

October 27, 2022



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

What A Week!

Spirit Week has certainly lived up to its name! The various costumes have been fun to see and have certainly added a liveliness to our days in so many ways! We have some terrifically creative families in our community!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Student Council by participating this week and by donating to the Ton of Love food drive.

And, of course, a bigger than big THANK YOU to all who supported the PTO's Boosterthon. The event was a tremendous financial success with the school clearing over \$50,000.00. Tuesday was a wonderful day for the Fun Run and if the amount of lap running, dancing and smiling is an indicator of the success of the event then this community is filled with overachievers!

And yet, we are not finished with the week yet! I hope to see many of you at Trunk or Treat tomorrow evening. The Connect1 app indicates that there are a couple of "trunker" spots still available, so if you've been thinking about it all - act now!

To round out all of the festivities, the National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest on Monday, October 31st - the flyer with details is below.

Congratulations to the 8th graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last night. Bishop Burbidge concelebrated a beautiful Mass with Father O'Donohue and Father Hagos.

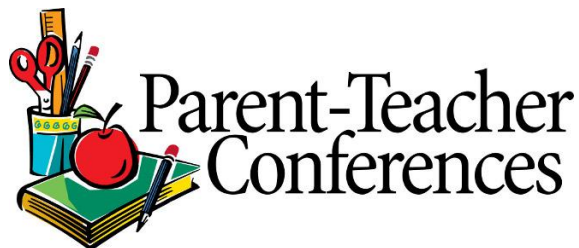
Bishop reminded the Confirmandi to be peacemakers and to be in right relationship with themselves, their community, and God. It was a wonderful homily and tremendous message for the young people of our Church.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, October 28th is a NO school day as it is a Diocesan professional development day. Extended Day WILL be open for those who are pre-registered (no drop-ins).

All students are expected to be in the appropriate Winter uniform beginning Monday, October 31st. See the handbook for any questions. In general this means no more shorts or skirts until Spring!

We will attend Mass on Tuesday, November 1st as we celebrate All Saints Day.

Yearbook picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd.



As promoted earlier this week, annual Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 10 (this is an early dismissal day from school) and Friday, November 11th (this is a no school day for students).

Per Diocesan requirements, parents are expected to meet with the HOMEROOM TEACHER for each of their children over the course of this day and a half.

Parents will be provided the option for either an in-person or Zoom conference with the teacher.

We use a series of Sign-Up Geniuses in order for families to sign-up for a conference timeslot.

Families should not contact the homeroom teacher and ask him/her to sign them up; families are responsible for signing themselves up for a timeslot.

Use the "button" below to sign-up for a conference.

The access code is: 2022Conferences

**Results from the Fall session of the NWEA MAP assessment for students in grades 3-7 will be going home to parents today. The results of these assessments will be on the agenda for parent/teacher conferences.

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-
Up

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL NJHS

PRETTY COOL PUMPKINS



DECORATE A FESTIVE PUMPKIN AT HOME
AND BRING IT TO SCHOOL!
(YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY YOUR
PUMPKIN IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL)

WINNERS FROM PRE-K- GRADE 2;
GRADES 3-5; GRADES 6-8; WILL GET A SPOOKY
PRIZE

OCTOBER 31, 2022

**Look for the full Partners in Faith (November) newsletter in the
Family Folder section below!**

Thoughtful Moments

Happy New Year!
Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the Apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 27. We begin Year A in the liturgical cycle. Celebrate by lighting the first candle in your Advent wreath.

Pick a cause
Prayer isn't the only thing we can do to make the world better; it's the best thing we can do. Try this: Choose an event from the news that brings concern to your family. Then find a saint devoted to that cause. For example, St. Vincent Ferrer - the patron of reconciliation - ask him to intervene to end the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

"Immortality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones, no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving" (Ephesians 5:3-4).

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Encourage saints as heroes

Children learn by imitation. However, many values presented by today's celebrities won't lead to holiness or happiness. Instead, introduce youngsters to true heroes - the saints. The saints were real people. Living a saintly life is not all haloes and holy cards. Some saints had chaotic home lives, worked difficult jobs, and others were known for their tempers. Make a point of reading books or watching movies about your children's "birthday" saints, or those who share their interests in art, sports, and hobbies, for example. Help saints come alive. Share your favorites. Are there saints or holy people to whom you're especially drawn? Whether famous or lesser-known, tell your children about them and what you admire in them. Sharing heroes gives you a chance to explain how to choose role models. Draw comparisons. Few compliments are more powerful than being positively compared to your hero. When children demonstrate a virtue for which their saint is known, point it out! "You were generous like St. Elizabeth of Hungary," or "Good job studying for your spelling test - just like St. Thomas Aquinas." Seek their advice. Many saints wrote about conquering problems we also face, such as uninspired prayer life, unpleasant work, or temptation. Remind youngsters that the saints struggled, too, but didn't give up. Encourage them to think, "What would a saint do?"

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why are Catholics required to attend Mass on Sunday?

The Third Commandment is "Keep holy the Sabbath," and attending Sunday Mass is our Catholic response. However, we aren't just to attend Mass; we are to assist. By doing so, we prove that we belong to Christ and are faithful to Him and His Church. We also "give witness to... (our) communion in faith and charity... testify to God's holiness and our hope in salvation, [and] strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2182)

The FACTS Tuition Assistance Application for the 2023/2024 academic year will open on November 1, 2022. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2023. A full overview of the programs and eligibility requirements may be found by clicking on the "button" below. Awards for Holy Spirit School are typically made in May after financial awards have been made by the Diocese.

**Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview
2023/2024**

Holy Spirit School relies heavily on our current families to help promote our school. If you know of someone considering a Catholic school education for their children - send them our way! Our first Open House for prospective families is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th.

Discover
Catholic Schools
Discover **Holy Spirit**
**November 16th
& January 11th**
6-7:30 PM Open House
Holy Spirit Catholic School
Annandale, VA
www.holyspiritflames.org



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

October 28 – Trunk or Treat
November 7 – Ledo's Pizza Fundraiser!

PTO Meeting: The November PTO meeting will be a hybrid meeting on November 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm. It is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet fellow parents, and to get involved. The meeting attendance counts towards the PSSC hours. Please join us at the following link:

<https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09>

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/gmguij6pp>

Tomorrow Night!

Check out the sign up in Connect 1 as we are still in need of 4 "trunkers"!

This is a "rain or shine" event and we hope you can help make it a special evening for all of the students!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Decorate your booth and fill it with candy!

Prizes:
-Best decorated booth!



Friday, October 28th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
On the School Grounds

Limited spaces available. For info and to reserve a spot,
Contact or email PTOtrunkortreat@holyspiritflames.org

(More than one family can share a spot.)

(In the event of inclement weather, Trunk or Treat will take place inside the school.)

As an "Admission Fee", we ask that all families bring at least one bag of candy to donate to the "cause" so that we can keep the fun going!

A reminder that this is a "family friendly" event and we count on parents to help monitor children in order to be sure there are plenty of treats for all.

HUNGRY???

Ledo
Pizza.

Bring this
flyer with
you!

Enjoy a great family dinner while raising money for
Holy Spirit School

November 7th from 5pm to 9pm

West Springfield Ledo Pizza

8324 Old Keene Mill Road
West Springfield, Virginia 22152

The organizer receives 20% of dine-in sales for each flyer
presented!

Your group also receives 20% of takeout orders when
mentioning the fundraiser! Call ahead for takeout!
703-451-5336

If any staff or parents order catering the entire week of the
fundraiser, our school will get 10% of the check total!

Bring a friend and tell your neighbors too!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
Holy Spirit School



The PTO Christmas Tree sale is not long off! Check out Connect 1 for volunteer opportunities!

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - **Vacant** - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDevelopment@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.

Parish Happenings!

FAMILY BINGO

Fall Harvest Fun



November 5, 2022
 Holy Spirit School Gym
 Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

Snack Sold

- Pizza
- Hot Dogs
- Nachos
- Soft Drinks
- Juice

Admission

(Includes Book of Cards w/ 3 games/card)
 All Proceeds will support Holy Spirit and Diocesan Seminarians and religious

- Players 12 Years and Older: \$5
- Players under 12 Years: \$3
- Extra Books of Cards: \$3
- Free for children under 5 years who are not playing

Prizes

New Larger Cash Prizes

- Grand Prize \$150
- Other Games \$40
- Specials – based on number of tickets sold




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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)



SHERATON RESTON HOTEL, RESTON, VIRGINIA



EMBRACING DISABILITY AS PART OF THE CHURCH

2022 CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY:





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NOV

8:00AM-12:30PM

AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL
ARLINGTON, VA

\$10 REGISTRATION



A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON INCLUSION FEATURING:

- Inspiring Keynote Conversation
- Informative Breakout Sessions
- Exhibition and Networking Area
- Sensory Mass Celebrated by Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

This event is for clergy, catechists, youth ministers, school teachers and administrators, parents and all advocates interested in increasing access to Catholic education, employment, faith formation, and community resources for individuals with disabilities.

SPEAKERS



BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST AT MASS


 REV. ROBERT CILINSKI
 PASTOR, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH


 JOYCE KELLY
 TRINITY SCHOOL OF THE SACRAMENTS

KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

BREAKOUT SESSIONS


 KEVIN BOHLI
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES, DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON


 MARY DESMARAIS
 FOUNDER, CATHOLIC INCLUSION SERVICES, LLC


 DR. NANCY EMANUEL
 COORDINATOR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES, DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON


 WARD JONES
 CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON


 CHARLEEN KATRA
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP FOR DISABILITY

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: WWW.BISHOPOCONNELL.ORG/BELONGING



***Do This In
Remembrance of Me***

**“Remembering Black Catholic History and
how it impacts our faith here and now”**

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 12:00PM

Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203

Featuring presentations on Black Catholic History,
Spirituality, Saints and Saints-to-be.

Agenda

12:00PM - Check In and Lunch, Burke Hall
1:00PM - Program Begins, Burke Hall
5:00PM - Mass in Main Church



Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
as Main Celebrant & Homilist

This event is FREE, but RSVP required. Please email
mcm@arlingtondiocese.org by October 31 to secure your spot.
Mass does not require RSVP.

Sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry of the Office of Multicultural Ministries

For more information, visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bcm2022

discover you



Prospective Teacher Information
SESSIONS

November 14, 2022 7:00 PM
Bishop Denis J. O’Connell
High School,
School Library
6600 Little Falls Road
Arlington, Virginia

Explore
website
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools>
job openings
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>
application process
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

November 16, 2022 7:00 PM,
Saint John Paul the Great
Catholic High School
School Library
1700 Dominican Drive
Potomac Shores, VA

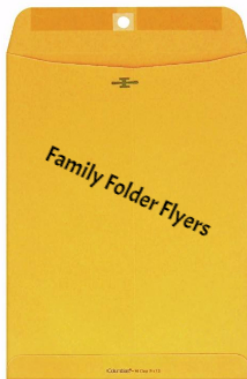


Register



<https://forms.office.com/r/RQXLNU09r>

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the **37** elementary schools, **4** high schools and **4** stand-alone preschools serving over **18,000** students in the **13** cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 27, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

1. Partners in Faith (November) newsletter
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3. Ledo Pizza PTO Fundraiser flyer
4. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

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1. Family BINGO flyer

Community Flyers:

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2. From Inclusion to Belonging Conference flyer
3. Do This in Remembrance of Me Conference flyer
4. Prospective Teacher Information Sessions flyer