From the Principal's Desk



April 14, 2022



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Embrace His Complete Love for You!



Today begins the Easter Triduum.

We were blessed this morning to have the 8th graders present the Living Stations of the Cross

to our school community. This is always such a special way for us to pray together and to, in our own way, begin to walk with Christ through the next few days. I do hope that you will attend the many liturgical services provided throughout the next days leading into Easter Sunday.

Please visit the parish website for more information on times: https://holyspiritchurch.us/holyweek2022/

This morning during faculty prayer we read from the Gospel of John the story of the Last Supper. In the reflection that followed we were reminded that in the washing of the disciples' feet, Jesus provided us a "visual proclamation" of the commandment, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

The reflection goes on to say: "When we accept this commandment, we walk the path of joy. When we internalize this law, we become happy. And so the paradox: happiness is never a function of filling oneself up; it is a wonderful function of giving oneself away."

I pray that you enjoy a blessed Easter and may you feel in your hearts the complete and radical love that is provided to us from Our Risen Lord!

We will see you back in school on Monday, April 25th!







A HUGE Thank you to all those who volunteered to assist during last weekend's PTO Talent Showcase. I do believe it was a smashing success; we have so many tremendously talented students here and I was so proud of their efforts throughout the evening.

A very special thank you to Joe Terpenning and his family for all that they do to see this show through to fruition. Joe is truly a Master of Ceremonies and with a bit of humor keeps everything running smoothly.

Special thanks also to Toni O'Neill who very quickly spearheaded the various raffles that took place in connection with the event. The generosity of our community was on full display.

Knowing that change is sometimes difficult, we need to make a big push for families to register into the Connect 1 App. The PTO is piloting the Field Day event via this app, so please take a look at the information below and the information that went home with the students yesterday to register yourself and your spouse (separately), and while in there take the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for Field Day. This is an event that takes a tremendous number of volunteers to have it go smoothly and succesfully.

Tomorrow is the last day to purchase this year's Yearbook. See the ordering information below.

The PTO is planning a terrific evening out for just our parents on Saturday, April 30th. See the information below on the "Spring Fling" - the deadline for purchasing tickets is April 25th.

Interims for Trimester 3 go home on Friday, April 29th.

The next PTO Spirit Gear day is Thursday, May 19th.

IMPORTANT: New Code of Conduct policy for all cleared volunteers

An email was sent by Mrs. Stich to all cleared volunteers with an attachment of the new code of conduct for the diocese. Please make sure you read and hit submit. If you don't get confirmation of submission please print, sign, and scan to Mrs. Stich (astich@holyspiritflames.org). If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Stich.

Diocesan Code of Conduct

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

PLEASE JOIN US!



May 6, 2022 9:00am

Light refreshments will be served after mass in your children's classrooms.

Students should arrive at school with their guest in time for the 9:00 am Mass in the church. If students will not have a guest that day they are welcome to arrive at school at regular time.

If Moms are unable to come then Grandmas, aunts, or friends are welcome to stand in for you.

Holy Spirit 5K Spirit Run HUBPID PACE

May 21, 2022

8:00am Holy Spirit School



Register Today!



www.holyspiritflames.org/5K-spirit-run/

READY TO SIGN UP?

SPONSOR INFORMATION

It's right around the corner!



6, 7, 8th Grades 11:15-12:00

3, 4, 5th Grades 11:50-12:35

K, 1st, 2nd Grades 12:25-1:10

Prek - watch for information from your teacher as to the time

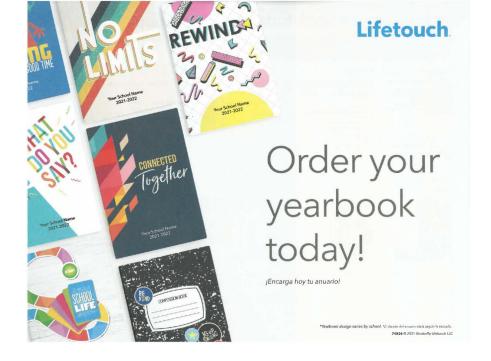
Students should bring a bag lunch and a towel/blanket on which to sit. We will eat on the parish lawn and enjoy the great outdoors!

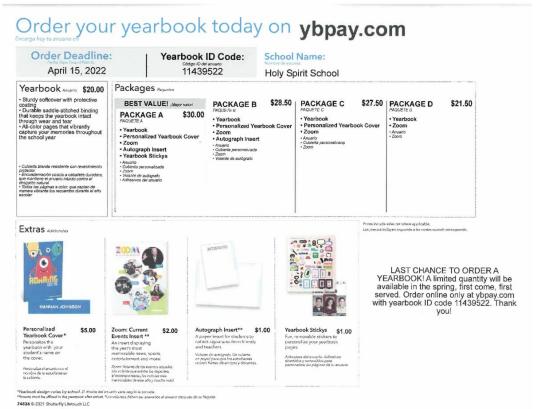
Parents are encouraged to join us!
Please do not forget there is NO hot lunch served this day.



Have you ordered your yearbook yet?

Order deadline is April 15, 2022





Holy Spirit School PTO

Happy Spring!

With the spring uniforms in full-swing and the nicer weather showing on the horizon we can start to see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Highlight: Week two of "did you know that the PTO..."

Did you know that of the funds donated and raised during PTO events and fundraisers throughout the year, the PTO provides more than \$25,000 per year to cover costs associated with the leasing of Chromebooks and iPads used by our students every day in school and any time virtual learning is required. This great tool available to our student body would not be possible if not for the efforts of the PTO, and the support of the parents of the student body! Well done to all involved!

Our next "PTO Member in the Spotlight" is Mary Sonnen. Mary serves as the PTO Volunteer Coordinator. Mary really wanted to have more of a connection with the school, school community, and the wonderful staff that teach our children. "I was the Homeroom Parent and the Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator in previous years at other schools and wanted to try something different at Holy Spirit. I like being "in the know," and as a member of the PTO Board, we learn about events before they are planned, and get to provide input into the selection and planning of events", Sonnen said. Mary had agreed to be the Volunteer Coordinator thanks to the encouragement of a past Board member who took time tell explain the position. Mary is also the friendly response many parents receive when sending volunteer or event questions to the ptoypmembership@holyspiritflames.org email.

Volunteer Coordinator Contact: If you see an event that you are interested in, please email Mary Sonnen -PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org

2022 Field Day: All volunteer opportunities for the 2022 Field Day this May will only be available in <u>CONNECT1.IO</u>. It is easiest to set up on a computer, and each parent/guardian will need to have their own separate account. Questions email PTOPresident@HolvSpiritFlames.org

- Go to: Connect1.io
- Select: Sign In
- Select: Sign Up (school code), enter your email address and school code of L41VP6
- You will get a confirmation email with a 6-digit code, enter the confirmation code
- Follow the steps to enter your profile

Important upcoming dates to remember:

April 24 — Out of the Bubble Bakery Fundraiser (see flyer)

April 30 – Spring Fling (Buy tickets no later than Apr 25, see flyer)
 May 1 – May 7 – Teachers Appreciation Week (Kick-off party on May 1,

4:30-6:00 pm, see flyer)

May 13 – Field Day (see flyer)

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels: https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/

BoxTops: Download App, scan your receipt; Referral code: A7RD91XB

FIELD DAY 2022



Friday, May 13th 8 am - 1 pm

Earn volunteer hours at the most fun day of the year!

Volunteer spots available for sign up only on the Connect1 app.

Download the app and use school code L41VP6 to register or see Amplifying Information for detailed instructions

Volunteer coaches MUST BE FULLY Child Protection Compliant

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2nd Annual Holy Spirit School Fundraiser

Sunday, April 24th, 2021 9:00-3:00



Out of the Bubble Bakery 6230-A Rolling Rd., Springfield, VA

Offering coffee, tea, allergy friendly and gluten free baked goods in many delicious flavors

10% of the day's in store sales go to Holy Spirit School.

Stop by and look for the special cupcake in Holy Spirit colors!



View flavors and other information at:

https://obubblebakery.com



Holy Spirit Adult Spring Fling

50's Sock Hop and Dinner

Mom & Dad, it's your turn to have some fun!

Dig out those poodle skirts, ankle socks and jeans to join the PTO for some old fashioned dancin'.





Date: Saturday, April 30

Location: Holy Spirit School gym

Time: 6 to 10

Ticket includes 1hour dance lesson, dinner and dance

This is an adult only event, with beer and wine.

Cost: \$25 per person

Deadline for reservations - April 25

Spring Fling - 1950's Sock Hop - Return via backpack mail NO LATER THAN APRIL 25.

Name	
Email	
Number of tickets	_ x \$25 = Total enclosed
Make checks out to Holy Spirit PTO.	
Return via backpack mail. Attention:	Rita Callahan
For questions email Becci Roberts - b	ecciroberts@gmail.com

Connect 1 School Engagement App

Make Community Engagement SIMPLE, FUN, and Full of HEART





Three Engagement Functions in One App

- 1. Volunteering
- 2. Community Directory and Talent Center
- Prayer Board



Volunteering



- Secure and Only Accessible by School Community
- ✓ Digital Volunteering Board with all Events in One Place
- ✓ Talent Linking to Volunteer Roles
- ✓ Track Virtus Training Status for Volunteers
- ✓ Define Volunteer Points NO MORE HOURS TRACKING
- ✓ Gaming Earn Points, Advance in Levels, Attain Status
- New Award Center to Recognize Volunteers

Community Directory and Talent Center

- ✓ Community Contact Information at Your Fingertips
- ✓ Easily Filter by Grade, Teacher, Talent or More
- ✓ NewTalent Center See Talents / Skills of Parents
- ✓ Automatically Get Directions Through Google Maps
- ✓ Separate Faculty vs. Family Contact Pages



Prayer Board



- Saint Avatars to Represent Your Family in the App
- ✓ Request Prayers from Your Community
- ✓ See Prayers of Community on "Prayer Board"
- ✓ Answer Prayers with a Single Click
- ✓ Gaming Achieve Increasing Status to Sainthood by Answering More Prayers

Visit www.connect1.io or download the app by searching for "Connect1 Mobile" in your AppStore or PlayStore

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
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoorindator@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.

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - COVID-19 Community Level: **Low** Last updated 4/7/2022

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): 2

Time period: April 8 - April 14, 2022

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).

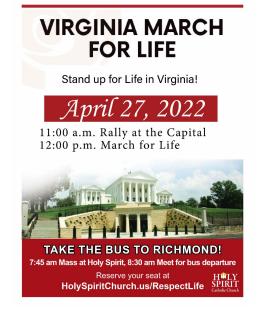
If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

Parish Happenings!



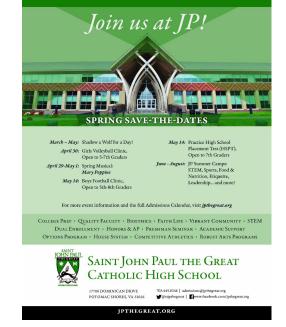






Community Happenings!









FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "April 14, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- 1. Field Day Volunteer flyer
- 2. PTO Connect One App flyer
- 3. PTO Adult Spring Fling flyer

- 4. Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 5. Mothers Day Mass flyer
- 6. Lunch on the Lawn flyer
- 7. Out of the Bubble Fundraiser flyer
- 8. Teacher Appreciation Week flyer

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Bible in a Year flyer
- 2. Chicken Dinner flyer
- 3. Document Shredding flyer
- 4. Virginia March for Life flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. Camp St. Charles flyer
- 2. John Paul the Great HS Camps flyer
- 3. Spotlight on the Arts flyer