From the Principal's Desk



January 27, 2022



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Catholic Schools Week

This Sunday, January 30th is the start of the annual national Catholic Schools Week celebration. A warm "Thank you" to each and everyone of our families for the choice that you made to invest in a Catholic education for your children.

The schedule of events for next week is below. We encourage all of our students to wear their school uniform to whichever Mass you attend this weekend. Our parishioners are great supporters of our school and would love to see all of our students proudly showing that they attend our parish school.

This Sunday is also our Open House for prospective families for the 22/23 academic year. If you know of relatives, neighbors or friends considering Catholic education - send them our way - we would love to speak with them.

On Wednesday of next week, the students will learn about the Stella Marina project and will put together kits that will go to midwives in northern Haiti which will ultimately be given to new mothers.

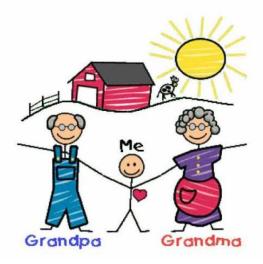
We are still accepting donations for this project (the flyer is in the Family Folder section below).

We are looking for some parent volunteers to assist us on that day. If you are interested use the sign up link below.

Thursday is Student Appreciation Day and a dress down day for the students. (Rumor has it the tradition will live on of the faculty dressing as the students that day...)

Catholic Schools Week Service Day Volunteer

"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.

Click here to RSVP

As we have made our way through this week, we are now in a status of having to contact trace

each positive case of COVID-19 when the person was on campus during what is considered the infectious period. This requires us to look at seating charts and determine those students who are considered a close contact. Once we have determined those students who are considered close contacts, we then check vaccination status. Depending on that, the "type" of email that parents receive will be different as fully vaccinated students (or those who have documentation of having had COVID in the past 90 days) are eligible for in-school quarantine (with the understanding that a mask must be worn at at all times, including recess and immediately following eating) and unvaccinated students must quarantine at home and require immediate pick up from school. As we have always done, all members of a homeroom where a case has been reported will receive a general email informing parents.

To this point in the year, no students have been quarantined when positive cases were reported because we fell under the exemption of universal masking and students seated three feet apart.

Please understand that if you receive a phone call asking for verification of vaccination status for your child, we are simply looking to be able to send the best information via email as possible as expeditiously as possible. If you would prefer to not provide information regarding vaccination status for your child, that is fine; your child will be required to complete any needed quarantine at home.

We know that many students in our community have received the COVID vaccination and/or booster over the past several weeks. For purposes of contact tracing, if you would, please consider sharing that information with Mrs. Wild, it is appreciated (awild@holyspiritflames.org).

Lastly, as you might imagine, guidance has changed and continues to change rapidly. We are doing our very best to keep up with everything while balancing keeping as many students in school as possible with keeping everyone as healthy as we can knowing that we cannot guarantee zero transmission of the virus here at school.

We are actively seeking individuals to be on our substitute teacher list. If you have an interest in assisting in this way, please contact Mrs. Evans (nevans@holyspiritflames.org).

Thank you for all you continue to do to support the mission of Holy Spirit School.



Schedule of Events 2022

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1

- · "Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day
- PTO "surprise" for the faculty; look for a signup genius
- This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).

Wednesday, February 2

- "Service Day"
- Students will put together newborn care kits to donate to Stella Marina
- · Our goal is to donate 450 care kits
- See the flyer listing what items each grade is donating plus \$2 from every student
- · Parent volunteers needed look for the signup genius

Thursday, February 3

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

Friday, February 4

- · "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 Celebrates National Catholic Schools Week

Come check us out! Open House - Sunday, Jan 30 1 - 2:30pm

www.holyspiritflames.org



-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Featured Vacancies:

Just another friendly reminder that the PTO Board Nominations/Elections are right around the corner. Start thinking now about whether you would like to hold a position, or perhaps know someone that does!

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.

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.

Amazon Smile: 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!

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17tskvSciqkre5-fQl Pwm3A8CO1koMcory8qMUAckCo/edit

Important upcoming dates to remember:

January 31 – February 4 – Catholic Schools Week

February 6 – February 11 – Book Fair!!!

6th
 7th
 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
 8th, 9th, 10th
 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 11th
 8:00 am - 11:30 am

February 15 – PTO Meeting, 6:30–8:30 pm. Join the Zoom Meeting:

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/88005951581?

<u>pwd=NUxTSoFhcodUQXEzaWJIZnpjOHVFZzo9</u> Meeting ID: 880 0595 158, Passcode:

884234

February 23 – Talent Show Audition Sign-up (see information below)

February 28 – Used Uniform Sale
March 26 – Spring Fundraiser
March 30 – April 1 – Science Fair
April 9 – Talent Show
April 30 – Spring Fling

May 1 – May 7 – Teachers Appreciation Week

May 14 – Field Day

Committee Vacancies:

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

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 jterpenning@infinitetech.org.

A Message from the Spirit Gear Committee

The Spirit Gear Committee would like to thank you for your support as well as your patience with our Fall spirit gear sale in October. It was a great success even though a few families experienced product delays. The Spirit Gear Committee reached both goals of offering a larger variety of products with two new designs at a lower cost. The PTO even profited over a thousand dollars. If you have not received your spirit gear products or a refund, please contact Stacey @ RNchickie@gmail.com. Also, be on the lookout for our Spring spirit gear sale that will have fun, new products.

And to celebrate.... We will have PTO Spirit Gear Days on the following dates: February 17

March 17 April 14 May 19

What is a Spirit Gear Day?

On the designated calendar days students may forgo their uniform and come to school in their Spirit Gear!

This is not a general dress down day and students must be wearing gear that has been sold through the PTO. Spirit Gear does not have to be from this year, but can be gear that was purchased in past years from the PTO. (The pajama bottoms sold in past years may NOT be worn to school.)

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Community Directory and Talent Center

- ✓ Community Contact Information at Your Fingertips
- ✓ Easily Filter by Grade, Teacher, Talent or More
- ✓ NewTalent 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"
- ✓ Answer 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

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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

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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.

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

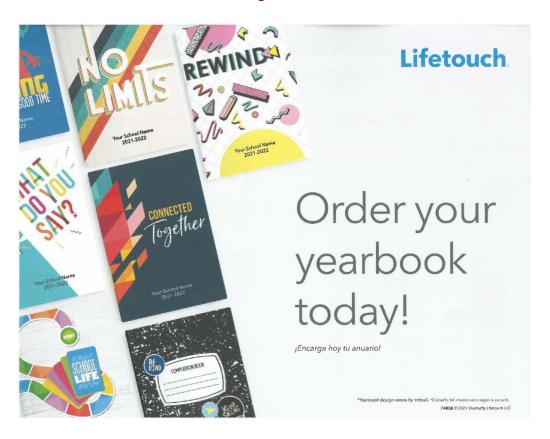
Click here to set up the EWallet and visit the online Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair Info and FAQs

EWallet and online Book Fair link

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



Order your yearbook today on ybpay.com

Order Deadline: February 18, 2022 Yearbook ID Code:

11439522

School Name:

Holy Spirit School

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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 March 7th - May 16th DATES:

NO CLASS: April 18th GRADES: K-4th

MIN/MAX: 8/12 students

\$200 for a 10-week session PRICE:

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 1/24/2022

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 21 - January 27, 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).

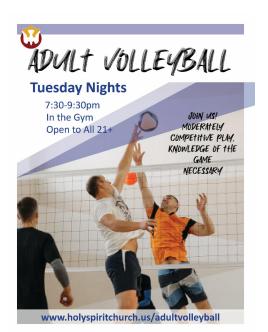
If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

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!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 27, 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. Catholic Schools Week Schedule
- 5. Catholic Schools Week Service Project Flyer
- Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 7. 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

Community Flyers: