From the Principal's Desk



February 3, 2022



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Wrap It Up!





Our annual Catholic Schools Week celebration is about at its conclusion and there are simply not enough "Thank you's" to go around to everyone who helps to make us the wonderful, vibrant, faith-filled, learning community that we are.

I wanted to take a moment to highlight the service project which the students completed yesterday. We are grateful for your assistance in our mission of teaching the children the value and grace that comes with being a servant-leader. Yesterday was truly a vivid representation of seeing the hearts of the children inspired to give to those in need. The donations were such that each student in the school was able to put together a "newborn welcome kit" that included a note from a middle school student, a receiving blanket, cloth diapers (and pins), a onesie, a wash cloth, and a pad which will provide a clean space on which to change the precious babies born in Haiti. The extras of each item will be packaged and sent, as well.

We are so very fortunate to have Ms. Rebeca Garcia on our faculty. She is privileged to have gone to Haiti with the Operation Starfish group from Nativity Parish and has seen first-hand the goods works of Stella Marina. Ms. Garcia provided a wonderful slide deck and video clips for the students to view so that they can better understand who we are serving with this project.

A warm thank you to all of the parents who were here volunteering yesterday. And a huge shoutout to Mrs. Evans for running the day and making sure that all of the students had a positive experience.





Please RSVP for Grandparents Day by tomorrow, February 4th so that we can plan for the correct number of people.

Thank you!

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



Grandparents Day February 11, 2022

We are making adjustments to our Grandparents Day plan in the hopes that we can welcome as many people as possible who are looking forward to attending!

First, please RSVP by Friday, February 4, 2022! Below is a link to a Google Form which allows you to indicate your family name, the grade level(s) of the children, and the number of guests who will be in attendance on February 11th.

Grandparents and their grandchildren should arrive together in time for the 9:00 am Mass and go directly to the church.

Any student who will not have a guest that day should arrive at school at regular time and those students will attend Mass with their homeroom.

After Mass all grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to attend a reception in the gymnasium where we will have a breakfast "treat" and a planned activity.

Grandparents and grandchildren will also have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair in the library, if that is something they would like to do.

(All students will be provided a "treat" after Mass regardless of whether they have a guest attending.)

A reminder that all visitors to the building must wear a face mask.



Remember last week when I said that guidance with regard to COVID continues to change rapidly? Well, that is really quite true.

The principals of the Diocesan schools that are located in Fairfax County, as well as other private school principals, met on Monday with the liaison to the Fairfax County Health Department and the District Epidemiologist. It was relayed to the group that universal (contact) tracing is no longer recommended by public health and that contract tracing in schools no longer needs to be done.

We were told that FCHD is moving to a flu-based model as the department considers the illness, at this point, to have moved to an endemic phase.

As of this writing, schools are no longer required to report individual or sporadic COVID cases to FCHD, but instead will follow predetermined guidelines with regard to what would be termed "outbreaks" for not just COVID, but for any communicable disease (flu, Hepatitis, norovirus, etc.).

This latest change requires a continued emphasis on personal responsibility and being in-tune with the health of your family members. If your child is not feeling well, please keep him/her home and communicate with both your healthcare provider and our school nurse.

Procedures with regard to isolating and quarantining within family units remain and we will continue to provide practical information about this to families.

The flowchart entitled: "What to do if my child is ill or exposed to COVID-19?" is a great resource for families and may be accessed at the following link: <u>https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2022/01/K-12-COVID-19-Parent-Flowchart.pdf</u>

If there is a positive COVID case identified and that student or staff member has been present on campus during what is considered the "infectious period", parents/guardians of children associated with that particular homeroom will continue to receive an email notification from the school. Schools have been encouraged to update policies and procedures to be sure that general exclusion policies for any communicable disease take COVID into specific consideration. Below you will find a link to a document providing information on what you can expect to hear from the school nurse when discussing a suspected or confirmed case of COVID.

The FCHD contacts were clear that should the course of the COVID illness change, there may be updates and changes to recommended policies and procedures.

Important Health Information - Amended School Illness Policy

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Hello, Holy Spirit Families! Catholic Schools Week is here!

Features:

Just another friendly reminder that the PTO Board Nominations/Elections are right around the corner. It's time to start the nomination process! <u>Please use link to submit your nominations</u>.

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.

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/17tskvSciqkre5-fQl_Pwm3A8CO1k0Mcory8qMUAckC0/edit

Important upcoming dates to remember: **February 6 – February 11** – Book Fair!!!

If you're interested in volunteering for the Book Fair use this sign-up genius link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044dafad29a13-2022 ○ 6th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm \circ 7th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm o 8th, 9th, 10th 8:00 am - 3:00 pm 8:00 am - 11:30 am o 11th February 15 - PTO Meeting, 6:30-8:30 pm. Join the Zoom Meeting: https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/88005951581? pwd=NUxTS0Fhc0dUQXEzaWJIZnpjOHVFZz09 Meeting ID: 880 0595 158, Passcode: 884234 February 16, 22, 27 - Connect1.io Training/Information Session - Roaming Coyote Food Truck 5-7:30 PM (see information below) February 19 February 23 - Talent Show Audition Sign-up (see information below) February 28 – Used Uniform Sale March 3rd, 15th, 23rd, - Connect1.io Training/Information Session 27th, & 31st. March 26 – Spring Fundraiser March 30 – April 1 - Science Fair April 9 - Talent Show April 24 - Out of the Bubble Bakery Fundraiser April 30 - Spring Fling

May 1 – May 7– Teachers Appreciation Week

May 14 – Field Day

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels: https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/

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

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 questions, or are interested in helping with the show, please contact Joe Terpenning at <u>iterpenning@infinitetech.org</u>.

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 provide below.



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
- Gaming Earn Points, Advance in Levels, Attain Status
- 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



Prayer Board



- Saint Avatars to Represent Your Family in the App
- Request Prayers from Your Community
- See Prayers of Community on "Prayer Board"
- An swer Prayers with a Single Click
- 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 SIGNUP / AUDITION FORM	Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Snowcase
When: February 23, 2022 Where: Holy Spaint Gym Time: 325 - 530pm	★ When: April 9, 2022
Auditions/registrations are open to all atudents who want to perform in the show on April 9, 2022.	WENEED VOLUNTEERS!!
WEAR LOOKNE OVE SIGDER, ACTORS, BLOCKNER, MACRENN, SANKEN, CARRINA, MARTINLALARTIN, MARTINE,	Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! We are currently planning a live event and need a lot of help. All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Jobs and openings may change if the event format changes. Updates to the signup and notifications will be sent as they become available. Please click the signup link below:
Talent/Act:	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A9A92EA31-holy9
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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.

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

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

The Book Fair is in need of volunteers!!

Click the button below to sign up to assist in a variety of ways. Thank you!!!

Book Fair Volunteer Signup



Visit our Book Fair in the school library Sunday Feb 6 - Friday Feb 11

Hours: Sunday 10 AM-2 PM Monday 8 AM - 6 PM SPECIAL EVENING HOURS Tuesday-Thursday 8 AM-3 PM Friday 8 AM-11:30 AM

25% of all proceeds go to the school library.

New to the school? Click Here for more information and FAQs

Click here to set up the EWallet and visit the online Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair Info and FAQs

EWallet and online Book Fair

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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ALL GRADES & LEVELS

MONDAYS

3:20PM-4:20PM

2/28 - 5/23

No club meeting on school closure or early dismissal days

TUITION: \$182 FOR 11 WEEKS





HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHESS CLUB

Fun is the name of the game...

...but Silver Knights also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess club!

Our great coaches teach students of all levels using a curriculum designed by our team of National Masters. Each week students do a fun but challenging lesson followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with Silver Knights!

All equipment is provided.

To register, scan the QR Code or visit www.skchess.com to find out more including financial aid information

Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070

IN-PERSON STE(A)M



After-school Classes for Kids

- Kids will connect their STE(A)M knowledge to everyday activities and events, they will deepen their understanding of and interest in science
- This fall, we will explore principles of engineering and technology
- Students will further develop their social-emotional learning and executive function skills

WHERE:	Holy Spirit Catholic School
WHEN:	Mondays
TIME:	3:15pm-4:15pm
DATES:	March 7 th – May 16 th
NO CLASS:	April 18 th
GRADES:	K-4 th
MIN/MAX:	8/12 students
PRICE:	\$200 for a 10-week session
REGISTER:	www.iSTEAMAfterSchool.com



Our COVID protocol: face masks required, reduced class size to 12 students max, sanitized supplies and equipment

Please email or call us with any questions info@iCookAfterSchool.com | (773) 900-7074 www.iSTEAMAfterSchool.com



IN-PERSON

After-school Coding Classes for Kids

- Students will learn the basics of coding and computer science
- By the end of the course, students will be able to share a library of games they designed and coded
- We will provide tools for students to express themselves creatively, learn to problem solve and think logically, and inspire them to discover and innovate

WHERE: Holy Spirit Catholic School
WHEN: Thursdays
TIME: 3:15pm-4:15pm
DATES: March 10th – May 26th
NO CLASS: April 14th & April 18th
GRADES: 1-5th
MIN/MAX: 8-12 students
PRICE: \$220 for a 10-week session
REGISTER: www.iCodeAfterSchool.com

Our COVID protocol: face masks required, reduced class size to 12 students max, sanitized supplies and equipment

> Please email or call us with any questions info@iCookAfterSchool.com | (773) 900-7074 www.iCodeAfterSchool.com

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High** Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday. Last updated 1/31/2022

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): **2** Time period: January 28 - February 3, 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.

Parish Happenings!











"I view it as one of the works of mercy and part our responsibility to our ibility to unity."

Bereavement Ministry members pray for the deceased and support their loved ones by attending fu-nerals and visitations in our par-ish throughout the year. For those unable to attend day-time funerals, our **prayer group** members **pray form** home for the deceased of our parish.



Email gss@holyspiritchurch.us to sign up.



Holy Spirit Parish Good Samaritan Society

Serve those in need through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Spirit Conference

Attend parish funerals and wakes to support the deceased and their loved ones.

Grieve the loss of a loved one and encourage others who are grieving through the Seasons of Hope grief support group.

Pray for the needs of the parish or ask for prayers for your own needs.

Sew sheets and coverlets for preschoolers individually or as a group.

Feed the poor through the regular St. Lucy Food drives in the parish and the monthly food collection for the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Knit or crochet items for babies, the homeless, and deployed members of the military.

Bake cookies for prisoners at Christian retreats.

Support the needs of diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services as they help legal migrants set up their homes in our area.

Help the needy through four community service organizations: accaares.org www.seho-inc.org www.farfarfsh.org facetscares.org

10 great ways to be a Good Samaritan in our community



Find out about how you can help by emailing gss@holyspiritchurch.us or going to holyspiritchurch.us/ ministries/service/goodsamaritan-society/



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Register online or contact Sean Roberts and pay by check: www.holyspiritchurch.us/mensretreat seanroberts911@gmaiLcom



Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "February 3, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder 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. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Adult Volleyball flyer
- 2. Car Raffle flyer
- 3. Seasons of Hope flyer
- 4. Good Samaritan Society flyer
- 5. Diaper Drive flyer
- 6. Bereavement Ministry flyer
- 7. Knights of Columbus Movie Night flyer
- 8. Men's Retreat flyer
- 9. Married Couples Morning of Reflection flyer
- 10. Adoration flyer
- 11. YM Open Door Thursdays flyer
- 12. Food Drive flyer

Community Flyers: