

# From the Principal's Desk



November 25, 2021



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2021/2022**

**"In work there is dignity"**





We are quickly making the turn to registration for the 2022/2023 academic year. Tuition rates for the coming year are being discussed and will be forthcoming; historically rates have increased 3.0 - 3.5%. Additionally, the Diocese is moving to online enrollment (re-registration), so be on the lookout for further information regarding that process when we return in December. The re-registration fee of \$100.00/child will be charged through FACTS in January.

\*\*Families who have additional children who are ready for attendance at Holy Spirit may begin that application process now. If you have questions regarding the process, you may contact Mrs. Laclede ([llaclede@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:llaclede@holyspiritflames.org)).

For those families interested in applying for tuition assistance, the due date is March 16, 2022. (Note that for families with high school students, the application is due January 19, 2022.)

Information for applying for tuition assistance may be found on the school website under the *Quick Links* and then, *Family Resources*.

Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance

-Maureen Ashby

**Principal**

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## Holy Spirit School PTO



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Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

The PTO Boarding hopes that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving! Now to start preparations for Christmas!!!

***Featured Vacancies:***

***Spring Fundraiser:*** Do you like barbecue, golf, and spring weather? If so, then the Spring Fundraiser is right for you. The initial work has been done; we need a volunteer to see it through! As committee chair for this fundraiser, you will fulfill your hours for the year.

***Christmas Ornament Sale:*** The Promos Committee is selling ornaments at the Christmas Tree sale. Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0949a5ab28a3f94-ornament2>

Additional information can be found below.

If you happen to see an event announced that you would be interested in participating in as a committee member, please send inquires to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - [PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org) to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

***Important upcoming dates to remember:***

**December 3** – Deadline for the Christmas season voluntary donation to the Holy Spirit Staff. The money would be equally divided among the faculty and staff and included in their Christmas paycheck. This is a completely voluntary effort, and no family should feel obligated to give any money to this collection. Those that do wish to contribute need to send in their donation by December 3rd, to meet the payroll deadline. Checks should be made out to the Holy Spirit PTO and can be sent through backpack mail to the school office.

**December 11** – Gingerbread House Event (5-7pm).

**TBD-December** – Chipotle Fundraiser.

***Committee Vacancies:***

**Spring Fundraising (Golf/BBQ)** – Chair and Co-Chair

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

*Celebrate the upcoming Christmas season with the Holy Spirit Ornament. Buy one as a gift or for your own tree!*



*Ornaments cost \$20, and sales support Holy Spirit School.  
Ornaments will be sold at the Holy Spirit Christmas Tree Sales. Please click below for dates / times, and to volunteer to sell ornaments:*

[Ornament Sale Signup](#)

*Thank you for being a Holy Spirit Family.*

*Merry Christmas!*

**PTO Board 2021/2022**

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTO Treasurer@holyspiritflames.org  
Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTO Secretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org  
Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org  
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@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.

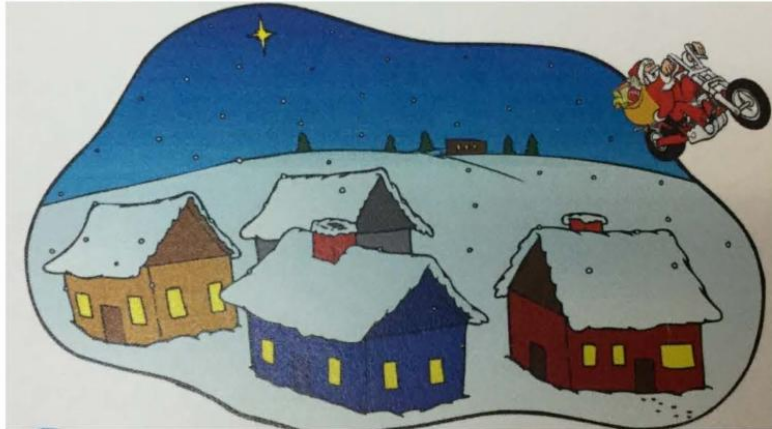
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**When we return from break it is time for our  
annual TOY DRIVE!  
The goal is to collect 500 new, unwrapped toys.**

# Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

## SANTA'S RIDE

*Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children*



Monday, November 29th - Friday, December 3rd



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.

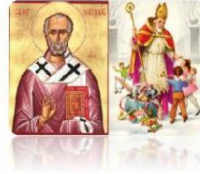
Thank you for your generosity.

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# The Feast Day of



# Saint Nicholas



**The Student Council holds a fun celebration amongst the students each year for the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Students learn how other cultures celebrate St. Nick during this holy month as well as learn the legend of the candy cane.**

**Students should bring in ONE EXTRA SHOE on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the day, students will be surprised that St. Nick has left a little gift for them in their shoe!**

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## In search of volunteers!!!

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with setup and helping our young shoppers find just the right gift for their family members!

[Click here to signup to help with Santa's Boutique](#)

# Santa's Secret Shop

## IS COMING SOON!

**Get that special gift for  
everyone on your list!**

**Date: December 9th and 10th**



**Get ready for some fun as we support  
Catholic Charities We Care Week**



## Calling all Ugly Sweaters!!



The NJHS is sponsoring a school wide dress down day on December 9th. Please bring in a one dollar (\$1.00) donation to participate.

All funds are going to benefit:

**Catholic Charities We Care Week**

Tis the season.... Dig out those ugly sweaters or be creative & design your own ugly sweater.

*(All must be school appropriate).*

See you on December 9th with your best ugly sweater creation!

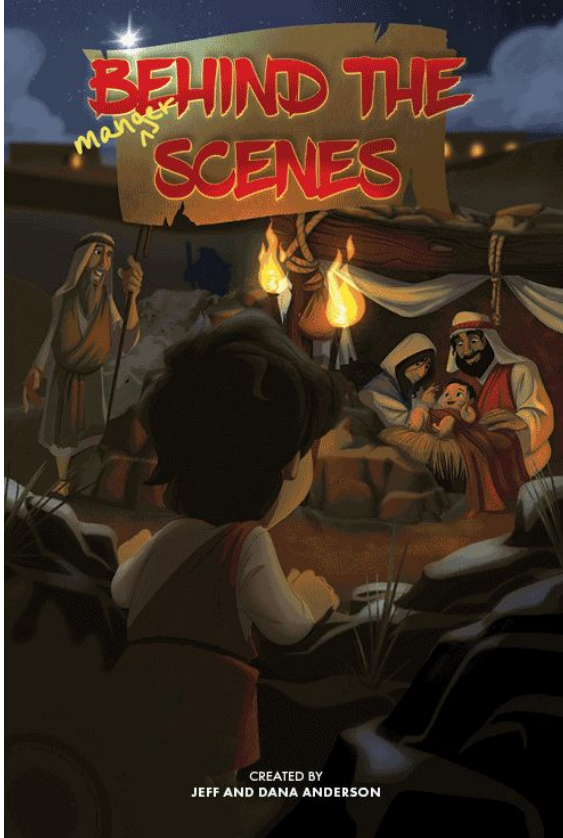
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**K-4 Christmas Musical**

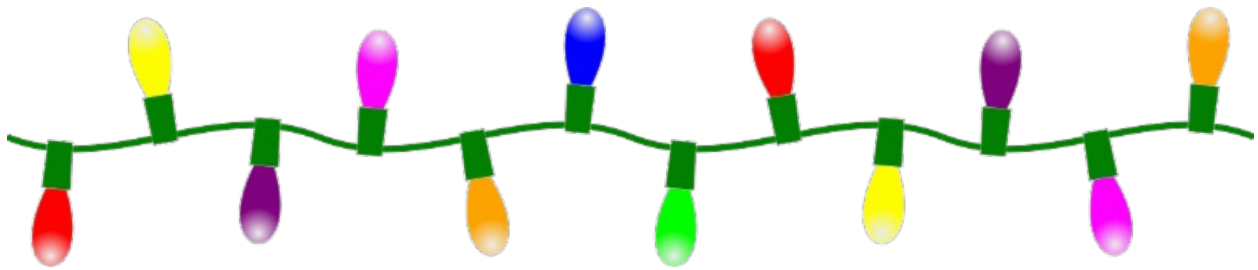
**Two casts!**

**Two musicals!**

**Two audiences!**



**Two times the fun!**



## **Costume & Call Sheet for the Christmas Musical: Behind The Manger Scenes**

The Christmas Performances are **December 13th (Cast A) & 14th (Cast B) @ 7:00 pm.**

**Grades K-3:** Please bring your child to their room **NO EARLIER** than 6:15 pm, **NO LATER** than **6:30 pm.**

**Grade 4:** Please bring your child to their room **NO EARLIER** than 6:00 pm, **NO LATER** than **6:15 pm.**

The show begins promptly at **7:00 pm.** Doors **DO NOT** open until **6:30pm.**

### **Kindergarten- "Angels"**

The Kindergarteners will wear their PE uniform sweatpants inside out, long-sleeve white T-Shirts, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with halos and wings.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade- "Sheep"**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Graders will wear their PE uniform sweatshirts and sweatpants inside out, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears and a Christmas bow tie.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- "Caravan Travellers"**

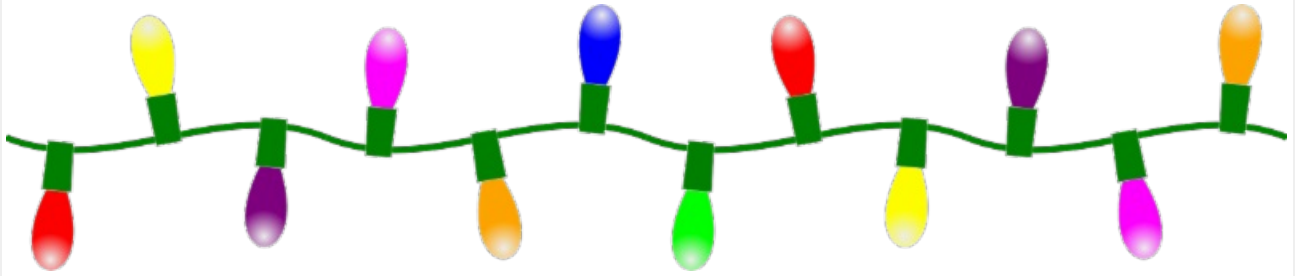
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will wear long sleeve light blue shirts and black pants, black socks and black shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- "Shepherds"**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will wear long sleeve dark brown shirts and khaki pants, brown socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Schoology Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member. Details will be posted Monday November 22.



### Cast A:

Kindergarten Whetstone  
1st Grade Payne  
2nd Grade Hoagland  
3rd Grade Case  
4th Grade Lencz

Performance: Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

### Cast B:

Kindergarten Wisneski  
1st Grade Barger  
2nd Grade Crone  
3rd Grade Magan  
4th Grade Rathod

Performance: Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

## Night of Nights 5th Grade Nativity Pageant

**Two Casts! Two Performances!**

**Thursday, December 16th**

10:00 am - 5FAR  
2:00 pm - 5FLY

Doors open to the general audience 15 minutes before show time



## COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **Substantial**  
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.  
Last updated 11/22/2021

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/community-transmission/>

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **0**  
Time period: November 19 - November 25, 2021

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with the school nurse, it may prove helpful if and when there is a need to contact trace in your child's class.**

## **Parish Happenings!**

Profits Support Vocations & Other Charities

## Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale

Remember family and friends and help Keep Christ in CHRISTmas! Religious Christmas Cards are available for sale after weekend Masses. See below.



*Christmas Blessings*

**Before & After All Masses**

Weekends of Oct 30/31 - Dec 4/5

To pre-order and pick-up at Church, email, [knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:knights@holyspiritchurch.us)




Pro-Life Committee

## ADVENT GREENS SALE

Benefits A Woman's Choice  
Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 27 & 28**

AFTER ALL MASSES  
(SATURDAY 5:30PM VIGIL THROUGH SUNDAY 6PM)

*Greens at terrific savings!*

*Candleholders & candles also for sale*

Come stop by for your Advent greens and support women in crisis pregnancies!

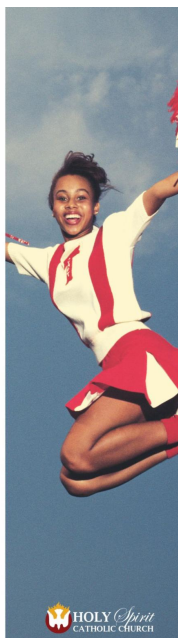
Wreaths: \$20 - \$25  
Mixed bunch of greens: \$5

## CHEER COACHES NEEDED!

DO YOU LOVE CHEERLEADING? WHY NOT SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH OUR YOUTH?!

We are in need of adult volunteer coaches so that Holy Spirit can participate in the Diocesan CYO Winter Cheer season. If you have some cheer experience please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talent with CYO Cheer.

If you have any questions or for more information on what the position entails, please email [cyo@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:cyo@holyspiritchurch.us).



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Hosted by the* 


**Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

School Cafeteria after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

*with St. Nick!*



Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Orange Juice, Coffee, & More!  
Adults \$5 Children \$3 (Max family cost: \$20)

BOOK TALK BY PARISHIONER STEVE WEIDENKOPF

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

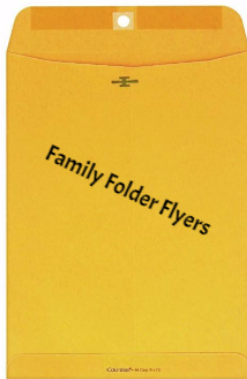
## "Light From Darkness"

Nine Times the Catholic Church was in Turmoil and Came Out Stronger Than Before

7 PM | SCHOOL CAFETERIA | LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED



# Community Happenings!



## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 25, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family  
Folder

### School Flyers:

1. Santa Boutique flyer
2. Santa's Ride Toy Drive flyer
3. Ugly Sweater
4. Behind the Manger Scenes Costume Call Sheet (K-4)
5. St. Nicholas Day flyer
6. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

### Parish Flyers:

1. Christmas Card sale flyer
2. Advent Greens Sale flyer
3. Book Talk - "Light from Darkness" flyer
4. Pancake Breakfast - December 5 - flyer

### Community Flyers: