

June 2, 2022



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022
"In work there is dignity"

Goodbye is never easy...

In complete honesty this is annually one of my least favorite letters to put together because it represents the closing of the school year and saying goodbye to people who have helped make the Holy Spirit community what it is. Whether it is families or faculty or staff who have been here for one year or twenty-plus year, every person who has passed through our front doors has left a mark and has contributed to our growth and change as a school.

To the families who will be off to new adventures either near or far, thank you for contributing to our community and we wish all of you the best.

In particular to the families of the 8th graders for whom your youngest or only child will be graduating next week, we thank you for allowing us to be a part of the academic journey for your children during these formative years and for all you have done. The Class of 2022 has 23 families to whom we will bid farewell next week; we are better for you having been here with us.

As well, this letter brings the formal announcements of the faculty and staff who will be leaving at the end of the academic year. This always brings a certain sadness to me although I revel in the happiness that change brings to the lives of the people who from year-to-year are the foundation on which we build our programs.

Just like our families, regardless of how long they have been here, we thank them for their faithful service to Catholic education and to Holy Spirit School.

We wish many blessings on our young mothers, Mrs. Annesley Anderson and Mrs. Alice Sansaver, who will be taking time to spend with their little ones - as we all know the gift of

parenthood is so very precious.

To Ms. Isabel Kazan, we wish her the very best as she takes her skills, talents, and amazing faith on to the challenges of the high school level. I am sure she will make a positive difference in the lives of the young people she will encounter.

For those who are getting ready for new chapters in new states, we thank, Ms. Fairis Walker, Mr. Benny Sibal, Mr. Andre Toussaint, and Mrs. Rebekah Tucker for all that they have done over their years here. Those who have yet to meet these folks are in store for something special!

Ah, retirement! Don't we all look forward to that!

This year we have a large group of folks sliding into retirement - whether permanent or not, that is up to them, but we wish all of them sunshine and fun, good health and happiness.

To Mr. John Farnham, Mrs. Patty Case and Mrs. Cathi Vosburg, we didn't have you long enough, but you are amazing people who have touched our hearts.

To Mrs. Tricia Crone and Mrs. Maura Locke, how fitting that you began your time together at Holy Spirit and will now step into new chapters simultaneously.

To Mrs. Kara Barger and Mrs. Frances Whetstone, you have journeyed with Holy Spirit both as parents and educators and have touched the lives of so many children in such positive ways with songs, smiles, and maybe just one or two kicks of the heels.

And finally, to Mrs. Andra Wild who has served as the school nurse for 26 years, without a doubt you deserve to sit down, put your feet up, and enjoy the pleasures of family and friends without having to be "on the clock".

Needless to say, when typically seeking 3 or 4 new faculty is a lot for us, this is a highly unusual year in terms of the number of departures. Know that, although we will never replace each of these wonderful educators in terms of their very own unique personalities, creativity, and enthusiasm, we are well positioned for the upcoming year and look forward to the next part of the "story" that is Holy Spirit School.

As always, we will live our mission of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts each day.



Last week, Father O'Donohue invited the students to be a part of the blessing of the beautiful cross atop the church's new narthex. Although a bit unorthodox in the approach of being on a lift with a giant water gun filled with holy water, it was wonderful for the children to be reminded that our school is a ministry of the Holy Spirit parish and that we are blessed to be a part of this vibrant parish.



As well, last Friday we celebrated Mrs. Webb and her acceptance into the Catholic Faith. We were blessed that she allowed this to happen during our school Mass and we are so pleased for her and her family. What a wonderful testament of a faith journey for the children to witness!

Please continue keep our 8th Grade Class of 2022 in your prayers as they complete this part of their academic journey. They will celebrate their final Mass and awards ceremony together on the evening of June 8th.

Summer IXL Math work will come home with report cards.

The Summer Reading list is being finalized and will be posted to the school website during the week of June 13th.

Please be sure that you have logged all of your family's PSSC service hours. The report will be pulled tomorrow, Friday, June 3rd for an accounting of hours.

All financial obligations to the school and/or the PTO must be fulfilled prior to report cards being distributed. This includes any outstanding balances to the cafeteria, extended day, the library, etc.

Thank you!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Lifetouch.

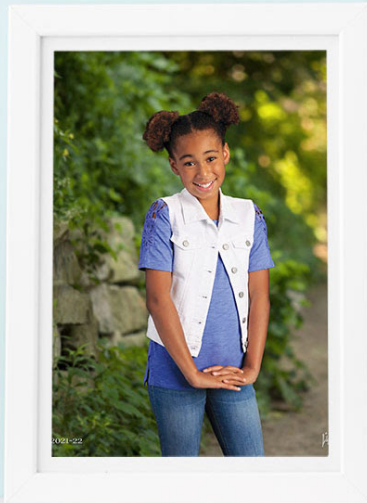
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2022/2023 Academic Year School Supplies!**



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Exact pack items & brands customized to your school lists.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2022-2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INFORMATION

It's guaranteed to save you money, time and the hassle of finding that correct item!

These kits match our school requirements for each grade.

This program is a safe and easy way to ensure your child has all the necessary items to start the new school year!

Grade Level 2022-2023	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$87.00
Kindergarten	\$97.00
Grade 1	\$70.00
Grade 2	\$67.00
Grade 3	\$80.00
Grade 4	\$90.00
Grade 5	\$63.00
Grade 6 & New Middle School	\$95.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$88.00

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

Order Securely Online

Starting Now through June 30th!

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, HOL134 (3 letters/3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Supply kits will be delivered to the school and available at open house.

For questions, please contact the school office at
703.978.7117

Teacher Approved • No Crowds • No Guesswork • School-Year Product Quality Guarantee

For those who prefer to shop themselves, the complete list of supplies by grade level can be accessed via the "Family Folder" below.

Holy Spirit School PTO



Important upcoming dates to remember:

· **July 21 – PTO School Year 22-23 Planning Meeting**

[https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/83696453361?](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/83696453361?pwd=Y1lrYUMvbm1nMWJqMmZYd2ITSUN4UT09)

[pwd=Y1lrYUMvbm1nMWJqMmZYd2ITSUN4UT09](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/83696453361?pwd=Y1lrYUMvbm1nMWJqMmZYd2ITSUN4UT09) Meeting ID: 836 9645 3361 Passcode:
540801

Ongoing Fundraisers:

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

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



Three Engagement Functions in One App

1. Volunteering
2. Community Directory and Talent Center
3. Prayer Board



Volunteering



- ✓ 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 Information 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"
- ✓ 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

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
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Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

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.

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - COVID-19 Community Level: **Medium**
Last updated 5/26/2022

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **13**
Time period: May 27 - June 2, 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!

Vacation Bible School

WILDERNESS ESCAPE


WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES

JUNE 13 - 17 9AM - 12 NOON

Register at:
holyspiritchurch.us/vbs

1 child - \$85
2 children - \$140
3+ children - \$190

Adult and Youth
Volunteers Needed!
Children of adult volunteers attend free!



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

50th DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL 2022

Remembering One God, One Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 | 4-8:30 P.M.

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE AT 4 P.M.

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS
FACE PAINTING
GAMES, RIDES & INFLATABLES

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING
SCYTHIAN AND KARLA MIRANDA

FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

To reserve your tickets visit
www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival
or scan the QR code

WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
26 Fairground Rd. Front Royal, VA 22630

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

SAVE THE DATES!

Don't miss these upcoming events with Catholic apologist and speaker

TRENT HORN



FRIDAY, JUNE 17
Hard Sayings: A Catholic Approach to Answering Bible Difficulties

7-8 pm, Holy Spirit School cafeteria

Trent offers clear, reasonable, and Catholic keys to unlocking Scripture's true meaning. After this presentation, you'll be equipped to answer the toughest questions skeptics ask about the Bible.


SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Persuasive Pro-life: How to Talk About Our Culture's Toughest Issue

10-11 am, Holy Spirit School cafeteria

Ever get tongue-tied trying to explain why you're pro-life? Trent presents the non-religious reasons to oppose abortion and equips you to graciously make your case in the public square.

ABOUT TRENT HORN


After his conversion to the Catholic faith, Trent Horn earned master's degrees in the fields of theology, philosophy, and bioethics. He serves as a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, where he specializes in teaching Catholics to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them.

 Catholic Answers

For more information about these events, email respectlife@holyspiritchurch.us
Holy Spirit School, 8800 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA 22003

Remember this?

Last year we celebrated with Dcn. Renner as he preached his first Mass. Now we are ready to celebrate his Ordination to the Priesthood and First Mass of Thanksgiving.




Please Join Us and Share in These Most Glorious Events.

Ordination to Priesthood
Saturday, June 4, 11:00 AM
Cathedral of St. Thomas More

First Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 5, 12:00 PM
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Reception Immediately Following in the School Building



40 Hours Devotion

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The celebration of Forty Hours in our parish is part of the Diocesan-wide preparation for the Golden Jubilee in 2024 and will help prepare us to celebrate our parish's patronal feast, the Solemnity of Pentecost.



All parishioners are invited to attend as much of the Forty Hours Devotion as their schedule permits. Registration is not required, however a sign up on our parish website has been created to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

Thursday, June 2
12 PM Holy Mass followed by Exposition
7 PM Sung Vespers with Meditation, followed by Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocations
7-8 PM Confessions


Friday, June 3
6:30 AM Holy Mass
9 AM Holy Mass
2 PM Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocations
3 PM Divine Mercy Devotions
7 PM Sung Vespers with Meditation, followed by Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocations
7-8 PM Confessions

Saturday, June 4
8 AM Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocations
9 AM Holy Mass
3:30 PM Confessions
4:45 PM Sung Vespers with Benediction
5:30 PM Closing Mass, Vigil of Pentecost

Sunday, June 5
12 PM First Holy Mass of Rev. Robert Renner, followed by a Reception


Have You Ever Considered Becoming an Altar Server?



Join the Holy Spirit Church
Altar Server Program TODAY!

Open to all boys entering grades 3-12.

Interested? Contact Steve & Alicia Steger
at altarservers@holyspiritchurch.us


HOLY Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Community Happenings!

CELEBRATING 17 YEARS!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

~ SUMMER CAMPS ~

THIS SUMMER, YOUR CHILD WILL
ACT OUT LOUD. CREATE A MASTERPIECE. SING & DANCE. TAKE A BOW.

July 12-23, 2021
 All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA
 Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA

THEATRE, MUSIC, AND ART CAMPS FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

FREE T-SHIRT AND DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS

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4216 Annandale Rd. Annandale, VA 22003 703-941-ABGC (2342) 703-941-4411 FAX 703-941-4412
 Office hours: Monday thru Friday 3 – 7pm and Saturday 9 – 12 noon
 Soccer Coordinator: Helen Cross email: helen@abgc.org
 EMAIL: abgc@abgc.org
 REGISTER ONLINE @ WWW.ABGC.ORG & SAVE \$5

Annandale Boys & Girls Club has the longest running Soccer Program in the Washington Area!

CIRCLE APPROPRIATE SPORT - FALL 2022

Fall Soccer \$150 First Time \$ 75 <small>(Grade Pre-K – 12)</small>	Tackle Football \$150 <small>(Ages 7 to 16)</small>	Boxing <small>(Ages 7 – Adult)</small> <small>Call Leo @ 571-436-8988</small>	TOP SOCCER \$77 <small>(Ages 5 – 18)</small> ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES
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Soccer is for Mighty Mites, children ages 3 & 4, and for boys and girls in K through 12th grade. Mighty Mites and Kindergarten teams are co-ed. There is an 8 – 10 game season. Every player is guaranteed to play half or more of every game regardless of size or physical ability. Teams are formed on a school and neighborhood concept by grade level. Football is for youth ages 7 – 16. Practices start on Monday, August 13. Nobody is ever denied for lack of funds. These mascots are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.

MAIL OR DELIVER FORM AND FEE TO: ABGC - 4216 Annandale Rd. - Annandale, VA 22003

Requested Coach _____

Special Requests _____

Player's First Name (Print) _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Boy _____ Girl _____ Date of Birth _____ E-mail: _____

Address _____ School _____ Grade in Sept. 2022 _____

City _____ ZIP _____ Telephone (H) _____ (C) _____

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS. EVERYONE MUST PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

No Fees: Coach League Commissioner	Refunds are processed after items selected are completed: <small>(Exceptions: Coach/Assistant Coach and Commissioner)</small> Assistant Coach (\$10 refund at registration) Deliver Forms to Assigned Schools Office Help (3 Hours)	No Refund: Spectator/fan
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I hereby give permission for my child to play _____ (sport). I have insurance to cover all risks of injury or doctor's bills that might be incurred and accept all responsibility for my child's safety at practice and at games. **I also understand that there are no refunds.** In the event I cannot get the team of my choice, I will accept an assignment made by ABGC.

IF YOU ARE NOT A FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENT, THERE IS A \$30 FEE Amt. Paid _____

IF YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER, THERE IS A \$55 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE Amt. Paid _____

Parent's Signature _____ Amt. Paid \$ _____ Amt. Paid _____
 Print Parents' First & Last Names _____ Date _____ Credit Card _____

Learn to Read Programs

This Summer!

Program for 4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners
 In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will practice reading simple words and short sentences, experiencing success at every step. The wonderful books, engaging games, and exciting activities will get your child really excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Reading Skills Programs

Programs for Entering 2nd-5th Graders
 In these programs, students build core decoding skills and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. They develop strong comprehension and expand their vocabulary. Your child will become a more confident student, enjoy reading more, and develop the lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.

Go Places with Books!

For More Information or to Register
CALL (800) 715-2083
 Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm, Sat. 8am-7pm and Sun. 10am-6pm

Source Code: 800-12-638653



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "June 2, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. PTO Connect One App flyer
2. Spring Picture Order flyer
3. EPI Online School Supply Sale flyer
4. School Supply lists for 2022 2023

Parish Flyers:

1. Vacation Bible School flyer
2. Diocesan Family Festival flyer
3. Trent Horn flyer
4. Father Renner Ordination flyer
5. 40 Hours flyer
6. Altar Server flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Spotlight on the Arts - flyer
2. Annandale Boys & Girls Club Registration flyer
3. Richmond - Summer Reading Program flyer