

August 10, 2023



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2023/2024
"Faithfulness"

Tick, tick, tick

Our new teachers will arrive at school tomorrow for their orientation. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving as these folks begin their journey as a part of our wonderful community!

We are working hard to have the building ready to go for when the students begin. We have ordered some new student desks and chairs - say an extra intention that they arrive soon!

A special "Thank you!" to all of the members of the National Junior Honor Society who have so diligently kept the many garden spaces at the school weeded and cared for over the Summer. I am so appreciative of your efforts.

Start of School Schedule

Wednesday, August 23rd

Meet Your Teacher!

Families with last names A-M - 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Families with last names N-Z - 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 24th

First day for Grades 1-8 (11:30 am dismissal)

Kindergarten Parent Meeting - 8:30 am (no students)

Prekindergarten Parent Meeting - 9:30 am (no students)

Friday, August 25th

Full day for Grades 1-8 (no hot lunch)
First day for Kindergarten (11:30 am dismissal)
Prekindergarten students visit classrooms

Monday, August 28th

Full day for all students

MORNING CARE

Morning Care will be open at 7:00 am on the first day of school. Morning care is located in the cafeteria. Families should park in the rear of the building and access the cafeteria via the back doors. Grade levels may begin using Morning Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Morning Care on Thursday, August 25th

Kindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Friday, August 26th

PreKindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Monday, August 28th

EXTENDED DAY

Afternoon Extended Care for all grades will begin in the cafeteria. Grade levels may begin using Afternoon Extended Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Extended Day on Thursday, August 24th

Kindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 28th

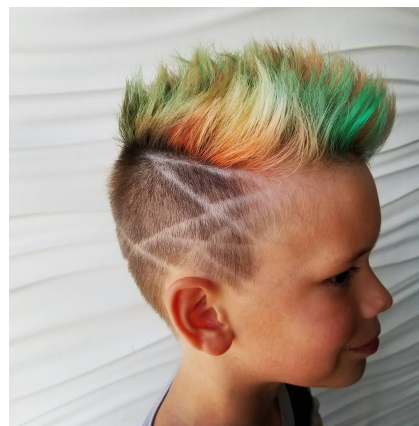
PreKindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 28th

Afternoon Extended Day is closed completely on Friday, September 1st due to the early dismissal prior to the Labor Day weekend.

VANPOOL

During the first week of school the vanpool slots from last year will be used with the EXCEPTION of kindergarteners who are now first graders. These students will be dismissed with the regular carpool unless they are in a group vanpool that used a non-kindergarten slot. Applications for vanpool slots will be sent home in the beginning of the year packet.

Printable Copy of the Beginning of the Year
Information



Yup! It is time to grow it out!

Remember that all students are required to come to school with their natural hair color and no extreme hairstyles including shaving of initials/patterns.

Boys' hair is to be kept trimmed above the shirt collar, above the eyebrows and no longer than mid-ear. Boys must be clean shaven.

Girls' hair must be kept out of their eyes.



Substitute Teachers Needed

**Are you interested in being on the Substitute Teacher list?
Contact Mrs. Evans for information and paperwork**

nevans@holyspiritflames.org

Thank you!



Headphone/Earbuds

All Holy Spirit students will need a personal set of headphones/earbuds throughout the year for use in the computer lab and with the Chromebooks and iPads.

For health purposes we are requesting that all students provide their own headphones/earbuds.

Parents may choose the device based on comfort for your child. Please though do not purchase overly expensive equipment. Earphones/earbuds should be brought the first day of school in a clear plastic Ziploc bag with the student's name clearly written on the bag.

*Note that the better choice for the younger students is headphones as the earbuds do not tend to fit correctly and fall out.

For those seeking to make use of Morning Care and/or Extended Day, you may access the information regarding rates and the registration sheet below.

Extended Day Rates for
2023/2024

Extended Day Registration Form
2023/2024



School Nurse: Mrs. Sheilia Forrer

Contact: sforrer@holyspiritflames.org

*A reminder that all medical forms and immunizations updates are due by August 1, 2023



IXL, as a company, has updated the identifying letters and numbers for the various math skills. As your child completes the Summer homework, look to the title of the skill to find it in the grade level that your child just completed (NOT the grade he/she is going into this coming academic year).



Holy Spirit School

Summer 2023

Reading List

Reading is fundamental to learning. It increases your vocabulary,

enriches your mind, and stretches your imagination. Recognizing these factors, Holy Spirit School requires all students entering grades K-8 to complete a summer reading program. In addition to these required texts, we have included a list of optional selections and recommended read-aloud books, which we also encourage you to read. The books are available in paperback at local bookstores, libraries, and on-line. This brochure is also located on the School's website at www.holyspiritflames.org under the "Happening at Holy Spirit" section on the front page of the website.

Summer Reading List 2023

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Welcome to the 2023-2024 Academic School Year!

Below is your 2023-2024 Holy Spirit PTO School Board:

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

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Upcoming PTO Events (see flyers below for more information)

Tuesday, August 15th

First PTO Meeting of the 2023-2024 school year 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Join us in person in the School OR via [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 895 9844 5225 - Passcode: 268985)

Thursday, August 17th

Used Uniform Social 5:00pm – 7:30pm Quinn Room

Connect1 Training 5:00pm – 7:30pm Holy Spirit Front Lawn/Sidewalk

Jays Eats Food Truck – 5:30pm – 7:30pm Holy Spirit Front Lawn

New Family Social 6:00pm – 7:00pm Holy Spirit Front Lawn

Sunday, August 20th

Connect1 Training 7:00pm – 7:30pm via Zoom (link forthcoming)

Tuesday, August 29th

Connect1 Training 7:00pm – 7:30pm via Zoom (link forthcoming)

Thursday, September 7th

Connect1 Training 7:00pm – 7:30pm via Zoom (link forthcoming)

Reminders

Connect1

Connect1 is our Family Engagement App that manages Holy Spirit's parent volunteer commitments. It also serves as a community directory, talent center and prayer board. As noted in the PSSC Parent Handbook, each family is required to serve 22 service hours to support the school community: 20 service hours (10 for single parent families) and 2 hours of recess duty (1 day for 2 hours) during the school year.

If you haven't set up your account, please register [here](#) and follow the instructions in the flier. Questions can be directed to your PTO PSSC coordinator at ptopssc@holyspiritflames.org.

In order to volunteer with any youth in the Arlington Diocese, you must be [Child Protection Compliant](#).

Committee Vacancies

We Need You!

The PTO needs volunteers to join the Executive Board and Event Committees!

SPOTLIGHT: Hospitality Committee Chair

If you're looking for an exciting opportunity to support the school and our wonderful teachers, please take a moment to consider becoming our next Hospitality Committee Chair/Co Chair. The Hospitality committee focuses on working with parent volunteers to provide home baked goods, paper products, drinks, etc. for various school events throughout the year, including monthly teacher luncheons and the National Honor Society induction ceremony reception. The chairperson(s) are expected to attend at least one PTO meeting during the school year. Committee Chairpersons will receive 20 hours (40 points) for their service, provided they fulfill the term of their commitment. Please contact Lauren Schmidt at ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org for more information.



Save the Date

What: New Family Social

When: Thursday, August 17th at 6:00

Where: On the Holy Spirit front lawn

Details:

Please come to Holy Spirit on August 17th to meet other new members of the Holy Spirit community and to hear from our school administration. Bring a picnic blanket/chairs and plan to eat dinner. We will have a food truck on site, Jay Eats, available for picnic or takeout orders, and/or feel free to pack a dinner from home. Food Truck ordering details and pre-order link to follow!

Post dinner popsicles will be provided!

**Any questions can be directed to
ptonewfamilycoordinator@holyspiritflames.org
(Anne Marie Chartrand and Katie Corwin)**

Holy Spirit Food Truck Night!

Thursday August 17th, 5-8 pm

During the Uniform Sale / New Family Social!

Preorders available at www.jaysvaeats.com

(select "Order Now").

Single Taco:
Typical \$3.50
Jays \$4.75
Queso \$5

Each Combo Comes with a Can Drink.

Taco Meat Options:
Steak, Chicken, Al Pastor, Veggie

JAYS EATS MENU

#1 \$10.50

3 Typical Tacos - Corn Tortilla with meat option, topped with onions, cilantro, cucumber, radish and lime.

#2 \$13.50

3 Jays Tacos - Corn Tortilla with rice, meat option, topped with pico de gallo, avocado slice and lime.

#3 \$14.25

3 Queso Tacos - Corn Tortilla filled with melted cheese with meat option, topped with onions, cilantro, lime.

#4 \$15.50 - \$18.50 - \$20

Plantain Bowl - Fried plantains with cabbage, meat option, tomato broth.

#5 \$15.50 - \$18.50 - \$20

Rice Bowl - Rice with lettuce, pico de gallo, avocado slice & meat option.

#6 \$5.50

2 Spring Rolls - Noodles, lettuce, green onion, cucumber, avocado.

Steak Fajita \$20
Chuck Steak \$18.50
Chicken | Al Pastor \$15.50

Single Spring Roll \$3
options: Veggie, Brisket, Chicken, Steak, Al pastor

See you for dinner!

USED UNIFORM SALE

Come and support the PTO as you score some gently used Holy Spirit uniform pieces for the 2023/2024 school year! Our first two planned events are coming up SOON!

We will piggyback the New Family Social on August 17 from 5:00 to 7:30.

We will also be selling during the Meet your Teacher Event on August 23 from 10:30 to 2:30. Sales are open to ALL for shopping, not just new families.

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

******WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for August 23 if you'd like to earn early shopping privileges and/or to obtain extra volunteer hours. Please see Connect 1 to sign up for setup/cleanup etc.**

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALES ON AN ON-GOING BASIS!!!
DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS, SCHOOL SHOES, OR SPIRIT WEAR THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!**

Used Uniform Sales - COMING SOON!!!



TWO Sale Dates- THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 from 5:00-7:30

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 from 10:30 to 2:30

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room

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Important Details-

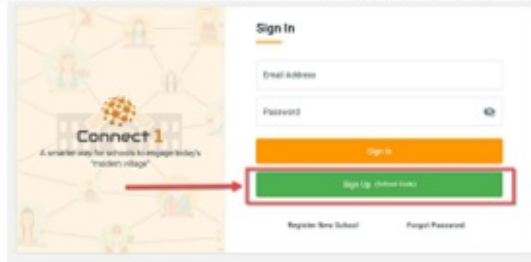
- If you would like to volunteer your time, please sign up on Connect 1
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

Registering for Connect 1 at Holy Spirit School

How to sign up for an account on Connect1:

1. On your computer, go to <https://app.connect1.io>
2. Click the green bar that says "Sign up (School Code)".



3. Enter your email address. Enter our school code, which is L41VP6.
(Are you both a teacher and a parent at the school? You'll need to set up two accounts. One using your "holyspiritflames.org" email account for your role as a teacher, and your personal one for your role as a parent!)
4. This will open a new page where you enter your name, role and password. For Role, select "Parent/Community Member". *(Unless you are a teacher creating your account with your "holyspiritflames.org" account. In that case, please select "Faculty/School Employee".)* Click Submit when you are done.
5. A new page opens. A Confirmation Code will be sent to your email. Copy that confirmation code and paste it into this page. Click Confirm.
6. This brings you back to the Sign In page. Enter your email address and newly created password to open the app.

Click here for a printable copy of the instructions

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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 for activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
All proceeds go to the school. *Hosted by the*



Sunday Sept. 17th
In the school cafeteria after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses
Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more!
Adults \$6, Children \$3
Families \$20

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH




2023 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO EMMITSBURG, MD

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday, October 7, 2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON 9 a.m. Presentation on Mother Seton and veneration of her relics 9:45 a.m. Mass with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge 10:30 a.m. Visit Mother Seton museum and gift shop	12 p.m. Outdoor picnic lunch at the Seton Shrine or Mount Saint Mary's Seminary (Limited restaurant options available, visitors encouraged to pack bag lunch. Note: transportation between locations not provided.)
	NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 1:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Holy Rosary 3:30 p.m. Depart

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/>
or scan the QR code



50th ANNIVERSARY

Mass for MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES
"My soul rejoices in the Lord."

Friday, August 25, 2023 | Mass at 7:00PM
6:15PM - Prelude & Marian Procession

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington, Main Celebrant & Homilist

After Mass: Reception featuring cultural food and performances to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

Notivty Catholic Church
6400 Nativity Ln., Burke, VA 22015

www.arlingtondiocese.org/mcm2023 - (703) 841-3881 - mcm@arlingtondiocese.org

Community Happenings!

FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 10, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Jay's Eats Food Truck flyer
2. Used Uniform Sale flyer
3. Beginning of the Year Letter
4. School Supply List for 2023/2024
5. Summer Reading List
6. Connect 1 Registration Instructions
7. Extended Day Rates for 2023/2024
8. Extended Day Registration Form for 2023/2024

Parish Flyers:

1. Pancake Breakfast
2. Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg
3. Mass for Multicultural Communities

Community Flyers: