

September 23, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

October - here we come!

In just over a week we will officially be heading into the month of October - and then hang on to your hats! I tend to feel as though once October hits we are so busy that before we can exhale it is Christmas break in December.

Before we get into the excitement of things to come - please remember that tomorrow, Friday, September 24th is an early dismissal day for everyone (Extended Day is open).

I do hope you will join us this Sunday, September 26th for the 10:30 am Diocesan Mass for Persons with Disabilities.

Over the next couple of weeks reading through all of the information included in the weekly newsletter will be super important as details regarding big events like Spirit Week (10/25 - 10/28) and Boosterthon (10/18 - 10/26) will be coming out and we certainly want every student to have the opportunity to participate fully in these fun events. Additionally, watch for information regarding Trunk or Treat which is being planned as an outdoor event for Friday, October 29th.

A reminder to the Middle School parents, on Monday, September 27th at 7:00 pm the parent meeting to go over the curriculum for the Gift of Human Sexuality program will be held. This is a Zoom meeting and middle school parents will be provided with the link. A reminder that this is an opt-in program; the form is available in the "Family Folder" section below and was made available to parents via Mrs. Evans. We must have this form on file in order for any student to participate.

Trimester 1 interims for grades 3-8 will go home on Friday, October 8th. Paper interims are sent to parents when a student has a 75% or below in a core academic subject or a "1" or an "X" in a Special area subject. Parents are encouraged to check the parent portal to keep abreast of the progress of your children.

Also in October our 8th Graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation; please pray for them throughout these final weeks of their preparation and for a successful retreat for them.

November and December will have their own special events - and if your child is coming home singing Christmas songs, there is a very good reason as preparations for the Christmas productions are beginning (remember I said Christmas will be here before we know it!).

We have noticed a small uptick in families using the upper parking lot as a drop-off space for children in the morning. Please note that all families should be coming through the established drop-off line; this is for everyone's safety as there are no school personnel monitoring the upper lot and there are cars that traverse the upper lot that may or may not be associated directly with the school.

Have a great weekend!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

As fall approaches so does the rain, color of the leaves on the trees, and the cooler temperatures in the morning and evening...the season is changing!

Featured Vacancies:

- There are still some Homeroom Parent positions open. This position plays an important role in the communications between the parents and teachers. If you are interested in being a Homeroom Parent, please contact the Homeroom Parent Coordinator, Valerie Overstreet - PTOhomeroomcoordinator@holyspiritflames.org.
- ***Craft Nights Chair*** - Hosts monthly adult craft nights either at the school or virtually; committee comes up with different crafting ideas with DIY kits; can act as fundraisers and/or community building.
- ***Promotions Committee*** – In search of another Co-Chair! If you have great organizational skills, this role is for you. Help the current Chair and Co-Chair create

Signup Geniuses and track the ordering and sales of Holy Spirit magnets, ornaments, etc., and contribute your creative, new ideas. Work with an experienced team and fulfill your service commitment for the year!

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

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- **September 26** – Receptions After Sunday Masses: Holy Spirit School is hosting a catered breakfast with coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses. September 26 is the Bishop’s Mass for Disability Awareness, and Priesthood Sunday. Host/Hostesses are needed to help direct people after Mass and welcome them for breakfast which will be catered. There will be tents/tables already set up outdoors. If you are interested in supporting this great event, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ada722a2f94-receptions> and sign up. If you have any additional questions, please contact the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org
- **October 18-22** – Boosterthon. The PTO will be ordering “Fun Run” T-Shirts for the kids.
- **October 19** – PTO Meeting
- **October 29** – Trunk or Treat!

Committee Vacancies:

Committee	Chair	Co-Chair	Co-Chair
Community Meals	Vacant	Vacant	
Craft Nights	Vacant	Vacant	
High School Grant		Vacant	
Pavers/Outdoor Classroom	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Science Fair		Vacant	Vacant
Spring Fundraiser	Vacant	Vacant	
Talent Show		Vacant	
Virtual Fundraising	Vacant	Vacant	

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Your PTO Executive Board

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
 Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org
 Treasurer - Eileen Feely - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org
 Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
 Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org

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.



**ALL GRADES &
LEVELS**

MONDAYS

3:20PM-4:20PM

10/25 - 1/31

No club meeting on school
closure or early dismissal days

**TUITION: \$198
FOR 12 WEEKS**



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHESS CLUB

Fun is the name of the game...

...but Silver Knights also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess club!

Our great coaches teach students of all levels using a curriculum designed by our team of National Masters. Each week students do a fun but challenging lesson followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with Silver Knights!

All equipment is provided.

To register, scan the QR Code
or visit
www.skchess.com
to find out more
including financial aid information

Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070



Board Game Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

Attention 1st & 2nd grade students,
Come play fun board games with friends and
Mrs. Marino & Mrs. Walker!

When: October 6, October 13, October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10 & November 17

Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Room 14

The club will meet on Wednesdays from October 6, until November 17. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. To sign up please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AAFAC2CAAF49-holy>

If you have any questions please contact us by email (jmarino@holyspiritflames.org or fwalker@holyspiritflames.org)

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High**

Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.

Last updated 9/18/2021

<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 period (student and/or faculty/staff): **1**

Time period: September 17 - September 23, 2021

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 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!

Marian Homes, Inc.

Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity
Maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals



Sept 25th
10 AM - 1 PM
Upper Parking Lot

Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.
NO newspapers, magazines, card board,
3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.
(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:
Knights@holyspiritchurch.us

 HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus

SOCCER CHALLENGE



Saturday, Sept. 25

9:00AM - 2:00PM
Field behind Holy Spirit School

Free event for boys & girls ages 9-14

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

Contact Mike Poumade at, knights@holyspiritchurch.us
www.holyspiritchurch.us/soccerchallenge

 BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saturday Mornings
 Fall Session: Sept 18 - Dec 18
 7:00AM - 8:30AM
 Quinn Room, School Building

Each week, TMIY invites all men for coffee and a light breakfast before discussion on topics impacting Catholic men today.

No required attendance, no homework, no volunteering, no pressure to share. Just men being men.

Wherever you are in your spiritual life,
 Jesus Christ wants to encounter
 you right there...
and take you further.

For info, contact Sean Roberts at,
tmyi@holyspiritchurch.us  www.thatmanisyou.org

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST


 ARRLINGTON
 Diocese Pilgrimage
 1954 - 2021



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

 HOLY Spirit
 CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Us for Our Parish



All are invited!

and Screen *Disney Pixar's*
 ON THE GREEN "Coco"

On the grass between the church and school
Saturday, October 16th
 Dinner 6:45 & Movie 7:15 pm

Bring a side dish to Share!
www.HolySpiritChurch/pigroast

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 7am - Saturday 9am

"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Drop in collection basket or Return to Parish Center

Adorer Name: **Email:**

Specific Hour:

Frequency: Weekly ____ Bi-Weekly ____ Monthly ____

Substitute Name **Email:**

Timeframe: 6am-12pm ____ 12pm-6pm ____
 6pm-12am ____ 12am-6am ____

For more info, adoration@holyspiritchurch.us 

 HOLY Spirit
 CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPT. 26, 2021

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Signup to intentionally pray for our Priests this year

SIGNUP TODAY!

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

www.holyspiritchurch.us/priesthoodsunday

 HOLY Spirit
 CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessing of the Animals



October 4th


6-7pm on the Grounds
 between Church & School

Bring your furry friends, great and small, for a special blessing!

All are Welcome! Pets, Livestock, Reptiles, etc.

For details, visit
www.holyspiritchurch.us

Community Happenings!




Book Fair Fundraiser

Dates: September 26 - October 8

Online: <https://bookshop.org/shop/blackcatholichistory>


To Benefit: 15% of all book sales will be donated to The Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans.



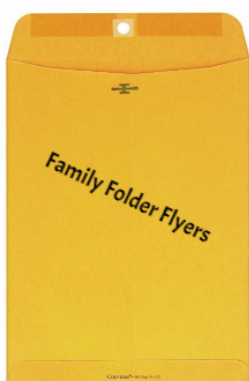
This virtual book fair is our first annual fundraiser supporting the causes of Catholic candidates for canonization. It's easy! Go to the website listed above and see our wonderful selection of books to purchase or donate to your student's classroom or school library.

This year we will be supporting the cause of Venerable Henriette Delille, foundress of the religious order The Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans.

Please help to support them in both their ministry and recovering from the difficulties experienced during and after Hurricane Ida. To learn more about The Sisters of the Holy Family, go to www.sistersoftheholysfamily.com.



Book fair hosted by Black Pearl Books.
Black Pearl Books is a black-woman owned, Austin, TX based independent bookstore promoting - diversity, inclusion, equality, cultural awareness, and community - through literature.



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 23, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Middle School The Gift of Human Sexuality OPT-IN Form
2. Board Game Club flyer
3. Silver Knights Chess Club flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Document Shredding Event flyer
2. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer
3. That Man is You flyer
4. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge flyer
5. Blessing of the Animals flyer
6. Pig Roast flyer

7. Priesthood Sunday flyer
8. Eucharistic Adoration flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Book Fair Flyer to benefit The Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans