

October 8, 2020



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

Just a couple of safety reminders

As we have settled into the year and are quickly making our way into the heart of the month of October, I would like to just send out a couple of reminders.

Please be sure that when you are approaching the school on Woodland Way and traversing the campus you are cognizant of your speed. We have several children who walk to and from school (as well as neighbors catching the Metro bus) and they must cross Woodland Way to get to school, please be on the lookout for them. Additionally, once you enter the campus be certain to lower your speed in order to be on the lookout for students, faculty, staff and parishioners who may be on foot.

Regardless of whether there is a line of cars or not, please follow the usual traffic pattern, it doesn't take but one quick turn of the traffic light for the line to grow once again and if a car is angled incorrectly it can cause issues with the subsequent lines.

Lastly, please refrain from being on your cell phone when your car is moving. Thank you!

As we stack our days together, it may be easy to get lulled into a false sense of security, but we continue to ask families to be cognizant of your travels and the sphere of your interactions

outside of school. I know that many sports teams and other activities are ramping up and folks are traveling to a variety of places which brings with it the increased possibility of exposure to COVID.

If you are considering taking your child out of school at this point for a family vacation, please remember that those are not considered excused absences from school and teachers are not required to provide advance work for your student. Upon your return I would ask that you just give thought to whether your children will/should immediately return to the building.

As you might imagine my intent is keep us here in the school building throughout the entirety of the year.

1st Trimester interims will go home tomorrow, Friday, October 9th. For students in Grades 3-8 who have a 75% or below, a paper interim will be sent home. Please be sure to make use of the Parent Portal to check in on how your students are doing. If you have questions about your login credentials, please contact Mrs. Laclede (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org).

Monday, October 12th is a NO school day for everyone.

Get ready for SPIRIT WEEK! The Student Council has planned some great days - we made a change to the week's schedule so please use the information in this email for both Spirit Week and Ton of Love. A reminder that Friday, October 30 is a no school day for students while the teachers participate in professional development.

I hope you have taken a look at the PTO Highlights for the week where information regarding the Fall fundraiser - Boosterthon - may be found, as well as the sign up links for Trunk or Treat. Both of these are important events for their own purpose and I hope everyone participates as much as possible.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

-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

Please note we made a little change to the schedule!

Holy Spirit's SPIRIT WEEK

Brought to you by the Holy Spirit Student Council!
A week of guaranteed fun for the whole school!

OCTOBER 26TH-30TH

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	Trunk or Treat! (No School Day) Join us for the sponsored PTO Trunk or Treat!

TON of L♥VE 2020

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
- 3rd grade: canned vegetables
(corn, green beans)
- 4th grade: canned fruit
- 5th grade: cereal (large boxes)
- 6th grade: jelly
- 7th grade: peanut butter
- 8th 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 St.Lucy@ccda.net. 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.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL FAMILIES TRUNK OR TREAT 2020



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
SOME FAMILY FUN
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
6:30 - 8:30 PM
SCHOOL PARKING LOT!!**

ADMISSION: LARGE BAG OF CANDY!

RSVP REQUIRED IN SIGN UP GENIUS

**PRIZES FOR:
BEST DECORATED VEHICLES
BEST COSTUMES
BEST CARVED PUMPKIN:
BRING YOUR PUMPKIN WITH TEA LIGHTS
AND FIND THE DISPLAY TABLE**

**TRUNK OR TREAT
FOOD TRUCKS
GAMES**

**COSTUME
PARADE &
COSTUME
CONTEST**



QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KELLY
dobrydneyj@yahoo.com



**HOLY SPIRIT COVID PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED TO INCLUDE
SYMPTOM FREE ENTRANCE, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS.**



8th Grade Lunch

The Youth Ministry Office hosts a special monthly luncheon just for 8th grade students!

11:15-12 PM
Cafeteria

Masks Required. All social distancing protocol as implemented by the school will be followed.

msyouthministry@holyspiritchurch.us.



Parish Happenings!



SIGN UP TO PRAY!

Sign to intentionally pray for our parish priests.
Pick any day(s) available throughout the year.
We can send you a reminder (with a suggested prayer) the day before.

Let's fill our priests' year with our prayers!

Your name will appear on a calendar that will be given to our priests on Nov. 1, 2020

SIGN UP AT:

holyspiritchurch.us/priesthoodsunday





MILITIA IMMACULATA

WHAT IS IT?
Militia Immaculata is a prayer group that uses the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Tuesday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

WHAT DO YOU DO?
We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some delicious snacks!

WHO CAN JOIN?
This group is open to Holy Spirit School students in all grades.
*Annual Registration required.
In addition, weekly Sign-up! Seating required as space is limited*

IS THIS REALLY AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS?
Yep! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

TUESDAYS Starting Oct. 6
3:15-4:15pm in the Quinn Room
For more information, check out our website:
www.holyspiritchurch.us/ministries/youth/mi/



YOUTH

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020

DO NOT BE AFRAID

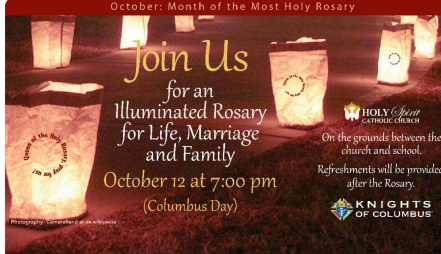
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Come
Check It Out

MSYM Oct. 4 MSYM Oct. 9

Check out the website for more info,
www.holyspiritchurch.us



October: Month of the Most Holy Rosary



Join Us
for an
Illuminated Rosary
for Life, Marriage
and Family

October 12 at 7:00 pm
(Columbus Day)

On the grounds between the church and school.
Refreshments will be provided after the Rosary.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us!



September 23 - November 1
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN (CITY NAME)!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!


With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- 17,226 babies saved from abortion
- 206 abortion workers converted
- 107 abortion centers closed


Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside (name of abortion center and street address, any pertinent info)
- **Vigil hours:** (i.e., 7 am to 7 pm daily)
- **Local contact:** (name, phone, email information for local leaders / coordinators)
- **Learn more ... get involved ...** and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

[40daysforlife.com/\(cityname\)](http://40daysforlife.com/(cityname))



Sponsored by: the Knights of Columbus



Soccer CHALLENGE

Saturday, October 10

9:00AM - 2:00PM

Field behind Holy Spirit School

All individual boys & girls ages 9-14 are invited

Individuals kick soccer penalty kicks (12 yards) with scores for shot location in goal. 3 warm-up kicks, 25 kicks for record.

Contact: knights@holyspiritchurch.us Rules Info: www.holyspiritchurch.us/soccerchallenge

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Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 8, 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. 8th Grade Luncheon flyer
4. Trunk or Treat flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Militia Immaculata
2. Middle and High School Youth Ministry Kick Offs
3. 40 Days for Life
4. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge
5. Illuminated Rosary
6. Voting
7. Priesthood Sunday

Community Flyers:

1. Dyslexic Edge Conference
2. St. Paul VI High School Open House opportunities
3. Pope John Paul the Great High School Open House information

