit School, but you will also be able to participate virtually if you choose. Please keep monitoring the Holy Spirit School webpage and Facebook page as they will be updated regularly as we have updated information to share.

SAVE THE DATE 2022 Hybrid 5K Spirit Run May 21, 2022 "In Work There is Dignity"

Please consider making a donation, becoming a business sponsor, or volunteering your time. By supporting the 5K Spirit Run you are saying that you support Catholic inclusive education for all students.

Blessings always,

Sue Gibbons, Race Coordinator https://www.facebook.com/Holyspiritschoolspiritrun

Early Bird Ordering for a yearbook ends tomorrow, February 18; see the information below.

A reminder that tomorrow is a half day for everyone (Extended Day is open) and Monday, 2/21 is a NO school day.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Day on Tuesday, March 1st (see the flyer below).

We will mark the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, March 2nd with Mass and the distribution of ashes.

The parent portal in PowerSchool will close on Tuesday, March 8th and the 2nd Trimester ends on Friday, March 11th. Report cards will be prepared for distribution on March 18th. A reminder to be sure to enter your PSSC volunteer hours as the next report will be run at the closing of the trimester and letters going out with the report cards.

There are A LOT of events happening not just at school, but in the parish too! Be sure to look through everything not just this week, but every week!

-Maureen Ashby

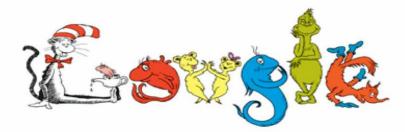
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Tuesday March Ist

Spend the day dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character

Put a Wocket in your pocket Be a Lorax Wear a cat's hat Be creative...there are so many possibilities!



*This is NOT a regular dress down day. You must be in costume to participate.

It is time to start training for the annual 5K Spirit Run!!!!

Did you submit your design? The contest closes tomorrow, Friday, February 18th!

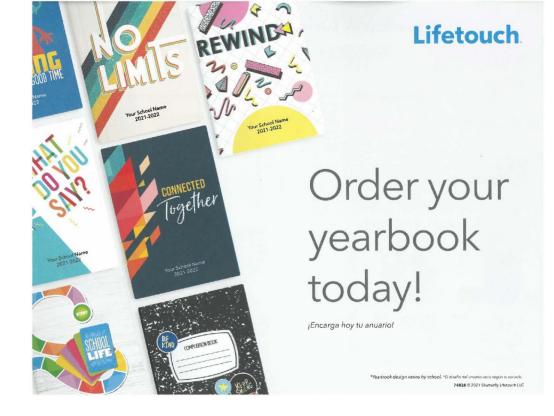
2022 5K Spirit Run T-Shirt Design Contest "In Work There is Dignity"

- Submit a design for the Holy Spirit 5k Spirit Run t-shirts!
- Design Must Include:
 - "Holy Spirit School 5k Spirit Run 2022"
 - The theme: "In Work There is Dignity"
 - Only TWO colors (black counts as one of them)
 - Your name and grade on the BACK of your design
 - Must be on 8½" x 11" paper
 - Submit to the front office, Mrs. Gibbons or Ms. Walker

Winning design will be hung in the hallway with previous years winning t-shirts!

Winner gets a free race entry, t-shirt, and

Early Bird Ordering for the 21/22 Yearbook has begun and continues through February 18, 2022!



Order your yearbook today on ybpay.com

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Board Game Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

Attention 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students, Come play fun board games with friends and Mrs. Marino & Ms. Walker!

When: March 2, March 9, March 17, March 24, March 30, April 7, April 13 Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. Where: Room 14

The club will meet on Wednesdays from March 2 until April 13. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school. Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. To sign up please go to:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AAFAC2CAAF49-holy1

If you have any questions please contact us by email (<u>imarino@holyspiritflames.org</u> or <u>fwalker@holyspiritflames.org</u>)

Click here to sign up!

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families! Thank you to all that helped make the Book Fair such a success. We saw lots of smiling faces on the children throughout their visit to the library!

Features:

It's time to start the nomination process for PTO Board! If you are interested please sign up at <u>PTO Executive Board Nominations 2022/2023 (google.com)</u> or contact the PTO President at <u>ptopresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>.

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.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser: It's a great time to make sure your children's belongings aren't nameless and living in the lost and found! Order some new name labels through the MabelsLabels.com fundraiser. Holy Spirit School will receive 20% of each order, and the lost and found will thank you! See attached flyer for details.

Recess Duty Survey: Want to have your voice heard and provide your input to the school's recess duty program. Now is your chance. Follow the link below to a quick survey and be heard.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17tskvScigkre5-fQI Pwm3A8CO1k0Mcory8gMUAckC0/edit

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- February 19 - Roaming Coyote Food Truck 5-7:30 PM (see information below)
- February 23
- Talent Show Audition Sign-up (see information below)
- February 28
- Used Uniform Sale (see information below)
- March 3rd, 15th, 23rd, Connect1.io Training/Information Session 27th, & 31st, - Spring Fundraiser 12:00-3:00 PM

- Science Fair

- March 26
 - March 31 April 9
 - Talent Show - Out of the Bubble Bakery Fundraiser
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- April 30 .
- May 1 May 7
- Teachers Appreciation Week
- May 14
- Field Day

- Spring Fling

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels: https://mabelslabels.com/en US/fundraising/support/

Amazon Smile: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F; look for Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Questions: kosborne1023@yahoo.com)

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

Amplifying Information:

Talent Show Auditions will be held on February 23, 2022, after school in the Quinn Room. The Talent Show will be on April 9, 2022, and the PTO is looking for singers, actors, jugglers, magicians, musicians, comedians, dancers, and clowns - to name a few. Please see attached sign-up form due on February 16th. If you have guestions, or are interested in helping with the show, please contact Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinitetech.org.

Connect 1.io. We will have training/information sessions February 16th, 22nd, & 27th, March 3rd, 15th, 23rd, 27th, & 31st. This application will streamline our efforts to coordinate activities and come closer as a community. We will open the application for sign-ups in March and are going to test the application for all field day sign ups. We will continue to provide updated information as we get closer to the end of the year. More info about Connect1.io is provided below.

Science Fair Judges are needed to interview students and score projects. Judging will take place from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 31st in the gym. A catered lunch will be served. All judges will be required to wear masks. If you would like to help, please contact Laura Laclede at SCIENCEFAIR@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG

Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!



Sale Date- MONDAY, February 28 from 3:30-6:00 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 TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

Important Details-

- Masks will be required
- 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!



Roaming Coyote Food Truck is coming to Holy Spirit School!

Saturday, February 19th 5-7:30 pm

Holy Spirit School will earn 10% of all orders! Preordering available starting February 14th, at: <u>https://the-roaming-coyote.square.site/</u>)



Mabel's labels are waterproof, durable labels for the stuff kids lose.



Connect 1 School Engagement App Make Community Engagement <u>SIMPLE</u>, <u>FUN</u>, and Full of <u>HEART</u>

Connect 1



Three Engagement Functions in One App

- 1. Volunteering
- 2. Community Directory and Talent Center
- Prayer Board



Volunteering

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- Secure and Only Accessible by School Community
- Digital Volunteering Board with all Events in One Place
- Talent Linking to Volunteer Roles
- Track Virtus Training Status for Volunteers
- ✓ Define Volunteer Points NO MORE HOURS TRACKING
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- New Award Center to Recognize Volunteers

Community Directory and Talent Center

- Community Contact In formation at Your Fingertips
- Easily Filter by Grade, Teacher, Talent or More
- New Talent Center See Talents / Skills of Parents
- Automatically Get Directions Through Google Maps
- Separate Faculty vs. Family Contact Pages



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- Saint Avatars to Represent Your Family in the App
- Request Prayers from Your Community
- See Prayers of Community on "Prayer Board"
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- Gaming Achieve Increasing Status to Sainthood by Answering More Prayers

Visit www.connect1.io or download the app by searching for "Connect1 Mobile" in your AppStore or PlayStore

Talent Showcase!!!

See the links below in the Family Folder section for sign ups for both performers and volunteers

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Show case	Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase				
SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM	Slowcase				
When: February 23, 2022 Ware: Boly Spinit Cym Time: 326 - 530pm	When: April 9, 2022				
Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 9, 2022.	WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!				
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PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVP@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.

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High** Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday. Last updated 2/14/2022

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: February 11 - February 17, 2022

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your

child to school

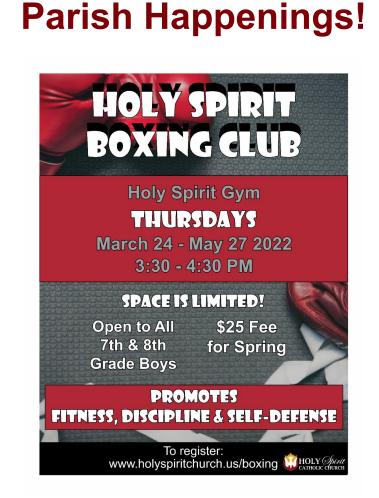
Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

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).

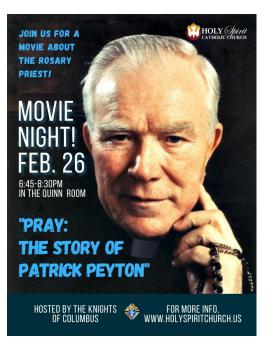
If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

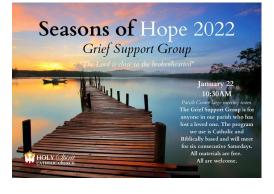
If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

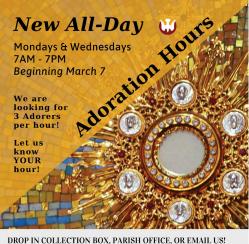












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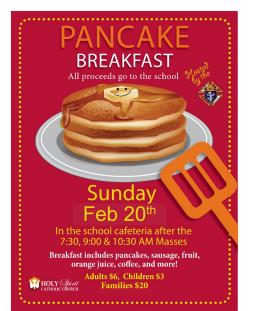
For more info or to signup, Adoration@holyspiritchurch.us



and High Schoolers! Feel free to drop in the Youth Office during Open Door Thursdays to hangout, chat, or visit with Myranda over a cup of coffee. Stay as little or long as you like!

> THURSDAYS 4-6PM

> > One Time Signup! www.holyspiritchurch.us





This Lent, try a new approach to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

The Validing with Types Group (Catholic women's Bible study group) of our parish invites you to ADD SIENCE to and SUBTRACT NOSE from your daily life for forty days, in addition to whatever traditional practices you consider this Lent, try turning off your Yr, ordic, poddax, tideo game, all phone, or other device for a set amount of time every day. Obviously, this a great time to tak on listen to Got Loo. Cut this out and put it on your fridge or desk as a reminder

My Lenten Commitment:

I will add ___ minutes of silence to my day, every day, during Lent by subtracting ___ minutes of the following from my day:

"There is one great question: how can man really be in the image of God? He must enter into silence." -Cardinal Robert Sarah



Synod Listening Session

March 10, 2022 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Church

All are Invited! Join Fr. O'Donohue

In preparation for the Synod of Bishops in Rome, 2023.

Pope Francis has invited all to participate in the Diocesan Synodal Phase, which will involve in-person Listening Sessions at the local level: in parishes, at universities and schools, at Catholic Charities, and at other locations. We will also each out to include those who are no longer active in the failh, and those on the margins of the Church and society, that we may understand what distances them from the Church and how we might accompany them.

> For more info visit, www.holyspiritchurch.us/synod



Saturday Mornings 7-8:30am In the Quinn Room

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "February 17, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- 1. PTO Talent Showcase flyer
- 2. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer flyer
- 3. PTO Connect One App flyer
- 4. Coyote Grille Fundraiser flyer
- 5. Mabels Labels fundraiser flyer
- 6. Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 7. Spring Chess Club flyer
- 8. 5K Spirit Run Tshirt Contest flyer
- 9. Intermediate Grade Game Club flyer
- 10. Dr. Seuss Day flyer
- 11. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Car Raffle flyer
- 2. Knights of Columbus Movie Night flyer
- 3. Men's Retreat flyer
- 4. Adoration flyer
- 5. YM Open Door Thursdays flyer
- 6. Season of Hope flyer
- 7. Boxing Club flyer
- 8. Pancake Breakfast flyer
- 9. Silent Lent flyer
- 10. Synod Listening Session flyer
- 11. That Man is You flyer

Community Flyers: