

January 7, 2021



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

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

Here we go, again!

As I sit here composing this email, the hallways are quiet but the classrooms are brimming with smiles and learning. I think coming back after an extended break is tiring for everyone as we edge towards the end of the week!

Thank you to everyone for being so forthright with information about your holiday travels and for continuing to err on the side of caution when making determinations about sending your children into school.

The 2nd Trimester is quickly moving to the half-way point! Now would be a great time to assess the supplies that your student should have for class and make sure things like paper, pencils and pens are still plentiful.

The second testing session for Scantron (grade 3-7) begins next week. Although these are not necessarily what would be considered "high stakes" tests, it would be helpful to remind your children that they want to put forth their best effort. The format for the assessment has changed this year; students are still assessed in three areas: mathematics, reading, English grammar, but they are challenged with only 25 questions for each area. Although there is a definitive number of questions, the assessment is still "adaptive" in that students are provided questions based on where they scored in the last session and whether they are correctly or incorrectly completing questions. It is important to note that it is not possible for students to go back to questions and redo them; once they have chosen an answer the assessment moves forward. Thank you for your support!

This year due to the current restrictions in place regarding field trips, we will not be taking interested 8th graders to the Life is VERY Good event or the March for Life on January 29th.

We will have Mass here at school for the older students just as we always do on Fridays. We will pray the rosary as a whole school, as well.

It is my understanding that the parish will not be providing buses this year; please check the parish bulletin for the schedule of events for the day here at the parish.

Catholic Schools Week, the week where we get to celebrate along with others all that is great about our school, is right around the corner! Please look for information in the next week or so for the schedule of events.

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 school website under the *Current Families Resources* tab. 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).

So, what I thought was going to be a fairly short note, is beginning to get a little lengthy! I do pray that 2021 has begun with much happiness and peace for all of our families.

A few reminders:

Winter **Scantron Testing** will begin January 11th for grades 3-7.

Monday, January 18th is a **NO school day**.

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.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School Online Bookstore

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

-Mason Cooley

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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!**

4x8 - ~~\$100~~ \$80

8x8 - ~~\$250~~ \$200

12x12 - ~~\$500~~ \$400



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

We will consider your children to be automatically re-enrolled for the 2021/2022 academic year and the \$100.00 non-refundable re-registration fee per child will be assessed as of January 1, 2021 via FACTS. If you know for certain that your child will not be returning please complete and return the Intent Not to Return prior to leaving for the Christmas break (December 18, 2020).

Tuition 2021/2022 Letter

Tuition 2021/2022

Letter to current families regarding registration

Intent NOT to Return Form

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.

[Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire - 8.27.2020](#)

Parish Happenings!

High School Youth Group
Christmas Coat Drive!

Dropoff Starts Dec. 13 After Mass
Drop off in one of the metal bins outside the vestibule marked coat drive

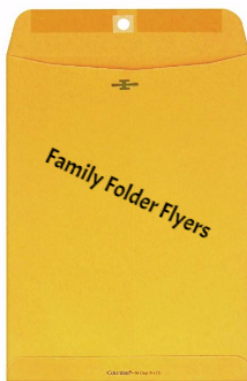
**Main Collection:
January 9-10th**

Items Needed:

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

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

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 7, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Holy Spirit's Online Bookstore flyer
2. PTO Paver flyer
3. Tuition 2021/2022 Letter
4. Tuition 2021/2022

Parish Flyers:

1. Coat Drive flyer

Community Flyers: