From the Principal's Desk



May 19, 2022



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Are You Ready To Run?



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 5K Spirit Run on Saturday!

5K Spirit Run Packet Pick-up Information:

Friday, May 20th from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm and 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Outside of the front entrance to the school

Saturday, May 21st beginning at 7:00 am In the rear of the school

Please remember to check the race page https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Annandale/flamesspiritrun for updated information.

Have you joined our Facebook Page? https://www.facebook.com/Holyspiritschoolspiritrun/



On Wednesday, Mr. Lawrence Rzepka, Executive Director of Porto Charities, Inc. made a trip out to the school to present Father O'Donohue with a check for \$10,000.00 to help support our school's Resource Department.

Mrs. Sue Gibbons, Coordinator of Resource Services, was on-hand with her awesome team and some of our amazing students.

I am so proud of the work that the department does day-in and day-out to support learners across our school community.



On Wednesday, as well, the 8th grade entertained us with the dress rehearsal of their adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth.

The class will head to St. Paul VI High School next week to take part in the Diocesan Shakespeare Festival.

A huge "Thank you" to Ms. Kazan and Mr. Gordon for assisting the class with the production!









And, oh, how time flies! Field Day was just last Friday and what a day it was!

Despite being held indoors, there was much laughter and many smiles.

Thank you to all of the parents who were here - we truly cannot run this day without you!

A special "Thanks!" to Mrs. Thelen, Mrs Driscoll, and the whole Field Day committee for all of the planning that went into the day.

Across the school we have had an increase in COVID cases like we have not seen before. It is difficult to tell the difference between allergies, the flu, basic sore throats, and COVID, but I would be implore you to keep your child home if you have any reason to suspect any sort of active illness. Many of the schools around have experienced similar "spikes" and I am hopeful this will dissipate soon.

In all honesty, the issue will be if and when the adults in the building are impacted on a greater basis as we have precious few substitute teachers on whom to call to fill in at the classroom level.

I hope you have been enjoying the online Art Show! If you haven't taken a look yet, see the information below.

A reminder that Friday, May 20th is an early dismissal day for teacher professional development; Extended Day will be open.

We look forward to seeing folks next Wednesday, May 25th for Lunch on the Lawn; be sure to look at the flyer below.

Friday, May 27th is also an early dismissal day as we head into the Memorial Day weekend; there is NO Extended Day. And Monday, May 30th is a NO school day for everyone.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Providing children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education and adults with special needs assistance with meaningful employment in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! **Holy Spirit** has received a grant from our organization, Porto Charities, Inc., for the 2022-2023 school year. This grant was awarded based on your school's commitment to inclusive education for students with special needs.

Since 2009, Porto Charities, Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit organization, has been dedicated to making inclusive Catholic education and meaningful employment available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Diocese of Arlington.

It's our belief that inclusion benefits everyone. As our schools expand their capacity to serve students with special needs, they need our help.

We invite you to join us as we advocate, educate and celebrate inclusive education.

Advocate: Join our Parents Advisory Council. This group of parents meets monthly to advocate for inclusive education at the parish and diocesan level. If you are on Facebook, consider joining our parents-only private group: www.facebook.com/groups/portopac

Educate: Register for one of our FREE educational webinars. Join us to discuss Speech and Occupational Therapy on May 25th at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Register here: https://www.portocharities.org/fundraising

Celebrate: Follow us on social media @portocharities to stay up to date on all our events and fundraisers. Our 14th Annual Golf Outing will be held on October 7, 2022. We are also planning a Diocesan-wide Gala in 2023.

Learn more about how you can get involved at our website: www.portocharities.org

We look forward to our continued partnership with Holy Spirit School.

All the best.

Lawrence M. Rzepka Executive Director

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Porto Charities Inc is a SO1(c)(3) non-profit, charitable and educational organization (Tax ID #30-0544129).

Contributions to Porto Charities are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Holy Spirit 5K Spirit Run HUBPID PACE

May 21, 2022

8:00am Holy Spirit School



Register Today!



www.holyspiritflames.org/5K-spirit-run/

READY TO SIGN UP?

SPONSOR INFORMATION

It's right around the corner!



May 25, 2022

6, 7, 8th Grades 11:15-12:00

3, 4, 5th Grades 11:50-12:35

K, 1st, 2nd Grades 12:25-1:10

Prek - watch for information from your teacher as to the time

Students should bring a bag lunch and a towel/blanket on which to sit. We will eat on the parish lawn and enjoy the great outdoors!

Parents are encouraged to join us!
Please do not forget there is NO hot lunch served this day.



Holy Spirit Virtual

Art Show 2022



When: Monday May 16th-Friday May 20th Link will be posted on Schoology pages

Where to view: Visit your child's Power learning page for Art and social media.



For those looking to get a jump... 2022/2023 Academic Year School Supplies!

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!

Cost Each
\$87.00
\$97.00
\$70.00
\$67.00
\$80.00
\$90.00
\$63.00
\$95.00
\$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.



Top of the Day, Holy Spirit!

We hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer (though wetter) weather as of late!

Have you ever thought it would be cool to see your name, or your families name where all would see it for years, or even decades to come? Now is your chance! Have a brick with your name or a special message put down as part of the walkway to the new outdoor classroom! Please see the flyer below.

PTO Officer Voting is open: https://forms.gle/J9JZoBy9MHY6ccsW6

We are still looking for a volunteer interested in the PTO Vice President or PTO Fundraising Coordinator roles...let us know if you're interested!

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

Important upcoming dates to remember:

July 21 – PTO School Year 22-23 Planning Meeting
 https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/83696453361?
 pwd=Y1lrYUMvbm1nMWJqMmZYd2lTSUN4UT09
 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



LEAVE A LEGACY AT HOLY SPIRIT!



Dear 8" Grade Families! Engrave a special message continementing your Holy Spirit graduation/accomplishment on a stone 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 - \$106 \$30 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 by May 31, 2022.

Name:			
Phone/Email:			
Paver size:			
Amount Enclosed:			
Desired Message.			_
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Message guidelines:

4x8 = 3 lines max, 16 characters per line (includes letters, numbers, spaces, and punctuations) 12x12 = 6 lines max, 23 characters per line

Connect 1 School Engagement App

Make Community Engagement SIMPLE, FUN, and Full of HEART





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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
- ✓ 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

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

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
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.

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - COVID-19 Community Level: **Medium** Last updated 5/12/2022

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): **16**

Time period: May 13 - May 19, 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!









FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Hard Sayings: A Catholic Approach to Answering Bible Difficulties

7-8 pm, Holy Spirit School cafeteria

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Persuasive Pro-life: How to Talk About Our Culture's Toughest Issue

10-11 am, Holy Spirit School cafeteria



Catholic Answers

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



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 Juble 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 p 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 Ros 7.8 PM Confessions

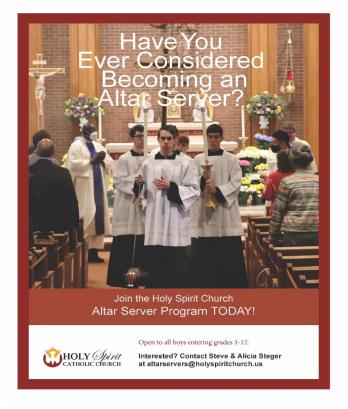
Friday, June 3
6:30 AM Holy Mass
9 AM Holy Mass
2 PM Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocations
3 PM Divine Mercy Devotions
7 PM Sung Veopers with Meditation, followed by Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocation
7 PM Sung Veopers with Meditation, followed by Holy Spirit Devotions and Rosary for Vocation
7 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. Ro





Community Happenings!













FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 19, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- 1. PTO Connect One App flyer
- 2. Lunch on the Lawn flyer
- 3. Online Art Show flyer
- 4. Spring Picture Order flyer
- 5. EPI Online School Supply Sale flyer
- 6. School Supply lists for 2022 2023
- 7. Garden Legacy Bricks flyer
- 8. Porto Charities Parent Advocacy Group letter

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. PSA Soccerfest flyer
- 3. Annandale Boys & Girls Club Registration flyer
- 4. Inclusion in Action flyer
- 5. Richmond Summer Reading Program flyer