



April 20, 2023



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

Is it too soon?

Is it too soon to talk about the month of May????

Maybe, but suddenly we have reached the back half of the last trimester of this academic year and the month of May is beckoning! Where has the time gone?

Interims for the 3rd Trimester go home on Friday, April 28th. Although we can all see the finish line of this current year, it is important to remember to encourage students to work diligently all the way through the end of the marking period. Additionally, please be sure that students have all of the school supplies that they still need - pencils, pens, paper, etc.

With the switch to the Spring uniform, it is more than evident that many of your children have grown over the past several months!

Please assist us by taking a good look at your child's uniform - gym shorts should be of modest length for both boys and girls; gym shirts should be clean and free of holes; school shoes and sneakers should not be falling apart and laces should still be in the shoes and tied; belts are still needed; dress shorts for the younger boys should be of modest length; dress pants for the middle school boys should not be "capri" length; and the skirts, skorts, and dresses for the girls should be waayyy longer than the shorts they are wearing underneath them.

I know they grow quickly, but it is important for students (and parents) to take pride in wearing the school uniform and presenting themselves well both at school and out in public when they are wearing their uniform while you are running errands. Thank you for your cooperation.

Next week, April 25 and 26, the 5th and 8th graders will be taking the annual Assessment of Children Religious Education (ACRE). This assessment is put together by the National Catholic Education Association and is used by Catholic schools across the country to help assess the components of our religious education. Results are used internally, but it is important that students are rested and ready to take the assessment. The 8th grade will take the assessment in the morning of April 25th and the 5th grade will take the assessment on April 26th.

Speaking of standardized assessments, the last testing session of the NWEA Map Growth assessment will begin on May 1st. It is important that students put their best foot forward on these assessments in order for teachers to get an accurate look at student growth over the year. For students in the upper grades, it is important for them to begin to take to heart that scores from these assessments assist with math placements while here and that scores are sent to high schools when they reach the 8th grade and begin applying to various schools.

Friday, May 5th is an early dismissal day (Extended Day is open) for teacher professional development in the afternoon.

There are several upcoming annual events on our May calendar including Mothers Day Mass and receptions, Field Day, and Lunch on the Lawn. Please be sure to look at the information below for details.

Two Important Announcements from the PTO

Parents,

Field Day is coming -- **Friday, May 19, 8 am - 1 pm**. This is one of the most fun days of the year at Holy Spirit! *Grades K to 8 participate fully*.

Please volunteer and join us! We still have about 20 spots open for Team Coach, along with other Field Day volunteer opportunities on Connect 1:

- Team Coach (64 Virtus compliant parents needed - please help if you can!)
- Bring coolers with waters (one needed for each classroom and volunteers)
- An array of other ways to help (so many options!)

Participating in Field Day is a great way to earn volunteer hours while having fun :) More information will be shared closer to the event.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jessica, Cate, and Heather

And

Several positions on the PTO Executive Board are in need of new volunteers for the 2023/2024 academic year.

The positions of Treasurer, VP of Volunteers, and Secretary are all open for the new year.

Please consider taking the step to nominate yourself or some who you think would be great in that position by filling out the form below.

The deadline for nominations is May 1st.

**The Student Council encourages
you to:
Put a little**

**POP
(CORN)**

in your day!

Monday April 24, 2023

Bring in \$1 for a lunchtime treat of

Popcorn

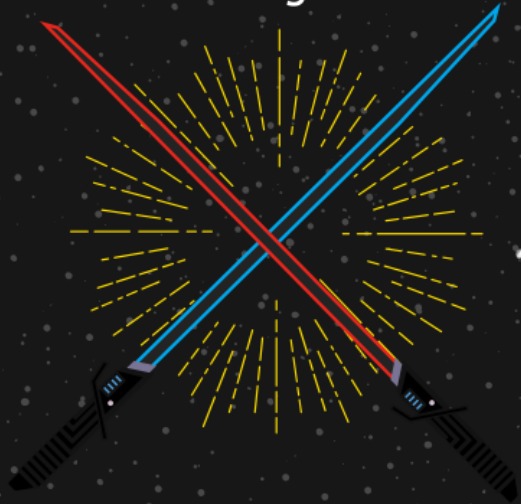


NJHS Presents

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU



A Star Wars themed dress down day
on May 4th



Bring \$1 to participate



PLEASE JOIN US!



Holy Spirit School
Mother's Day Mass

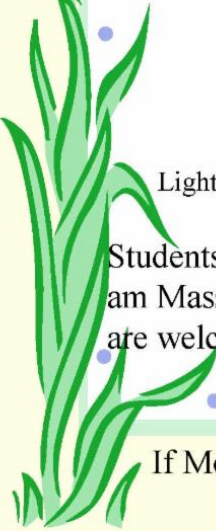


May 12, 2023
9:00am

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

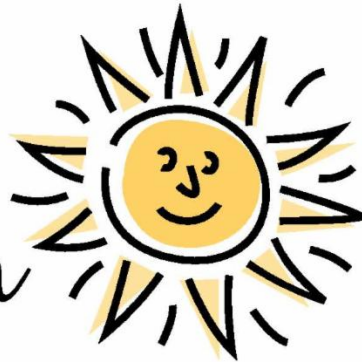
Students should arrive at school with their guest in time for the 9:00 am Mass in the church. If students will not have a guest that day they are welcome to arrive at school at regular time.

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



It's right around the corner!

Lunch on the Lawn



May 24, 2023

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 highly encouraged to join us!

Please do not forget there is NO hot lunch served this day.



5K Spirit Run 2023!!
Early Bird Registration Ends April 30th!



Register [HERE](#) for the 5K Spirit Run!

Sponsorship Information Found [HERE!](#)

 **Thoughtful Moments**

Prayer habits

Children with good prayer habits become adults who rely on prayer throughout their lives. Refresh your family prayer habits and encourage children to start and end the day in prayer. Together pick a morning and evening offering and say it together. Encourage spontaneous prayer from the heart.

Penance vs. punishment

Penance isn't punishment. In fact, true penance helps us to undergo a change of heart that helps us become better people who positively influence others. Our sin affects others, and our penance and reparation can, too. Help children cultivate penitential habits such as abstaining from meat on Fridays throughout the year, performing extra chores, graciously accepting the mental tasks of life. The purpose of penance is not to diminish life but to enrich it.

A living hope

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).



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Help children to P.R.A.Y. in Mass

The Mass is the most important gift Catholic parents can share with their children. Help youngsters engage with this timeless treasure of our Faith, by encouraging them to

P-Prepare. Good preparation

leads to a fruitful Mass

experience. Lay out Mass

outfits the night before. Get

up early enough

to have breakfast

(at least an hour

before receiving

Communion)

and share

the Gospel

reading.

Explain that

this time with

God deserves

special attention.

R-Raise voices in song. We're

encouraged to actively participate in

Mass by being attentive, praying the

responses, and offering our lives, our

intentions, and our praise to God's

service. By respectfully raising their

voices in song, children also lift their

prayers – and their hearts – to God.

A-Adore God. We are made to love

God and to receive His love for us.

Encourage older children to

receive Communion with

the right posture and

reverence for Jesus' Body

and Blood.

Little ones can

use this time to

tell God they

love Him and

to thank Him

for His gifts.

Y-Say "Yes!"

to His grace. At the end of the Mass,

we're sent out to "Go in peace to love

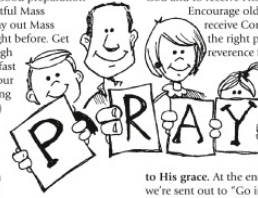
and glorify the Lord by your life."

Together, take a moment after Mass

to say "yes!" to accepting God's grace.

That grace in you will bear good fruit all

week long.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics pray at an "Altar of Repose" on Holy Thursday?

On Holy Thursday night, Jesus and

his disciples prayed in the Garden of

Gethsemane. He asked, "Could

you not watch with me one

hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Instead, they slept while

Jesus prayed in agony over

His Passion.

On Holy Thursday night,

Catholic parishes traditionally display

a temporary altar decorated with

flowers and candles where the

Eucharist is displayed. People

are invited to come before

the Eucharist and offer their

prayers and love, making

up for that "lost hour" in

Gethsemane.



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

April 26th – Teachers Luncheon. Signup is posted in Connect 1.

April 29th – Art Show Sign-up. See the flyer below.

April 29th – Talent Show Volunteers Needed! See the flyer below.

Reminder – Ticket sales END on April 24th! If you do not have tickets get them now!!!

May 19th – Field Day is coming – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please volunteer and join us in one of the most fun events of the year! Check out [Connect 1](#) for three separate sign-ups -- one for Team Coach (64 Virtus compliant parents needed); one for coolers with waters (one needed for each classroom); and one for an array of other ways to help (there are so many options!) More information will be shared closer to the event. Questions? Email the Field Day Committee at Jessica.A.Driscoll@gmail.com

Next PTO Meeting: May 16th, 6:30 pm. This meeting can be found at the following link (more information to follow):

[https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?
pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)
Meeting ID: 821 0184 5095 Passcode: 896019

Connect1:

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>



Holy Spirit School Silent Auction

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Do you have a talent, service, or product you could donate to support the school auction? Please contact the coordinators at HSAuctionCoordinator@gmail.com to discuss ideas and advertising by Monday, April 24th

-  BABYSITTING?
-  TUTORING?
-  MUSIC LESSONS?
-  PHOTOGRAPHY?
-  GARDENING?
-  GIFT CARDS?
-  PARTY PLANNING?
-  PET GROOMING OR SITTING?
- 
-  NEW ELECTRONICS?
-  PERSONAL ASSISTANT FOR THE DAY?

THE ANNUAL TALENT SHOW EVENT SERVES AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL PTO. THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE, AND PRIZE RAFFLE. IN ADDITION TO THE THEMED BASKETS FOR EACH GRADE, ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT COULD BE DONATED WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IF REQUESTED, THE AUCTION COORDINATOR WILL PROVIDE A RECEIPT FOR TAX PURPOSES. DONATIONS GO TOWARD THE PTO'S GENERAL FUND WHICH PROVIDES THE SCHOOL'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS, FUNDING FOR FIELD TRIPS, TEACHER CONTINUING EDUCATION STIPENDS, AND MORE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

3rd Annual
Holy Spirit School Fundraiser

Saturday, May 20th, 2023 9:00am-6:00pm



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 after the 5K and look for the special cupcake
in Holy Spirit colors!***



View flavors and other information at:

<https://obubblebakery.com>



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PTO Executive Board Nominations

Have you thought about serving our school community in a new way? Do you know someone who would make a great Executive Board member?

**The nomination form for the 23/24 academic year is now open!
Deadline for nominations is May 1st.**

[Click here to access Nomination Form](#)

Be Sure To Get Your Tickets for the PTO Talent Showcase!!!

Holy Spirit School's Talent Showcase

Dinner & Dance

Saturday, April 29th 5:30-9:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00)

RESERVATION FORM

TALENT * DANCING * DINING * FUN

AWESOME ACTS, ART, RAFFLES AND MORE

Registration includes catered dinner and DJ, with dancing after the show.
Pre-registration is required.

ADULT MENU

Seared Chicken w/ Gazpacho Salsa - Italian Sausage w/ Pepper – Orzo w/ Roasted
Vegetables
Italian Salad - Assorted Rolls & Butter – Cake – Beverages – Coffee

STUDENT MENU (& under 4)

Chicken Nuggets – Penne Pasta
Broccoli – Cake - Beverages

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Name: _____

adult meals (\$20.00 ea) _____ # student meals (\$10.00 ea) _____

Under 4 (free) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

return form and payment (check made out to Holy spirit PTO) by April 24th

****Physical Tickets will not be provided.
Reserved Attendees will be on a check in list that evening****

Make checks payable to **Holy Spirit School**. Submit form and check via backpack mail:
Attn: Joe Terpenning
Spring Talent Show Committee
c/o Angelica Terpenning grade 7 Del Canto

Questions: Email Joe Terpenning at (jterpenning@infinitetech.org)





Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase & Dance



Saturday, April 29th, 2023



ART SHOW SIGNUP

The Lobby Art show is looking for works of sculpture, photography, writing, painting, drawing or other displayable media. If you have a talent for creating, the lobby show is looking for you!!

Requirements for Submission:

Flat work no larger than 22 X 24 including mat/frame, needs to have hanging hardware attached. Sculptures no bigger than 24 x 20 with a weight limit of 10 pounds, must stand on it own.

Please include a title, description, and your name and grade on a card with the work submitted.

Deadline for submission: March 29th. Please **submit all works to Mrs Liss by April 26th.**

NAME _____

grade/teacher _____

Type of work: _____



Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase



When: April 29, 2023



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. If you signed up at the PTO Fall Fair, your signup has been transferred to Connect 1 for your convenience. To volunteer for this event, Please click the signup link below:

<https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/kKpF0p4TN>

any questions, email Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinetech.org

CHECK CONNECT 1 FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - PTOVp@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVpDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@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.

Parish Happenings!

Marian Homes, Inc.

Document Shredding Event

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




May 6th
10 AM - 12 Noon
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 Church Presents
Vacation Bible School 2023



Who Is My Neighbor?
LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

June 19 - 23
9 am - 12 pm
Lunch is included

Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed.
Children of adult volunteers attend for free.

Registration opening soon.

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PRESENTS

BASH

AN EXCITING DAY FOR HUNDREDS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GATHER WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH!

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE! FUN WITH FRIENDS! ENTERTAINER PAUL J. KIM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

Vivat



Jesus!

Knights of Columbus
 Holy Spirit Council 11922
 Wishes Holy Spirit's Priests, Deacons, and Parishioners
 Happy Easter And a Joyful Easter Season!



Business/Social Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month 8PM
 Planning Meeting 3rd Tuesday of the Month 8PM
 Rosary before meetings start time 7:40PM
 Holy Spirit School Quinn Room



Mark your Calendars | Save the Date

Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance

May 20, 2023 | 6:30 PM Start | Holy Spirit Cafeteria and Gym

K of C Holy Spirit Council Thanks Holy Spirit Parish for over 25 years of Support, especially Charter GK Chuck Bennett and charter members.

Everyone is welcome to join this celebration with Dinner and Dancing. Brother Knight & DJ Deacon Malcom will be leading the dance in the gym.

RSVP (required by May 10): \$25/person 12 and up, \$12 kids 5-12, Kids 0-4 free
 Family Max \$100, Price includes Dinner, Drinks, Dessert, and Dancing.
 To RSVP email GK Tom at Knights@HolySpiritChurch.us
 Make checks payable to K of C Holy Spirit Council #11922 and mail check to:
 K of C Holy Spirit Council, P.O. Box 225, Burke, VA 22009

COLLEGE NIGHTS

Bridging the Gap of Faith

Peer connections

Student testimonials

Small groups sessions

June 28: St. Mark's
 July 5: St. Michael's
 July 12: Holy Trinity (NEW location!)
 July 19: Basilica of St. Mary
 July 26: Holy Cross Academy

All rising college freshmen and transfer students may register for FREE at ASJB.org.
 All events begin at 7PM.

Community Happenings!

2023 D.C. UNITED
FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 7:30 PM



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP! EACH TICKET INCLUDES ACCESS TO A FAITH TESTIMONIAL WITH A D.C. UNITED PLAYER AND TEAM CHAPLAIN.



TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT
[HTTPS://FEVO.NET/DCUFAITH23](https://fevo.net/DCUFAITH23)
 FOR GROUPS OF TEN OR MORE, SCAN THE BARCODE OR EMAIL
SMCGRATH@DCUNITED.COM



Bishop Ireton High School
SUMMER CAMPS

All camp descriptions and more information can be found online at: bishopireton.org/summer-camps

Morning sessions run from 9 am - 12 pm
 Afternoon sessions run from 12:30-3:30 pm
 Sign up by April 1, 2023 for an early bird discount! Prices go up \$25 per camp session after April 1.

Questions? Contact Camp Director, Kieran Mitchell at: summercamps@bishopireton.org

Early drop off and lunch are available for purchase upon registering for camp.
 Registration cancellations will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

Please note that all registrations are non-refundable thirty days from the date camp begins.



ART CAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session \$220 July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session \$165 July 24-28 Morning and Afternoon Session \$275
ATHLETIC CONDITIONING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 20-23 Afternoon Session \$220 June 26-30 Afternoon Session \$275 July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session \$165 July 10-14 Afternoon Session \$275 July 17-21 Afternoon Session \$275
BABYSITTER TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session \$220
BAND CAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 10-14 Morning Session \$275
BASEBALL CAMP - BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 26-30 Morning Session \$275
BASKETBALL CAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp \$275 July 7 Afternoon Session - Boys Camp \$165 July 17-21 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp \$275 June 20-23 Afternoon Session - Girls Camp \$220 July 5-7 Morning Session - Girls Camp \$165 July 10-14 Morning and Afternoon Session - Girls Camp \$275
CHORAL CAMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 10-14 Morning Session \$275
COMPUTER CAMP - PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session \$275

Camps are co-ed unless otherwise indicated.

DON'T MISS OUT!

SUMMER CAMPS

AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

Knights of Adventure

Digital Game Development • Sports Management
 Creative Writing • Field Hockey
 Entrepreneurs • Basketball • Young Debaters
 Baseball • Cybersecurity • Band
 Volleyball • Web Development
 Video Production • Lacrosse • Theatre
 Junior Veterinarians...and more!

bishopconnell.org/summercamps



BISHOP O'CONNELL CHEERLEADING CLINIC

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
 11AM-1:45 PM

\$30 Registration
 6th grade and up are welcome!



Scan QR Code

Come learn skills from current team members, meet the new coaching staff, and get ready for the upcoming season!

Pizza lunch to follow in Cafeteria

Questions? Email ckennedy@bishopconnell.org

Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

Learning to Read Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners
 In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and get excited about books and reading.

Reading Skills Program for Entering 1st Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Reading Skills Program for Entering 2nd Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills; develop reading fluency; and improve comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

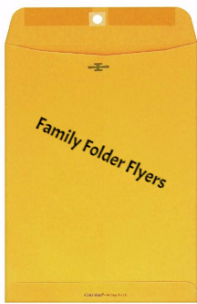
Reading Skills Program for Entering 3rd Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Reading and Writing Skills Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders
 In these fun single-grade programs, your child will become a skilled, confident reader with strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. They become better writers who can effectively communicate their ideas. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Reading and Writing Skills Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Graders
 In these single-grade programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction and learn to read twice as fast. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes. They become stronger writers who can effectively communicate their ideas. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and build confidence as a reader.

College Prep Program for Entering 11th, 12th, and College Freshmen
 In this program, students learn the skills they need to succeed in high school and college. Your son or daughter will double reading speed and improve comprehension, recall, and focus. Students become stronger writers and learn effective time management and study strategies that help them complete work efficiently, get better grades, and score higher on exams.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Call 1-800-715-2808
 Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-2pm and Sun. 10am-4pm



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "April 20, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Student Council Popcorn Day flyer
2. NJHS Star Wars dress down day flyer
3. Mothers' Day Mass and Reception flyer
4. Lunch on the Lawn flyer
5. PTO Bakery Fundraiser flyer
6. PTO Talent Showcase Ticket Reservation form
7. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Signup
8. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer Signup
9. PTO Talent Showcase Auction Donation forms
10. Partners in Faith (April) newsletter

5K Spirit Run

1. Sponsorship information

Parish Flyers:

1. Vacation Bible School flyer
2. Document Shredding Event flyer
3. Bash flyer
4. Knights of Columbus Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance
5. College Nights

Community Flyers:

1. Faith and Family Night at DC United
2. BI Summer Camps flyers
3. Summer Reading Skills program flyer
4. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer
5. Bishop O'Connell Cheerleading Clinic flyer