## From the Principal's Desk



January 21, 2021



## Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

# Just a little bit about the COVID-19 vaccine





We have reached the point in the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine where teachers are able to sign-up to receive it, if they so choose. I thought, because we have reached this point, that I would take a moment to put forth information that is important to know. First, please note that it is not mandatory for faculty or staff to receive the vaccine. All of our wonderful teachers and staff have their own health stories and each is making the decision, along with their families and with their health history in mind, as to whether they are going to receive the vaccine.

Secondly, even with faculty and staff receiving the vaccine, nothing here at school changes

with regard to the protocols that are in place. To date, the Executive Orders from the Governor of Virginia's office have not been amended and therefore, masks in school are still mandatory and physical distancing is still mandatory. Additionally, even if someone has received the vaccine, at this point, if that person has a COVID exposure, he/she must still complete the recommended quarantine.

Let us be hopeful that the next several months bring positive steps forward!

Traditionally in February we have our annual Grandparents Day here at school. Cleary that will not be happening in person. The faculty has begun to brainstorm what might be done, so please know that it is on our minds and agendas.

We are getting close to "Baby Time" for Mrs. Webb! So exciting! While she is out on maternity leave beginning later this month, Mr. Jim Doran will be here as the long-term substitute teacher. Mr. Doran completed his "career switcher" teaching program last year and we are so grateful that he is here given how familiar he is with the school. Last year Mr. Doran substitute taught across the grade levels and, of course, he is a long time parent. When you see him, please welcome and thank him.

A reminder that if you are looking to apply for tuition assistance for the 2021/2022 academic year, you must complete a FACTS application. Information regarding tuition assistance is available on the new school website under the *Admissions* button as you scroll down the front page. The deadline for applying is March 17, 2021.

For our current families who have younger siblings who will be ready for school next year, now is the time to let us know! We have begun accepting preschool and kindergarten students for the 2021/2022 academic year. If you have a child who is ready for school, you must complete an application for your child and pay the application fee. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Laclede (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org).

A few reminders:

The next **PTO Spirit Day** is Thursday, January 21st.

2nd Trimester interims will go out on Friday, January 29th.

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC is Friday, January 29th.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 31st.

Monday, February 15th is a **NO school day**.

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday.

Thursday, February 18th - PTO Spirit Day.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



## SPIRIT WEAR WEB STORE CLOSING TODAY!

### The <u>Spirit Wear Web Store</u> will be closing **TODAY**, *Thursday*, *January* 21st!

To view and order from the online store, click <u>here</u>. Don't delay.

Minimums have **NOT** been met on several screen printed items for both youth and adults. If minimums are not met, orders will be cancelled and refunds will be issued.

This will be the last time this school year that you will be able to purchase any of these items!

NOTE: Orders are expected to be delivered to the school on/around *February 16th*.



This year the annual Life is VERY Good event that is planned by the Diocesan Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries in connection with the March for Life will, as many things have this year, be going virtual.

On Thursday, January 28 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm, the Life is VERY Good Evening of Prayer will take place at the St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington and will be livestreamed. The Evening of Prayer includes Eucharistic adoration with Bishop Burbidge, a keynote address by Ennie Hickman, and music by Steve Angrisano. The Office is looking forward to having people from across the country participate via the livestream. (A limited number of in-person tickets will be available for the event.)

I hope you take a moment to view the promotional video that has been put together and please consider an evening together with your family in support of one of the cornerstones of our Faith, the protection of life.

LIVG 2021 Promo Video

The livestream link will be made available on the <u>Life is VERY Good webpage</u> and the <u>Life is VERY Good Facebook page</u> on the day of the event.



#### Schedule of Events 2021

#### Monday, February 1

- "Parent Appreciation Day"
- · Look for your parent "thank you" in the morning carpool line.
- Prayer Service 8:30am

#### Tuesday, February 2

- "Service Day"
- Students will write 'thank you' letters to First Responders; Veterans; New Recruits & Deployed Troops as part of the Operation Gratitude non-profit program

#### Wednesday, February 3

- "Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day
- · PTO "treats" for the faculty/staff
- · This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).
- · Look for a flyer with a sign-up for donations

#### Thursday, February 4

- "Student Appreciation" Day
- · Dress-down day (follow school policy for dress-down days)
- · Each homeroom will have movie/popcorn in the afternoon

#### Friday, February 5

- "Clergy Appreciation Day"
- 9:00am School Mass
- Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Carroll, Father Wooten, Deacon Grodek and Deacon D'Souza do within the school and parish community, but also the efforts of those involved with the parish Religious Education office and youth ministry.

## Holy Spirit School Online Bookstore

In Collaboration with Bookworm Central

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

-Mason Cooley

Date:

Location:

All year!

Click Here!

Holy Spirit Online Bookstore



## LEAVE A LEGACY AT HOLY SPIRIT!

Engrave a special message commemorating your Holy Spirit graduate or family on a stone paver which will be installed on the walkway of our new outdoor classroom! Take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity now and get **20% OFF!** 



To order, please fill out the info below and submit a check made out to "Holy Spirit PTO" in your child's class folder in an envelope labeled to the attention of the PTO.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Paver Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed:

Desired Message: \_\_\_\_

Message guidelines:

4x8 = 3 lines max. 16 spaces per line (includes letters, numbers, and spaces)

8x8 = 5 lines max., 16 spaces per line

12x12 = 6 lines max., 23 spaces per line

## Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire

We continue to work on an App for the daily health screening. Students must continue to arrive at school each day with a paper copy of the completed form. We are asking for the paper copy for now as trying to manage emails from families at the start of each day is not workable or practical for the staff.

**Parish Happenings!** 

#### Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire - 8.27.2020













Raffle proceeds will be used for special furnishings and needs for our new nar-thex to be built this year, such as a welcome desk and other furnishings, kitchen service items, artwork and more.

#### **How to Enter:**

Payment—For raffle ticket purchases <u>all checks must be made out to</u> "All <u>Saints Church</u>".

Mail-In Returns—All mail-in returns <u>must be mailed to All Saints Catholic</u> <u>Church.</u> The yellow card included with tickets makes this return easy.

**Collection Basket Returns** To make your participation easier, <u>Tickets may be</u> returned [sealed in the return envelopes provided with the yellow card] within the collection basket at Holy Spirit. Volunteers will periodically take these re-turns to All Saints for entry in the Car Raffle

Last Entry Date—All tickets must be returned within the collection basket no later than April 18th or postmarked for mailing to All Saints Catholic Church no later than April 20th.

Additional tickets may be obtained at vehicle displays in front of the Church or by contacting Tom Kennedy at tfkinva@aol.com.

#### Previous Holy Spirit Winners

 2002
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## **Community Happenings!**

## **FAMILY FOLDER**

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 21, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family



School Flyers:

- 1. Catholic Schools Week 2021 flyer
- 2. Holy Spirit's Online Bookstore flyer
- 3. PTO Paver flyer

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Deacon Nick retirement flyer
- March for Life flyer
   Men's Lenten Day of Reflection flyer
- 4. Women's Lenten Day of Reflection flyer
- 5. Year of St. Joseph flyer Part I
- 6. Year of St. Joseph flyer Part II
- 7. Car raffle flyer

Community Flyers:

Folder