From the Principal's Desk



October 22, 2020



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are quickly approaching and will be held on November 10th and 11th. All families are expected to sign-up for a conference time with your child's homeroom teacher.

November 10th will be an early dismissal day and conferences will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. November 11th will be a no school day for students and conferences will be held from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

On Monday, October 26th, the link to the sign-up will go out first to families with three or more children. The link will be sent to all families later in the week. When you sign up, please indicate if you would like an in-person or virtual conference. Please note that if parents opt for an inperson conference, we are asking that students/children not be brought into the school at the time of the conference in order to minimize the number of people in the hallways.

Thank you to all those who have already begun to participate in the **PTO's Fall Fundraiser** - **Boosterthon**. We are well on our way to reaching the goal of a \$20,000.00 profit and we are looking forward to the Dance Fit and Color Run activities next week. If you have not yet had the chance to register your students, I certainly encourage you to do so in support of the school.

A reminder that we will be switching over to the **Winter Uniform on Monday, November 2nd**. At that time, the younger boys must all transition over to the grey pants (no more shorts). The younger girls must be in either the plaid jumper or the grey pants (no more skorts or maroon dresses). All students must move over to the PE sweatsuit (students may wear the shorts under their sweatpants, if they choose).

We will have our next monthly Saint assembly on November 3rd as we learn more about **St.**Martin de Porres.

The **picture retakes for the yearbook** are scheduled for November 12th. As we receive additional information, it will be passed along.

The 1st Trimester will officially end on Tuesday, November 24th. The Parent Portal for grades will close on November 19th as we prepare for the end of the marking period and report cards.

As if you need another reminder....the **SPIRIT WEEK** flyer is below! The Student Council has planned some great days. Please remember that the **Ton of Love Food Drive** is an important part of our Spirit Week as we help our neighbors in need. A reminder that **Friday**, **October 30** is a no school day for students while the teachers participate in professional development.

Thank you for all you do to support Holy Spirit School!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire

We continue to work on an App for the daily health screening. Students must continue to arrive at school each day with a paper copy of the completed form. We are asking for the paper copy for now as trying to manage emails from families at the start of each day is not workable or practical for the staff.

Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire - 8.27.2020



WHAT IS THE DANCE FIT?

Elementary students will dance and exercise for 35 minutes to fun, choreographed dances and group fitness exercises to raise funds. One grade (cohorts separated) will be dancing at time in the gym socially distanced. Since the Event is 35 minutes, if you donate \$1 per Dance Minute, you'll donate \$35 to our school.

Our Dance Fit video content was created in partnership with Just Dance—the worldwide dance game! All music and dance moves are family-friendly.

HOW DOES THE COLOR RUN WORK?

Middle School students will be participating in a color run on October 29th. The event will be 1 cohort per Race Track OUTDOORS. Funds are raised through FunRun.com - Register NOW!

GET READY FOR THE FUN!
OUR PROGRAM STARTS OCT. 19TH



FUNRUN.COM

The Used Uniform Sale will be on Friday October 23 in the Quinn Room!

Please use the outside entrance from 3:30 to 5:30.

We need donations to help stock the sale! If you have extra items that you no longer need or if your child/children has/have grown out of any clothing pieces, please consider donating to the PTO's Used Uniform Sale!!!! Drop off at the office or see Melanie Bennett

in Vanpool Slot #2.

****The winter uniform switch is quickly approaching (Nov 2)!!!!

Thank you for your support!

Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!





When: Friday, October 23

Time: 3:30 to 5:30

Where: Holy Spirit School - Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!

DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED to THE OFFICE or SEE MELANIE in VANPOOL SLOT 2

Important Details-

- Masks will be required
- · Limited volume of shoppers at one time, as needed
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead bring a list of items and sizes needed
- · Shopping preference one shopper per family, if possible

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

Spirit Week! Spirit Week! It is almost here!

Holy Spirits SPIRIT WEEK Brought to you by the Holy Spirit Student Council! A week of guaranteed fun for the whole school! OCTOBER 26 TH -29 TH	
Monday	Western Day Dress as your best cowboys and cowgirls (There just might be a little line dancing in your future!)
Tuesday	Ocean Day Dress as your best crab, fish, pirate, mermaid, the options are endless! "Protect the Creation, Praise the Creator"
Wednesday	Ton of Love Collection Day of our food for the St. Lucy Project Also Crazy hat and sock day (with uniform)
Thursday	BOOSTERTHON Dress in your P.E. Uniform with fun accessories
Friday	No School Day (teacher professional development)

Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

The last time to donate is Wednesday morning, October 28th as all of the food will be transported to the St. Lucy Project warehouse that morning.

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Monday, October 19- Wednesday, October 28

As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to support Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to the increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

*please begin bringing items in the week of October 19th

- · Pre-K: Easy Mac- any type
- Kindergarten: instant potatoes
- 1st grade: pasta
- 2nd grade: tuna
- 3ta grade: canned vegetables (corn, green beans)
- 4th grade: canned fruit
- 5th grade: cereal (large boxes)
- 6th grade: jelly
- 7th grade: peanut butter
- · 8h grade: canned meats (tuna, Chicken)



Want to Donate Online? Here's how to do it:

Step 1: Use the following link to make donations directly to the St. Lucy

Project warehouse:

https://www.ccda.net/SLPAmazonWishList

Step 2: Enter code: "HS Flames" in the "Gift Message" text box

At checkout, donors (Holy Spirit parishioners, students, staff, family, friends) fill in "Gift Options" as follows:

- Insert "HS Flames" into the "Gift Message" text box provided.
- Check the EMAIL RECIPIENT box and INSERT <u>St.Lucy@ccda.net</u>. This
 automatically sends a gift receipt to Catholic Charities with all the
 information they need to give our organization credit for the food
 donation.
- IF there is more than one food item selected, each item will need "HS Flames" inserted into the "Gift Message" text box and a gift receipt email of St.Lucy@ccda.net (this is because orders can be shipped in multiple boxes and come from multiple distribution centers).
- The donor's name will automatically be included.

All donations will be shipped and received at St. Lucy's Manassas Warehouse. Catholic Charities will unpack each box and collect the gift receipt packing slips. They will also receive the digital email from Amazon confirming the donor's name and items donated.



CLASS CONTEST 2020

Did you know Holy Spirit School earns almost \$2,000 from box tops some years, thanks to you!

When: Now until October 23, 2020

TOMORROW IS LAST DAY!

How:

1. Bring cut-out, non-expired box tops into school. Physical box tops are being phased out and will no longer be accepted after 10/23.

OR

2. Use the Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipts. Don't forget to "give credit" to your child's teacher after scanning each receipt. Go to boxtops4education.com for details.

OR

3. Bring in your grocery receipts and we will scan them for you!

<u>Why:</u> To raise money for Holy Spirit School and most importantly, help your student win an **EXTRA RECESS!**

Winning Class will be announced during Spirit Week!

Veterans Day NJHS Sponsored - Wall of Heroes

Each year the NJHS sponsors our Wall of Heroes to say "Thank you" and to honor those in our families who have, or are, serving in any branch of the military or who serve our communities as a first responder.

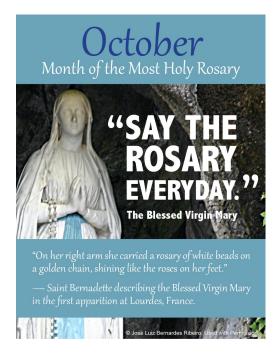
The requested form will be coming home with the students, but it is also attached here.

If you would like to include a "Thank you" on our wall, forms may be sent in any time between now and Veterans Day, November 11, 2020

Click here for Wall of Heroes flyer

Parish Happenings!







Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 22, 2020" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Spirit Week flyer
- 2. Ton of Love food drive flyer
- 3. Fall Box Tops Collection flyer
- 4. Used Uniforms flyer
- 5. Boosterthon flyer
- 6. Wall of Heroes

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Pray the Rosary flyer
- 2. Flag Collection flyer
- 3. Middle School Youth Ministry Kick-off flyer
- 4. Christmas Card 2020 flyer

Community Flyers: