

July 21, 2022



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2022/2023
"Joy"

Seeing Joy



As my family and I have slipped away for a bit of time to relax and enjoy the company of both immediate and extended family, I find myself reflecting on our theme pretty much everyday. Seeing joy in even the smallest of moments certainly makes the sun shine just a bit brighter and the laughter just a bit more genuine. I hope you are blessed with time spent with family over these weeks of Summer.

We continue to prepare for the coming year and I am seeking your prayers as we pursue

qualified candidates to fill the teaching positions that are still open. Most days it is easy to find an article in some (if not most) media sources talking about the need for teachers in our country. For so many reasons, teachers left the profession at the end of the last academic year leaving not only holes in the hearts of the students and families that they touched over their careers, but also holes in the faculty rosters of many, many schools. The schools in our Diocese are not immune to this phenomena with dozens and dozens of positions still needing to be filled across all of the schools.

If you know of a teacher candidate, in particular on the elementary level, who would be open to a conversation, please have him or her reach out to me.

Please note that "Band" will make its return for the upcoming academic term. We continue to work with Garwood Whaley and the company is in the process of securing an instructor for us. Watch for additional information in the coming weeks.

Christmas in July!



Our hand-me-down Nativity sets have been retired and we are replacing both with beautiful Fontanini sets. One will be a larger 27" set which will be in the front lobby of the school as we make our way through the Advent and Christmas seasons and the other is smaller and meant for the school chapel.

If you would like to donate to assist us in covering the costs of these sets (which have a total price of just over \$5700.00) please let me know.

Additionally we are replacing the images of Mary and Joseph and the Stations of the Cross in the school chapel to match the style of the icons which hang outside of each classroom. If you would like to donate to assist in covering those costs, please let me know.

For those seeking to make use of Morning Care and/or Extended Day, you may access the information regarding rates and the registration sheet below.

Extended Day Rates for
22/23

Extended Day Registration Form
22/23



The Summer Reading List may be accessed via the link below. It is also available on the school website under the *Happening Now* section.

[Summer Reading List 2022](#)

Summer IXL Math work came home with report cards.



July 11 - July 29
T-Th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

August 1 - August 12
M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Office Closed Monday, August 15, 2022 for faculty/staff meetings

Beginning August 14, 2022 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



School Nurse: Mrs. Sheilia Forrer

Contact: sforrer@holyspiritflames.org

*A reminder that all medical forms and immunizations updates are due by August 1, 2022

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Top of the Day, Holy Spirit!

Events:

August 17, 6:00pm – New Family Social and Food Truck (see flyer below).

August 24 – Back to School!

September 7, 6:30pm – PTO Volunteer Fair.

Volunteer Coordinator Contact: If you see an event that you are interested in, please email Mary Sonnen -PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Fair Planning: If you are interested in helping to plan the Holy Spirit PTO Volunteer Fair scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30PM in the school gym, there will be two planning meetings this summer. The first is Monday evening, July 18th and the second is Monday, August 8th, both from 6-8PM. These hours count towards your annual 20 hour family volunteer requirement for Holy Spirit School. Please contact Mary Sonnen, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, for more information at 571-243-6423 (evenings/weekends) or through PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org. Sign up for these planning meetings is

available in the Connect1 App with your family account, use a desktop computer to begin and go to this website: <https://app.connect1.io>. See attached handout for easy Connect1 instructions or contact Tom Fields with questions at ptopssc@holyspiritflames.org. Each 1/2 hour of volunteering is worth 1 point in Connect1.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

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

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



New Family Social
Wednesday, August 17
6:00 pm
Front Lawn of Holy Spirit School

Please come to meet other new members of the Holy Spirit community and to hear from the administration.

Bring a picnic blanket/chairs for your family. The Roaming Coyote food truck will be available for picnic or take out orders, or feel free to pack dinner from home.

Post dinner popsicles will be provided!

Any questions can be directed to PTONewFamilyCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org
(Anne Marie Chartrand and Katie Corwin)

PTO FUNDRAISER - FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!



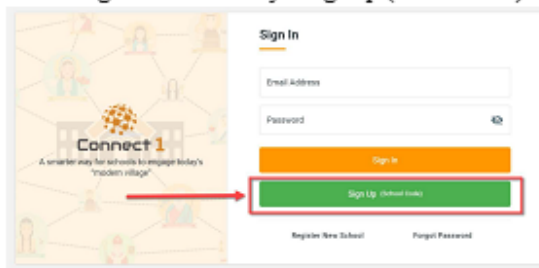
The Roaming Coyote Food Truck will be at Holy Spirit on August 17 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Pre-orders available or order on site. A portion of the total sales will be donated to the school.

All are welcome!
Stop by to grab your dinner after visiting the used uniform sale!

Registering for Connect 1 at Holy Spirit School

How to sign up for an account on Connect 1:

1. On your computer, go to <https://app.connect1.io>
2. Click the green bar that says "Sign up (School Code)".



3. Enter your email address. Enter our school code, which is L41VP6.
(Are you both a teacher and a parent at the school? You'll need to set up two accounts. One using your "holyspiritflames.org" email account for your role as a teacher, and your personal one for your role as a parent!)
4. This will open a new page where you enter your name, role and password. For Role, select "Parent/Community Member". *(Unless you are a teacher creating your account with your "holyspiritflames.org" account. In that case, please select "Faculty/School Employee".)* Click Submit when you are done.
5. A new page opens. A Confirmation Code will be sent to your email. Copy that confirmation code and paste it into this page. Click Confirm.
6. This brings you back to the Sign In page. Enter your email address and newly created password to open the app.

Click here for a printable copy of the instructions

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PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - **Vacant** - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

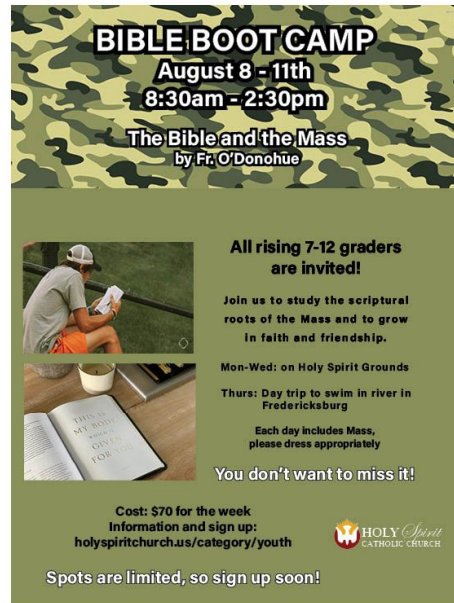
Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@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.

Parish Happenings!



BIBLE BOOT CAMP
August 8 - 11th
8:30am - 2:30pm
The Bible and the Mass
by Fr. O'Donohue

All rising 7-12 graders are invited!

Join us to study the scriptural roots of the Mass and to grow in faith and friendship.


Mon-Wed: on Holy Spirit Grounds
Thurs: Day trip to swim in river in Fredericksburg

Each day includes Mass, please dress appropriately

You don't want to miss it!

Cost: \$70 for the week
Information and sign up:
holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth

Spots are limited, so sign up soon!



For those affected by addiction

About

Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, friends and family members affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program.

To learn more, to join the Calix Society, or to sign up for their 2022 annual retreat in Washington, DC from August 5-7, please visit

<https://www.calixsociety.org/>



Huge PARISH YARD SALE

FRIDAY, AUG 5 5:30 PM - 8 PM PRESALE \$5/person

SATURDAY, AUG 6 8 AM - 2 PM FREE ADMISSION

In the School



DONATION DROP-OFF
Items Accepted at the School Starting:
Sunday, July 31
9AM - 5PM
Monday, Aug 1 - Thursday, Aug 4
9AM - 8PM

For more info, contact Irwin Oliver at hsmc@holyspiritchurch.us

The following items cannot be accepted: mattresses, tires, TVs (including flat screens), computer equipment, pillows, exercise machines, entertainment centers, and undergarments.

Donations must be clean, complete, and in operable condition.

www.holyspiritchurch.us/yardsale

Furniture accepted, but no pickup.

Proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Community

Adult Confirmation Class

Dates: July 13, 20, 27 & August 10
Time: 7pm to 8:15pm
Parish Center Large Meeting Room



If you are a baptized Catholic adult, have received First Communion, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to take part in this grace-filled Sacrament.

Feast of the Assumption, August 15:
Confirmation at a special 7pm Mass.

Questions? Please contact the Religious Education Office at:
(703) 978-8925 or Religious.Ed@holyspiritchurch.us

Holy Spirit Men's Club

Man Cave Thursdays Social

All men in the Parish are invited

No membership required



Third Thursday of every month

Quinn Room



BAKE SALE

At the Parish Yard Sale
in the School

Friday, August 5

5:30 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, August 6

8 AM - 2 PM

or until all items are sold

Baked Goods Donation Drop-off

Friday, August 5

1 - 5 PM

Saturday, August 6

7:30 - 9 AM

For more information, contact Candice Poumade at
cpoumade@prodigy.net or (703) 323-0322

Seasons of Hope

Grief Support Group



If you have recently lost a loved one, and would like the support of a small group and Scripture-based program, please join us.



Summer Session begins Saturday, August 13

Parish Center Large Meeting Room

10 - 11:15 AM

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "July 21, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Summer Reading List 2022
2. School Supply lists for 2022 2023
3. Extended Day Rates for 2022 2023
4. Extended Day Registration for 2022 2023
5. Connect 1 Sign-up Instructions
6. Mabel's Labels PTO Fundraiser

Parish Flyers:

1. Bible Boot Camp flyer
2. The Calix Society flyer
3. Parish Yard Sale flyer
4. Parish Bake Sale flyer
5. Adult Confirmation Classes flyer
6. Men's Club Social flyer
7. Seasons of Grief Support Group flyer

Community Flyers: