

June 23, 2022



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

**Be sure to look at the PTO note
and the "Parish Happenings"
below!**

I would like to formally welcome our School Nurse for the coming year (and beyond!), Mrs. Sheilia Forrer.

Mrs. Forrer is a long-time parent at Holy Spirit and has worked with us off and on over the past many years. I am grateful for her presence and know that she will carry on the high standards that we have always had for student health and well-being.

If you have information or questions for her as we approach the new school year, she may be reached at sforrer@holyspiritflames.org. She is not here regularly during the Summer, so please be patient awaiting her reply.

(The usual attendance email will still be used for reporting absences once we begin the new academic year.)

As a reminder, all health forms for new students and updated vaccination records are due by August 1st.



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.



**Thru June 30, 2022
M-F 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Office Closed July 1 - July 8, 2022

**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

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

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Deadline for ordering school supplies via EPI is June 30th



EPI SCHOOL SUPPLIES Order a Pack Today!
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping

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.

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Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Picture!

Free Shipping

on your order of \$29.99+

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[ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES](#)



EXPIRES: 8/30/22

Holy Spirit School PTO



A note from the PTO: 2021-2022 School Year

Another highly successful year into the record books! We are indeed blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, vibrant, and loving community. Our children were embraced every day in a safe, loving and Godly environment by an amazing team of teachers and staff. Like last year, our teachers, faculty, and staff showed up for our children every day and navigated the continuing challenges we are all living through. Our faculty and staff embodied our school's mission.

Holy Spirit School inspires life-long learners and ignites servant-leaders through a program of academic excellence grounded in the traditions and values of the Holy Catholic Church.

We are all fortunate to be part of the Holy Spirit community which stepped up to support our school in so many ways. The involvement of parents has a direct positive impact on the

education of our children, and the success of this year is due in no small part to the hard work of so many people. It is important to highlight the innumerable events and activities that fly under the radar for the larger community. We are so grateful for the direct support for our wonderful teachers, provided by our homeroom parents and their generosity. There were several larger events this year and we can report a 100% success rate. We started the school year off with a warm and sunny welcome to our new families. We teamed up with Boosterthon again this year and exceeded our goals; we plan to continue to hold this fun and exciting event next year. We made last minute adjustments to the Trunk or Treat plans due to weather and pulled off a strong community building event. Holy Spirit had another successful Christmas tree sale, with some of the best prices around; and our children were able to grow in themselves by independently buying Christmas gifts for their family at the Christmas Boutique. Thanks to other wonderful volunteers, we supported local restaurants with several small fundraisers. Our used uniform and spirit gear sales were resounding successes. Our Annual Talent Show was fun, entertaining, and in-person. Field day was another phenomenal event that is a lot of fun for the kids and parents. Finally, we honored Holy Spirit teachers and staff with a wildly successful Teacher Appreciation Week that really touched our teachers' hearts. Looking forward to next year, we plan to keep many of the PTO activities in place, such as Boosterthon, Christmas Tree sales, and the Talent Show.

We all saw Mrs. Ashby's recent letter about staff changes. It is very difficult saying farewell to so many wonderful and special people and we wish them Godspeed. We look forward to welcoming our new faculty and staff into our community and the special culture of Holy Spirit School. One of the PTO's new focusses next year will be looking for ways to help the school increase our support of faculty and staff. We are reviewing our policies, activities and budget to see how we can support the school's efforts.

The PTO supports the school across many programs and activities. PTO fundraising successes support over \$27,000 in IT for Chromebooks, iPads, and the school's BrainPop subscription. The PTO subsidizes school initiatives, to include a paid recess duty position (new for SY 22-23), and the outdoor classroom, among others. at over \$30,000. PTO fundraising contributes to field trips, field day, and scholarships totaling nearly \$23,000. The PTO provides nearly \$17,000 to support teachers with classroom materials, training expenses and teacher appreciation week. Finally, the PTO spends approximately \$10,000 on PTO-related activities like the talent show and other community building events. PTO fundraising covers only a small portion of the school's budget; without fundraising, most of these costs would need to be covered by tuition increases.

Additionally, and just as important, the PTO provides a means for parents to engage the Holy Spirit Community, which improves and enriches our children's educational experience. We thank you for all you do for your children and the Holy Spirit School Community and we look forward to growing our community, with your help, for years to come

God Bless,

The PTO Board

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

Ongoing Fundraisers:

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

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

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
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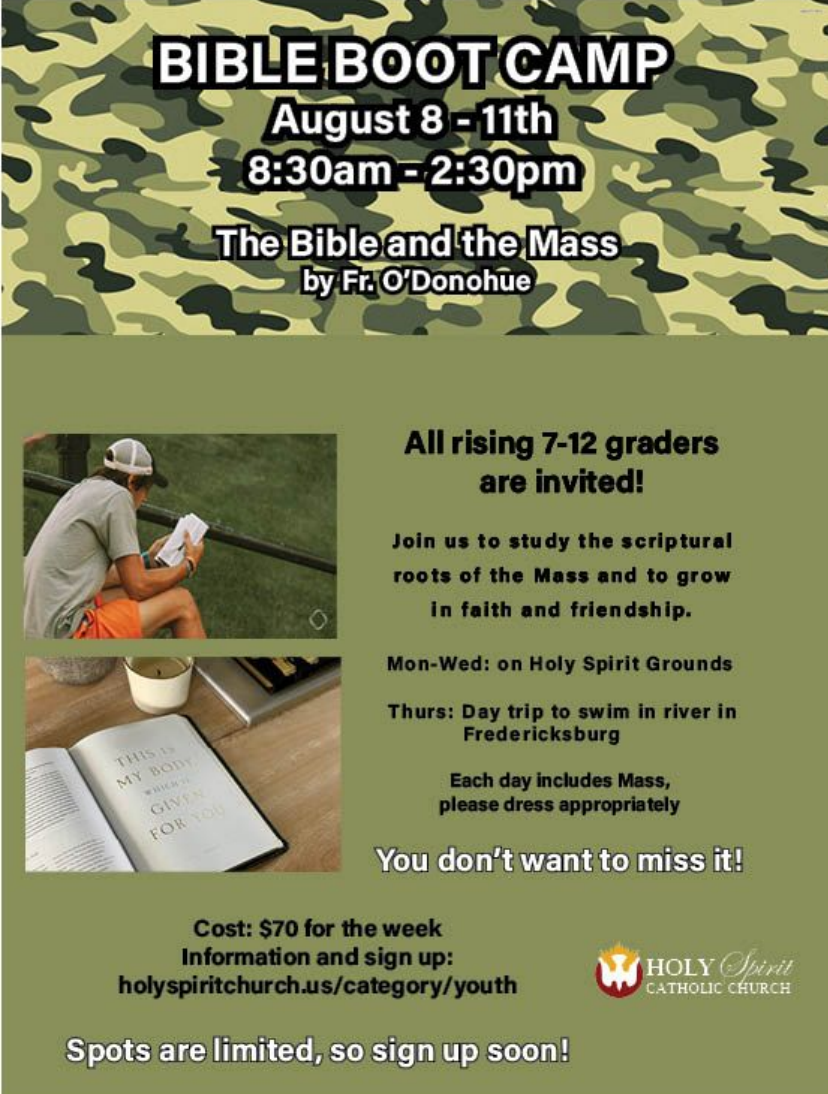
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Volunteering

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



HOLY Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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/



DONATION DROP-OFF Items Accepted at the School Starting:

Sunday, July 31 9AM - 5PM Monday, Aug 1 - Thursday, Aug 4 9AM - 8PM

www.holyspiritchurch.us/yardsale

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. Furniture accepted, but no pickup.

Proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Community

Community Happenings!



BISHOP IRETON SUMMER BAND CAMP

Welcomes rising 6th-8th graders

Previous band experience is a requirement

- Where: Bishop Ireton High School- 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria
When: June 27 - July 1 (9:00am - 12:00pm)
How: Go to - www.bishopireton.org/athletics/summer-camps
Cost: \$275

Join us for an engaging summer band camp at Bishop Ireton. This camp, led by Bishop Ireton Band Director, Melinda McKenzie-Hall, will provide middle school students with a program focused on expanding instrumental band skills.

Melinda McKenzie Hall is the Band Director for Bishop Ireton High School. She has been a band director for 41 years, 38 of those in high school. Her professional affiliations include the National Band Association, National Association for Music Education, Virginia Music Educators' Association, Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association, Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Beta Mu and the American Bandmasters' Association.

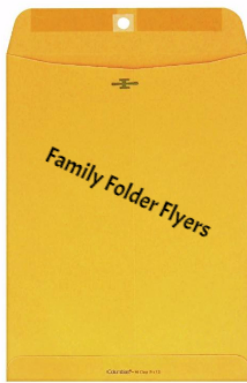
Come see and experience all the excitement and fun of playing your instrument at our school!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "June 23, 2022" on the website. For

your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. PTO End of Year Letter
2. Summer Reading List 2022
3. Spring Picture Order flyer
4. EPI Online School Supply Sale flyer
5. School Supply lists for 2022 2023

Parish Flyers:

1. Bible Boot Camp flyer
2. The Calix Society flyer
3. Parish Yard Sale flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Bishop Ireton Band Camp flyer