From the Principal's Desk



September 1, 2022



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

Be sure to keep reading!

There is a tremendous amount of information in this week's newsletter. From standardized testing, to the start up of band, strings, and choir. From PTO Spirit Gear sales, to Boosterthon business partnership opportunities; and more.

Be sure to scroll through everything!

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday September 2nd is an early dismissal day for everyone (no afternoon Extended Day). Monday, September 5th is a no school day for everyone. Tuesday, September 6th is a no school day for students (professional development for teachers). Extended Day is open on 9/6 for those families who have pre-registered for the day.

Have a wonderful long weekend!!!



On Thursday, September 8th we will celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will have a prayer service at 8:30 am, please stop by, if you have time.

If I may ask, please plan to send your child(ren) into school with a flower to help create a class bouquet.

Thank you!

The Diocese of Arlington will be using a new standardized testing platform for grades 3-7 this year. The assessment is through NWEA and is the MAP Growth assessment.

As we have been accustomed to, the test is an untimed, online, adaptive assessment which will be given three times during the year. We will continue to test in the areas of English grammar, reading comprehension and mathematics.

Below you will find a letter from Dr. Vorbach, Superintendent of Catholic Schools regarding the new platform and parent information.

The first testing window will begin September 12th. During that week students in grades 6-8 will take assessments. Students in grades 3-5 will take assessment beginning September 19th.

Teachers have received a minimal amount of training at this point - just enough to administer the tests! During the day of professional development on September 30th, teachers (and administrators) will learn how to pull data, read and interpret reports and results.

Results from the first testing window will be shared with parents during the November conferences.

The Diocese of Arlington continues to stress the use of standardized testing results to inform instruction in the classroom.

Dr. Vorbach letter on NWEA

Family Guide to NWEA

For those who have been asking, the services for Mr. Anthony Baynard (Mr. B) will be held in

Chesapeake, Virginia. The viewing is tomorrow, Friday, September 2nd and the funderal is Saturday, September 3rd.

More information may be found at:

https://www.fitchettmannfuneralservices.com/obituary/anthony-baynard

We continue to pray for Mr. Baynard's family and friends and hope you will join us in that, as well.

Fall Yearbook Picture Day!!! Monday, September 26, 2022

ALL students should be in their regular school uniform (even if they have P.E. that day)

A printable copy of the order form is available below in the Family Folder section.



Just keep singing!!!

Both Mass and Performance Choir are back for the Grades 3-8!

Sign-up flyers available in the Family Folder section below

Holy Spirit Mass Choir



If you are interested in singing at the Friday school Masses, sign up for choir!

Choir Sign-Ups: Thursday September 8th, 3:15-4:00 p.m. in the music classroom.

First Choir Rehearsal: Thursday 15th, 3:15-4:30 p.m. in the music classroom

The schedule for choir will be sent out the week of the first rehearsal

NOTE: Parents please plan to pick up your student in the car line in front of the school at the end of each rehearsal. Parents who are late for pick up (4:40), your child

Fill out the interest form below and return to Ms. Sanborn.Questions? csanborn@holyspiritflames.org

Choir interest F	orm - Due by Wednesday September 7th, 202
Student Name	GradeHomeroom
Initial here if your child will b	e going to extended day care after choir
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rehearsal	
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Holy Spirit Performance Choir



If you are interested in growing your singing abilities and performing more advanced music, sign up for performance choir!

Choir Sign-Ups: Thursday September 8th, 3:15-4:00 p.m. In the music classroom.

First Choir Rehearsal: Tuesday 13th, 3:15-4:30 p.m. in the music classroom

The schedule for choir will be sent out the week of the first rehearsal

NOTE: Parents please plan to pick up your student in the car line in front of the school at the end of each rehearsal. Parents who are late for pick up (4:40), your child will be sent to extended day and charges will acr

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Student Name	GradeH	omeroom
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Name and phone number(s) of t rehears al		
Contact for emergencies		
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JOIN THE HOLY SPIRIT BAND!!!



INTERESTED?

Bring Your Parents to the Registration and Info Night – **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 7**TH, **6pm** Dear Holy Spirit Parents,

Welcome to the HS Strings Program!

"Studying a musical instrument is an exceptional way to enrich a child's life. It is a 'hands on' creative experience which provides many simulating cognitive benefits such as improved listening, reading and math skills." It is my privilege to have the opportunity to encourage your child to move forward with their achievements.

The program is designed for students from 3rd to 8th grade who wish to study a string instrument (violin, viola, cello). The curriculum incorporates group lessons, master classes, ensemble playing and performance opportunities. During the first year of study, your child will learn the basics of playing his/her instrument. We focus on holding the instrument and bow with the correct posture, as well as producing a relaxed, resonant tone. They will also learn the basics of reading music and taking care of their instrument.

For grades 3, 4 and 5 classes will be scheduled Wednesdays when school is in session. Middle school/advanced students will have classes after school from 3:20 to 4:15 pm on Wednesdays. The first string class is scheduled to begin on **September 14, 2021**.

The tuition for the program is \$430 for the school year (at least 27 lessons). This price includes a method music book/sheet music. Tuition is payable by check to "Hwan-ah Lee". Parents may opt to pay with payment plans (please see the registration form for the payments schedule).

Students are required to rent or purchase an instrument to participate in the program. Most of the rental options are rent-to-own programs which are designed to be cost-effective for you while providing students with a complete instrument package, including the instrument, bow and instrument case. There are several music shops in the area where you can rent or purchase an instrument for your child.

- Fairfax Fine Violins https://ffviolins.com/
 - 0 703-543-7474
 - 10782 Fairfax Blvd., Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22030 (across the old PVI High School campus)
- Foxe' Music company https://www.foxesmusic.com/t-rental-program.aspx
 - 0 703-533-7393
 - 416 South Washington St., Falls Church, VA 22046

Registration for the program is due by September 11, 2022. Please follow the attached link to access the registration form. (https://forms.gle/L4GzKXPon9fwtiY69).

Please contact me (stringsthebest@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

I look forward to meeting your child in class on September 14!

Many blessing,

Dr. Hwan-Ah Lee

Strings Program Registration Form



K - 8TH GRADE

FRIDAYS

3:20PM - 4:20PM

10/7 - 1/27 SKIPS: 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/23

No club meeting on school closure or early dismissal days

TUITION: \$216 FOR 12 WEEKS





HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHESS CLUB

Fun is the name of the game...

...but Magnus Chess Academy also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess

Each week students of all levels do a fun but challenging lesson with one of our great coaches from our world class curriculum followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with the official academy of world champion Magnus Carlsen. This in-person club includes online extras like practice tournaments and a bonus lesson with Magnus or Judit Polgar, the best female chess player ever!



To register, scan the **QR Code** or visit

www.chessacademy.com

Questions? Email: info@chessacademy.com or call: 703.574.2070



-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Top of the Day, Holy Spirit!

Upcoming Events:

September 7, 6:30pm — PTO Volunteer Fair.

September 20, 6:30pm – PTO Meeting (hyperlink/info below).

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?
pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09
Macting ID: 970 7705 2722

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

October 1, TBD — Used Uniform Sale.

Volunteer Fair Planning: Please plan to attend the Holy Spirit PTO Volunteer Fair scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30PM in the school gym. Your attendance counts towards your annual 20 hour family volunteer requirement for Holy Spirit School. Please contact Mary Sonnen, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, for more information at 571-243-6423 (evenings/weekends) or through PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org. Sign up for the Volunteer Fair is available in the Connect1 App with your family account.

Recess Duty: Sign up for recess duty opportunities is now available through: https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3.

Reminder: Families made a commitment to be active and supportive of the Holy Spirit School PTO. Part of this is made possible with your annual \$60 PTO dues which are assessed via the family's tuition account at the start of the academic year. Families also promise to complete 20 service hours (10 service hours for single parent households), and an additional 2 hours of playground supervision (families with only pre-kindergarten students are exempt from playground supervision). At the end of the school year families will be assessed \$20 per service hour not completed.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/
BoxTops Download App, scan your receipt; Referral code: A7RD91XB



Flame Spirit Gear Store

Open for sales Tuesday, September 6th through Tuesday, September 20th.

Once the store opens purchasing items online can be done in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code available in the printable flyer (see the Family Folder section below)

Or

Go online to https://holyspiritflame22fallapparel.itemorder.com

- 2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
- 3. Securely checkout with your credit card

This is the ONLY Spirit Gear sale for the year.

PTO Spirit Gear Days are typically the 3rd Thursday of each month (beginning in October). Students may dress down as long as they are wearing PTO Spirit Gear.

Used Uniform Sale – September 7!!!





Sale Date- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 from 6:30-8:30

Where: Holy Spirit School – Gymnasium During the Volunteer Fair

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, SCHOOL SHOES, OR SPIRIT WEAR THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED, TO THE OFFICE OR EMAIL - MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com
TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

Important Details-

- If you would like to volunteer your time, please sign up on Connect 1
- Enter and exit through the gymnasium
- · Plan ahead bring a list of items and sizes needed

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

Boosterthon is coming!!!!

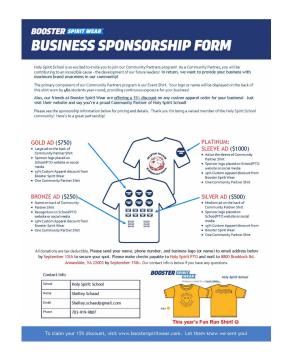
October 17 - October 25, 2022

We are looking for business partners!

Have a business or know a business?



Your logo or name will be displayed on the back of this shirt worn by **over 450** students year-round, providing continuous exposure for your business!



Connect1

This application can be accessed on a smartphone or computer.

- · It will provide a central location for families to see all the volunteer opportunities available to them, both school-wide and for their children's classes (replacing the need for individual signup genius accounts).
- · It will provide a way to automatically track PSSC hours based on event signups (and adjust that time as needed).
- · It will provide an electronic version of the school directory, including class lists and parent contact information. Information can be updated in real-time, ensuring information for students who join school mid-year is readily available, and information for families who move during the school year is quickly available as well.
- It provides a prayer board to request and answer prayers for our community.

You can sign up at: https://app.connect1.io School Code: L41VP6 **NOTE**: One parent/guardian signs up first, adds the other guardian in the app. The second (and any other guardians - aunts, uncles, grandparents, adult children, etc) will use the link they get to sign up. If you don't do this the family account will not be linked and you may not get proper credit for your PSSC hours.

The point of contact for Connect1 is PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org

Zoom training sessions:

Sep 1, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/89627771471? pwd=M0d6WkNWOGcyR0JRbUo0cndibE1rQT09

Meeting ID: 896 2777 1471

· Passcode: 589843

Click here for a printable copy of the instructions

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
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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!





Wednesday Night **Bible Study**With Father O'Donohue



This Year's Topic: Isaiah

September 14, 2022 - May 10, 2023 Parish Center Large Meeting Room 8:30-9:30 PM









Community Happenings!



Are you interested in joining Cub Scouts this fall? Learn leadership skills, what is means to be a good citizen, how to care for and explore God's creation in nature, and so much more.

Chartered by the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Men's Club, Cub Scout Pack 50 serves boys from kindergarten through 5- grade. Scouts have the opportunity to learn and grow in important character-bruiding ideals while participating in fun activities such as day hikes, fall and spring family camping/campires, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, Scouting for Food service project, summer camps and more! The Pack is broken up into 'dens' grouped by age/grade and led by parent 'den leaders' with all parents pitching in to help guide various activities.

Join us for a 'Join Scouting Night' informational parent meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022 on the front lawn of Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way in Annandale) at 6.30pm. Bring the kids, too, as we will entertain them with an informal game of kickball during the parent information meeting.

For more information, please email Pack 50 Cubmaster, Paul Eubanks, at pjeubanks@hotmail.com.



	2022 BISHOP IRETON CHEER CLINIC
	Seend an uniquestable day learning cheericading and performing with the
	2016 - 2022 Christian Cheerleaders of America National Grand Champion
	BISHOP IRETON CHEERLEADERS!
WHO: WHEN:	Girts 1+8 th Grade (No experience necessary!) Saturday, October 8, 2022 9:00AM – 3:30PM (Game starts at 1:00PM) The Clinic concludes with a halftime performance during the Varsity Football Game
WHERE:	Bishop Ireton High School Gym, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA. 22314
COST:	\$60 - Cost includes t-shirt, hair bow, lunch & performance at halftime with the Varsity Cheerleaders!! Bring your friends and your cameras!! Don't miss out on this amazing experience!!
REGISTER:	Register and pay online at www.bishopieten.org/chercilinic or fill out the form below & mail to: Bishop irector. Cheer Clinic 201 Gambridge Rd., 201 Gambridge Rd., 211 Gambridge Rd.,
Name	
School & Grad	de
Phone #	Parent email
Emergency C	ontactPhone #
Insurance Co	mpany & ID#
Please list any	food allergies
T-shirt Size:	YS AS Referring Cheerleader:
If you wish to p	say by check, please make payable to Bishop Ireton High School and write "Cheer Clinic" in the memo line.
	Spots are limited – so don't delay and sign up today!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 1 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Fall Yearbook Picture order form
- 2. Strings Program letter
- 3. Band Parent Meeting flyer
- 4. Mass Choir flyer
- 5. Performance Choir flyer
- 6. Chess Club flyer
- 7. PSA Fall Sports flyer
- 8. PTO Spirit Gear ordering information
- 9. Boosterthon Business Partnership information
- 10. Used Uniform Sale flyer
- 11. Connect 1 Sign-up Instructions
- 12. Mabel's Labels PTO Fundraiser
- 13. School Eastery Family Account information
- 14. Middle School Gift of Human Sexuality OPT-IN Form

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Militia Immaculata flyer
- 2. Bible Study flyer
- 3. Parish Picnic flyer
- 4. Altar Server Training flyer
- 5. Youth Ministry Parent Meeting flyer
- 6. Blood Drive flyer

Community Flyers:

- Cub Scouts flyer
 JPG Fall programming flyer
 BI Cheer Clinic