

From the Principal's Desk



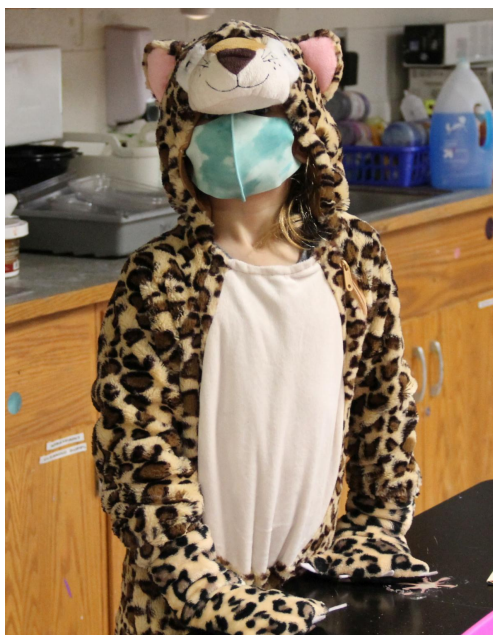
October 28, 2021



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

"In work there is dignity"

Thank you, Student Council!
Spirit Week was awesome!





We had an incredible week of fun! From Mismatched Day to the Fun Run; from Rainforest Day to School Spirit Day (and the Cake Walk) - it was a week of terrific costumes and many laughs. A big "thank you!" to all of the members of the Student Council for planning everything.

Thank you to everyone for all of the donations for the Ton of Love food drive. We filled the van sent over by Catholic Charities with more than 1700 pounds of food! What a great reminder to our children that there are those in our very immediate communities who are in need.

***A special note about the cupcakes that the students received as a part of today's Cake Walk. Students were specifically instructed to wait until they got home before consuming those. I requested an ingredient list and was told that possible allergens are gluten, egg, soy, and dairy.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, October 29th is a NO school day for students as the teachers will be participating in Diocesan professional development.

Please be sure to look at the information that was sent earlier this morning and what is below regarding Trunk or Treat. **The event has been moved to Saturday, October 30th due to the predicted rain for tomorrow.**

Some of the folks who were originally scheduled to decorated their "trunks" are now unable to do so due to the change of date. Please consider volunteering in order to help make this a fun event for the children.

Monday, November 1st is the beginning of Winter Uniform. This means no more uniform shorts for the Prek - 5 boys, no more drop-waist dresses or skorts for the Prek - 5 girls, and no PE shorts for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

During the week of November 8th, grades 1-8 will be presented the Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity program. I highly encourage parents to review the course materials for this safe environment training via the link below. This is an Opt-Out program, which means that the material will be presented to all students unless a parent specifically opts a student out via the form provided below.

[Link to Diocesan website with course materials](#)

[Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form](#)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Annual Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 10th (this is an early dismissal day from school) and November 11th (this is a no school day for students).

It is expected that all parents will sign up for a conference with your child's homeroom teacher.

As we did last year, we are offering both in-person and virtual meeting options. Please be sure to indicate on the sign-up which you prefer. I am asking that you do not bring your children with you while attending the conference.

The link for signing up is below. The Access Code is: 2021Conferences

Thank you!

Parent/Teacher Signup

Follow-up information with regard to the funeral arrangements for Liam Crone.

The viewing will be held at Demaine Funeral Home at 5308 Backlick Road in Springfield on November 4th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and again from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

The Funeral Mass will be Saturday, November 6th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 10:30 am.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Featured Vacancies:

The Talent Show – a much anticipated event in the spring. Consider co-chairing the event with Joe Terpenning. Duties include organizing auditions, planning the sequence of events, and activities on the evening of the show.

Virtual Fundraising – Seeking a tech-savvy volunteer to assist in developing virtual fundraising platforms!!!

If you happen to see an event announced that you would be interested in participating in as a committee member, please send inquiries to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - PTOVpmembership@holyspiritflames.org to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

October 30 – **Change of Date!!** Trunk or Treat! Let's have some fun!!!!

November 8 – Ledo Pizza Fundraiser (see info below)

Committee Vacancies:

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

Talent Show – Co-Chair

Virtual Fundraising – Chair

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

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Please consider signing up to decorate your trunk - the more the merrier!

Click here to sign up to decorate your trunk and/or to assist with setup/cleanup



**TRUNK OR
TREAT
RESCHEDULED
DUE TO
WEATHER.
IT WILL NOW
BE ON
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 30TH
6:30-8:30**





WHEN: November 8-15

WHERE: PE classes, gym

FOR: *Catholic Charities*

COST: \$1.00.

Money will be collected starting on Monday, Nov. 1st in homeroom.

Parent Volunteers: A signup link will be sent out 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 Wednesday, November 17 at 1:30pm** with the entire school cheering them on. There will be a trophy for the winning team to be displayed in the front office. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities

**Yearbook Picture Retakes
November 4th**



Lifetouch.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING



Order your school pictures
today on mylifetouch.com

Thursday, November 04, 2021
Holy Spirit School Retake Day!



- ① Visit mylifetouch.com
- ② Enter your Picture Day ID
EVTBKXBPD
- ③ Order your perfect package—
and don't worry about returning
anything on Picture Day!

Lifetouch
REWARDS™

Earn exclusive offers for your
online picture purchases.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE!

WHO: All of Middle School

**WHEN: November 12
7PM - 9PM**

THEME: Glow in the Dark

FEE: \$5.00

Proceeds go to "Water For Sudan"

Join us for Battle of the Books!



Battle of the Books is a club for 5th and 6th Graders. We read and discuss 12 books of various genres every year, selected by librarians and teachers from across the Diocese. At the end of the year, all club members attend the Diocesan Battle of the Books competition.

We will meet Tuesday mornings from 7:15-8:00. The full schedule of dates will be sent home at the first meeting. Please communicate with Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Sansaver if your child will be arriving later than 7:15.

Join us for our first meeting, Tuesday November 9th to discuss *A Wolf Called Wander*.

In order for students to participate, they will be responsible for getting access to each book. Each member needs to turn in a signed permission slip prior to coming to the meeting.

I give permission for my child _____, to attend the Battle of the Books club meetings for the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **Substantial**
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.
Last updated 10/25/2021

<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

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.

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!

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA


FATIMA and the Fall of Communism

Come hear author Craig Turner tell the amazing story of the Fatima apparitions and the consecration of Russia to Mary that lead to the fall of Communism.

WHAT: A one-hour talk on Fatima

WHEN: Saturday, October 23
7:30 - 9pm

WHERE: Holy Spirit Church


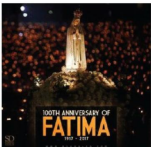


✓ What was the "consecration" that Mary asked for at Fatima, and what exactly is a "consecration"?

✓ What did 70,000 people see at Fatima when they witnessed the Miracle of the Sun?

✓ What amazing event related to Fatima occurred on Christmas Day, 1991?

✓ Which major Fatima event happened at the same time that Vladimir Lenin was entering Russia to establish the first communist state?



HOLY Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST




A Pilgrim Experience for the Whole Family

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
INVITES YOU TO THE
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

*Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception in Washington, D.C.*

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage




A great ministry for teens and families this winter



Good Samaritan Society
Snow Angels Program

Each fall, we collect the names of parishioners who cannot shovel their own driveways and do not have neighbors who can do it for them. Then we pair volunteers with those parishioners—typically within a few blocks of one another—to shovel their driveways free of charge by the end of the day. This is a perfect way for teens and families to be Good Samaritans to our community. Sign up by November 1 to help!

Before you go sledding this winter — help a friend in need

Want to volunteer? Email gss@holyspiritparish.us

NEED INSPIRATION?

Tune in to your favorite Arlington priests' weekly wisdom and soul-stirring challenge!

Subscribe below or text
"2m2v" to 84576



2Minutes2Virtue™
The Weekly Challenge

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.



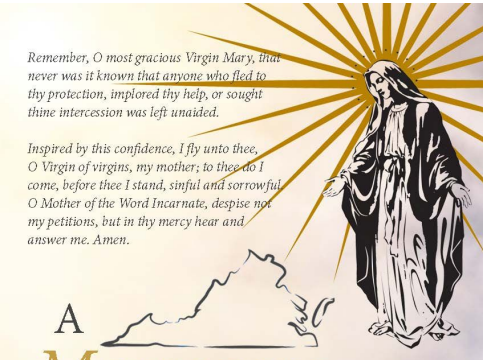
Christmas Blessings

Before & After All Masses
Weekends of Oct 30/31 - Dec 4/5

To pre-order and pick-up at Church, email, knights@holyspiritchurch.us

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



A Memorare A DAY

for the HEALTH of the COMMONWEALTH

October 25 - Election Day, November 2

"...it is essential, that we bring our faith into the public arena, especially in the votes we will soon cast, and elect officials who are defenders of life, from conception to natural death."
—Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life • Catholic Diocese of Arlington
(703) 841-2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org

Community Happenings!

discover you



Prospective Teacher Information Sessions

In Person **November 15, 2021 7:00 PM**

Virtual **November 17, 2021 7:00 PM**

Virtual **November 18, 2021 1:00 PM**

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the 37 elementary schools, 4 high schools and 3 stand-alone preschools serving 18,000 students in the 13 cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.

Explore

website

<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/>

[job openings](https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/)

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

application process

<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

Register



<https://forms.office.com/r/aWU5LzKH43>

ANNANDALE BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB REGISTRATION

4216 Annandale Rd., Annandale, VA 22003 703-941-ABGC (2342) FAX 703-941-4412
Basketball Coordinators: Gary Wright garywright@annandale.org (boys) Juan Colon jcolon@annandale.org (girls)
Commissioner: Juan Colon jcolon@annandale.org
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 3 - 7 PM, Saturday 9 - 12 Noon
E-MAIL: abgc@annandale.org
*REGISTER ONLINE AND SAVE \$5 @ WWW.ABGC.ORG

Basketball \$140
First Time \$70
K - 12th Grade

Wrestling \$150
Ages 5 - 14

Boxing
Ages 7 - Adult
\$71-436-9983

The basketball fee includes clinics for 5-12 year olds. The registration fee of \$70 is only for "First Time" basketball players with the Annandale Boys' & Girls' Club. Basketball season is from Dec., 2021 thru March 2022. The wrestling program will begin in November and run through February. Registration will close Dec. 11, 2021. Teams are formed with a neighborhood concept by grade level. These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.

REQUESTED COACH _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

MAIL OR DELIVER FORM AND FEE TO: ABGC, 4216 Annandale Rd., ANNANDALE, VA 22003

Player's First Name (Type or Print) _____ Last Name _____

Boy _____ Girl _____ Date of Birth _____ School _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Grade in Sept. 2021 _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (H) _____ (C) _____

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

NO FEES: \$10.00 Refund No Refund
Coach Assistant Coach Will be a spectator

I hereby give permission for my child to play _____ (sport). I have insurance to cover all risks of injury or

doctor's bills that might be incurred and accept all responsibility for my child's safety at practice and at games.

I also understand that there are no refunds. In the event I cannot get the team of my choice, I will accept an assignment made by ABGC.

IF YOU ARE NOT A FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENT, THERE IS A \$30 FEE

Am. Paid _____

IF YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER, THERE IS A \$35 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE

Am. Paid _____

Parent's Signature _____ Am. Paid \$ _____

Check Cash Cr. Card

Print Parents' First & Last Names _____ Date _____



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 28, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form
2. Yearbook Picture Retake flyer
3. Battle of the Books flyer
4. Turkey Shoot Out flyer

Parish Flyers:

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2. Fatima and the Fall of Communism flyer
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5. Christmas Card sale flyer
6. A Memorare a Day flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Diocese of Arlington Prospective Teacher Information Sessions flyer
2. Annandale Boys and Girls Club Winter Sports Registration

