



November 17, 2022



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

## Brrr....it is cold outside!

The weather definitely took a turn to the cold side this week! As a reminder, we stand outside in the morning and we go outside for recess as often as possible. Often students show up for school with nothing more than a sweatshirt and they end up being cold. We know...sometimes our kiddos think it isn't "cool" to wear a coat...but please consider that they can be outside for a substantial period of time.

While on the topic of cold weather - just a quick reminder that we follow the Fairfax County Public Schools with regard to inclement weather school closures. We also try to get information out via the school's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts, but I would suggest signing up for the FCPS notifications.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 we will hold the finals for the Turkey Shoot Out. Thank you to those who have donated already. If you haven't had a chance to donate \$1, we are still accepting donations through tomorrow. These donations go to Catholic Charities. Thank you!

The Parent Portal in PowerSchool will close on November 18th while we prepare report cards. The 1st Trimester officially closes on Tuesday, November 22nd and report cards for grades K-8 are distributed on December 2nd.

The Thanksgiving holiday is Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25th.

When we return on Monday, November 28th our annual toy drive supporting Santa's Ride will begin. See the information below.

We will light our Advent Wreath and celebrate the beginning of Advent with a prayer service on Monday, November 28th at 8:30 am in the gym. All are welcome.

The annual Santa Boutique will be held December 8th and 9th. This is an optional shopping experience focused on the younger students to provide them the opportunity to purchase something special for family members. The schedule is attached. Watch for additional information from the PTO. There are volunteer opportunities to assist with this event - the Connect 1 link is below.

The NJHS is sponsoring a Christmas Costume Dress Down Day benefiting Catholic Charities. See the information below for costumes for various grade levels.

**Last night's Open House was terrific! We had a wonderful turnout from prospective families. I am so proud of the 7th & 8th grade students who volunteered as tour guides - they did an amazing job and received a tremendous number of compliments.**

**When we return from the Thanksgiving break (if you can believe it) we will turn our attention to registration for the 23/24 academic year. Current families will be provided a packet with information for next year during the week we return.**

**Acceptances for new applications will begin in early January.**

**Families who have children who are ready to become Holy Spirit Flames, especially in either prekindergarten or kindergarten, be sure to contact Mrs. Laclede now so that we have their names. The online application for new students is open and accessible via the school website.**

If I do not see you before tomorrow's dismissal, I pray that all of the Holy Spirit families have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Safe travels to those who are headed out of town!

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**The Finals Are Tomorrow  
Friday, November 18th**

**Please donate!**

# Turkey Shoot Out



**WHEN:** November 8-18

**WHERE:** PE classes, gym

**FOR:** *Catholic Charities*

**COST:** \$1.00.

**Money will be collected starting Monday, Nov. 7th** in homeroom.

**Parent Volunteers:** A signup will be in Connect 1 to volunteer to help during the PE classes.

For a \$1-dollar donation, students will pair with their mass buddies in a free throw competition. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the gym to help keep score. Volunteers will assign points to shots-- 3 points for every basket made, 2 points for hitting the rim, backboard or net and 1 point for any missed attempts. Each team will get a total of 5 free throws. The top mass buddy teams will compete in a **final shoot out on Friday, November 18 at 2:00pm** with the entire school cheering them on. Parents are welcome to attend the final competition on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a trophy for the winning team to be displayed in the front office. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities

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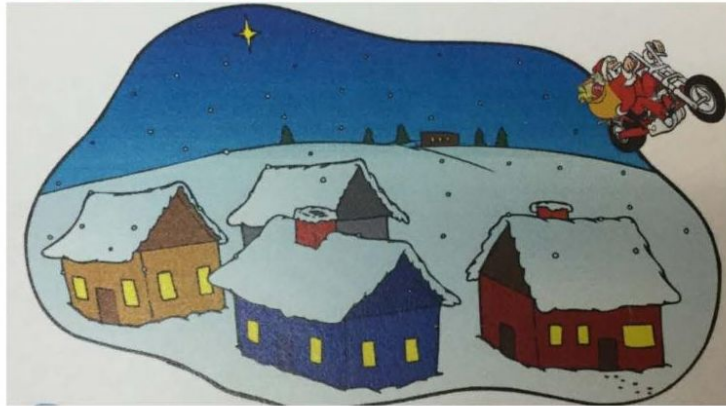
## **SANTA'S RIDE!!!**

**Our goal is 500 new toys.**

# Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

## SANTA'S RIDE

*Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children*



Monday, November 28th - Friday, December 2nd



Make a difference in the lives of the many sick children who are unable to return home for the holidays.

The Fairfax County Police Department motorcycle squad is collaborating with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and others to collect and distribute toys to children at Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center.

Please donate a new, unwrapped toy, game, or book.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Please join us for our annual Giving Mass on Friday, December 2nd. Members of the Fairfax County Motorcycle Squad will be here to receive the toys from the children.**

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# NJHS DRESS DOWN DAY

DECEMBER 9th

ALL FUNDS GO TO:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WE CARE WEEK

ALL OUTFITS MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE

BRING \$1 TO DRESS UP AS:

PRE-K THROUGH 2ND

GINGERBREAD BOYS & GIRLS

3RD THROUGH 5TH

SNOW BOYS & GIRLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# Santa's Secret Shop

IS COMING SOON!

Get that special gift for  
everyone on your list!

D a t e s :   D e c e m b e r   8 t h   a n d   9 t h



[Santa Boutique  
Schedule](#)

[Connect 1 Volunteer  
Link](#)

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*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

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# Holy Spirit School PTO



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## **Upcoming Events:**

November 27 – Christmas Tree Sales!

**PTO Meeting:** The next PTO meeting will be on December 20, 2022, at 6:30 pm. This will be an online meeting only. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet fellow parents, and to get involved. Additionally, the meeting attendance counts towards the PSSC hours. Please join us at the following link:

[https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

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Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723

Passcode: 483688

**Recess Duty:** Sign up for recess duty opportunities is now available through:

<https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3>.

## **Connect1:**

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at

PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>

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**Christmas  
Trees  
For Sale**



November 27 – December 17

MON – FRI: 5:30PM – 8:30PM

SAT – SUN: 9AM – 8PM

Located at Holy Spirit Church by the Braddock Road entrance

PLEASE CASH OR CHECK ONLY



Holy Spirit  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**PTO**

**WHILE STOCKS LAST**

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**The PTO Christmas Tree sale is right around the corner!  
Check out Connect 1 for volunteer opportunities!**

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#### **PTO Board 2022 - 2023**

President - Christine Ploschke - [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - [PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org)

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - [PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org)

Secretary - Lee Conroy - [PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org)

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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - [PTOVFPDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVFPDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org)

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - [PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org)

#### **Volunteering**

**Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in**



# Parish Happenings!

**High School Youth Ministry** 

## Christmas Coat Drive!

**Will run until December 4<sup>th</sup>!**

Drop off is inside the Church in the Coat Drive bins, or in the School right outside the Youth Room's Doors!

**Items Needed:**

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

Questions? Please contact, the Youth Minister, Ronan Lahiff  
([youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us))

 **Knights of Columbus**  
**Holy Spirit Council 11922**

Business/Social Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month 8PM  
Planning Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 8PM  
Rosary before meetings start time 7:40PM  
Holy Spirit School Quinn Room

**Keep Christ in Christmas**  
Christmas Cards  
go on SALE after weekend  
Masses  
**NOVEMBER**  
12-13, 19-20, 26-27

Cards that express the meaning of the Season!

**Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**

Attention: New E-Knights, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knights  
November 15, 2022  
Candidates, Please Arrive at the Church between 7:30-7:40PM  
Family Members Welcome

**Knights Checklist**

- ✓ Catholic Gentlemen
- ✓ 18 years old or older
- ✓ Practicing Catholic

Not a Knight? Why NOT?

Join Us, Today!  
use QR code  
Or  
[KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus)



For more information on the council, contact GK Tom at [knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:knights@holyspiritchurch.us)

 **Spaghetti Dinner**  
Hosted by the Men's Club

**Menu**

Spaghetti with Meatballs  
Garlic Bread  
Salad with Italian Dressing  
Dessert Items  
Wine, Sodas, Juice, and Water

**Prices**

Adults: \$7  
Children Under 18: \$5  
\$25.00 Family Maximum

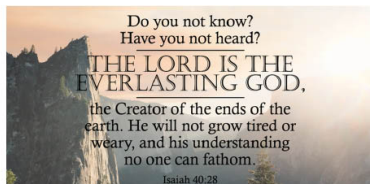
**Saturday, November 19**  
5:30-7:30 pm  
In the School Cafeteria  
(joined with Meeting Rooms 1 & 2)



Wednesday Night

## Bible Study

With Father O'Donohue



Join our Bible Study to learn more about the meaning of this verse.

While there is a livestream option, it is encouraged to take an hour a week to attend in person.

Next Class: November 16, 2022  
Parish Center Large Meeting Room  
8:30-9:30 PM



### Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 11922

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DONUT SALE - November 20<sup>th</sup>



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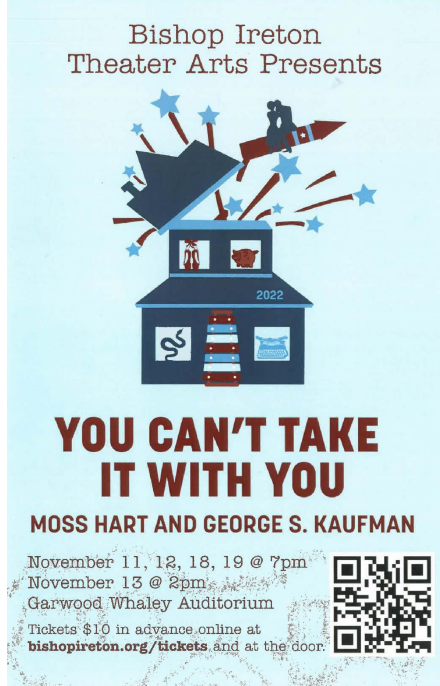
Join Us, Today!  
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Or  
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## Community Happenings!

2022 DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE  
THEME: **MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD, MY SAVIOR**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022; 8:00 AM- 3:30 PM  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
(MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW MID-SEPTEMBER)



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## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 17, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family  
Folder

### School Flyers:

1. Santa's Ride Toy Drive flyer
2. NJHS Christmas Dress Down Day flyer
3. Santa Boutique flyer
4. PTO Christmas Tree Sale flyer
5. PTO Gingerbread House Decorating flyer
6. Partners in Faith (November) newsletter
7. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

### Parish Flyers:

1. Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale flyer
2. Spaghetti Dinner flyer
3. Bible Study flyer
4. Coat Drive flyer
5. Donut Sale flyer

### Community Flyers:

1. Diocesan Catechetical Conference flyer
2. BI Theatre "You Can't Take It With You" flyer
3. O'Connell HS 8th Grade Girls Hockey clinic flyer