

September 24, 2020



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

**Can you believe it is
almost October?!**

Seemingly we are settling into a bit of a flow and routine for our days here at school; I certainly hope you are find the same at home. It is difficult to believe that the official start of Fall has arrived and that next week will bring the beginning of October.

Below is information for this evening's virtual parent meeting for band. If your child is in grades 4-8 and interested in band, please be sure to take part beginning at 7:00 pm.

A reminder that this Sunday, September 27th, Holy Spirit Parish and School will host the Annual Diocesan Mass Celebrating Disabilities Awareness Month. This will be the 10:30 am Mass. Please join us.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 29th, we will be hosting the Design for Excellence Visiting Team assigned to us for the final step of our re-accreditation process. **On Friday, October 2nd, we have an 11:30 am dismissal from school due to the conclusion of the self-study. There is NO afternoon Extended Day on that Friday.**

1st Trimester interims will go home on 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.

A few words about emergency drills. As you might imagine the policies and procedures surrounding the regular drills that we do here at school (fire drill, tornado drill, etc.) are looking just a bit different. The purpose of the drills is, of course, to develop a bit of muscle memory as to what we do and where we go for various emergencies. For now though, we have been asked to not have all of the children exiting the building at once for a fire drill or crouching together one on top of another in the hallway for a tornado drill, etc.

Rest assured, we are still practicing those drills, just in small groups for right now. Currently, we are in the thick of the all of the fire drills we are required to do during the first month of school. During each week set groups are exiting the building on particular days at particular times. We will build on that going into next month when the days/times/groups become more random.

All of the other drills we are required to run will also take place just in modified versions.

The first PTO Spirit Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd. The monthly Spirit Days are opportunities for students to come to school in their official spirit gear instead of their uniform. Please remember that acceptable spirit gear are those items that were purchased via the PTO Spirit Gear Store.

Before we know it the Student Council sponsored Spirit Week will be here (week of October 26th)! Please watch for information on all of the fun to come in the next couple of weeks. I highly encourage everyone to participate as fully as possible in the various dress-up days and activities.

Enjoy the 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](#)



BAND PARENTS' ZOOM MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 7:00pm

Meeting ID = 881 1849 1762

Passcode = g4jMbT

What your child will need to start Band at Holy Spirit School:

1. Attached Lesson and Tuition Agreement (filled out). Scan or take a picture of the Agreement. Send a copy to rlittle@holyspiritflames.org. Write a check out to--*Garwood Whaley Music Program*--students must sign up for lessons for at least half of the school year (January). Mail the check and copy of the Lesson & Tuition Agreement to:
Garwood Whaley Music Program
1816 Duffield Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307-1172
2. Instrument--I suggest that you rent to own to start out. (June purchase) (Clarinets and saxophones will also need 4 extra reeds--size 2.5 for now.) A representative from Music & Arts will be at this zoom meeting with information about renting an instrument. We have a limited number of school instruments to rent. (\$30.00 per year--Do not let the cost of the instrument keep your child out of band.)
3. Music Book-*Essential Elements for Band-Book 1* for your instrument. **(All band students need to purchase this book!)** Once you have the book, it is important to go to myeelibrary.com – enter the Student Activation Code (on title page of book), and watch the video. Watch the video with your child. (This is very important!) Information about how to care for, set up, and get a sound on your instrument is provided. Next, students can click on the videos to start listening to good sounds. The first notes (number exercise to listen and play along) are: Flute, Trumpet, Trombone=#9 – Clarinet, Saxophone=#5 -- Drum=#2
4. **Music stand** for home practice. Very important for good posture, breathing, and proper technique. (Music kits, for each instrument, are available at Music & Arts stores. They will include a music stand.)

AGENDA

7:00 pm	Opening information about the band program for all band parents--(Concerts, Band Festival, trip, Solo Festival, District Band, Diocesan Honor Band, practice records, and more) – (Chaperones need to be Virtus compliant!)
7:10 pm	Music and Arts representative speaks about renting instruments
7:30 pm	Dr. Little will briefly speak about each of the instruments.

Robert Little, Band Director
rlittle@holyspiritflames.org
[cell=703.470.2846](tel:703.470.2846) (Be sure and include school name. I teach at 6 schools.)

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Band Parent Meeting
Information

Band - Lesson and Tuition
Agreement

Parish Happenings!

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

2020
DO NOT BE AFRAID
-PART-

Come
Check It Out

HSYM Oct. 4 MSYM Oct. 9

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

Blessing of the Animals

October 4th
3-4:30pm Between the Church & School

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

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

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH For details, visit
www.holyspiritchurch.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))

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.com/soccerchallenge

www.holyspiritchurch.us

A Public Service Message from the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus

VOTE EARLY!!

Visit the website for details,
www.holyspiritchurch.us



2020 ELECTION



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)

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us!

Community Happenings!

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES WITH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE!

Visit us at jpthegreat.org to reserve your spot at our Virtual Open House, live from October 25 - November 7!




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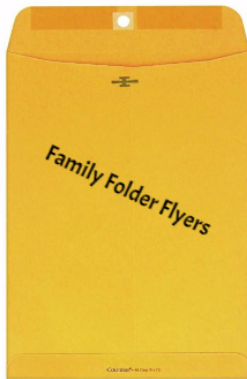
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admissions@jpthegreat.org

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"The teachers really care about the students and their success. They want each student to grow as a human being rather than treating us as a number or grade. The people at JP make up the whole school atmosphere. They are all supportive and encouraging, and always try to help each other out." — K.R.

 **Join Scouting Night!**

A pack 50 Cub Scout Informational meeting for new members & current families.

Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:30-7:15pm on the Parish Lawn
www.holyspiritchurch.us

FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 24, 2020" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Box Tops/Amazon Smile/Harris Teeter Rewards

Parish Flyers:

1. Blessing of the Animals
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

Community Flyers:

1. St. Paul VI High School Open House opportunities
2. Cub Scout Flyer
3. Pope John Paul the Great High School Open House information