

August 12, 2021



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2021/2022**

**"In work there is dignity"**

## Tick, tick, tick...

The ticking of the clock has seemingly sped up today as we prepare for the unofficial return of the teachers tomorrow and the official return on Monday.

I apologize for the little bit of tardiness in getting this out to you and for anyone who has tried to reach the school via phone or email today - we were without power beginning at 7:00 this morning and got it back just after 3:00 pm. Not the greatest "plan" when it is as hot as it is today!

In other "frustrating" news - the person hired as the new full-time school counselor for the year decided to withdraw from the signed contract. I am actively seeking resumes and looking to fill that position as soon as possible. If anyone in our community knows of someone who you could refer to me, I would be grateful. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic and either already licensed as a Virginia School Counselor or eligible for Virginia licensure.

A continued reminder that if you have a rising kindergartener or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned as soon as possible. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

In the same medical lane, if your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with us, please contact Mrs. Wild ([awild@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:awild@holyspiritflames.org)). It is not mandatory for parents to provide this information to the school, but it will be helpful in instances

of contract tracing should that be necessary.

A reminder that paperwork needed for the start of the school year will be available for pickup during the August 20th Open House/Meet Your Teacher event in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Enjoy your weekend!

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**



**Please join us on Friday, August 20th to meet your teachers!**

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Families with Last Names A-M**  
**1:00 - 2:00 pm - Families with Last Names N-Z**

## **WEEK 1 SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, August 23**

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades 1-8  
7:40 am - Morning carline begins  
8:00 am - School begins for Grades 1-8  
8:30 am - Kindergarten parent orientation (no children, please)  
9:30 am - Prekindergarten parent orientation (no children, please)  
11:30 am - Early dismissal for Grades 1-8  
11:30 am - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades 1-8

### **Tuesday, August 24**

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades K-8  
7:40 am - Morning carline begins  
8:00 am - School begins for Grades K-8  
9:00 - 9:45 - Prekindergarten student visit (with parent) - last names A - L  
10:00 - 10:45 - Prekindergarten student visit (with parent) - last names M-Z  
11:30 am - Early dismissal for Kindergarten students ONLY

3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades 1-8  
3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades 1-8

## **Wednesday, August 25**

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades Prek - 8  
7:40 am - Morning carline begins  
8:00 am - School begins for Grades Prek - 8  
11:30 am - Early dismissal for ALL Prekindergarten students ONLY (both full and half day students)  
3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades K-8  
3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades K-8

## **Thursday, August 26**

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades Prek - 8  
7:40 am - Morning carline begins  
8:00 am - School begins for Grades Prek - 8  
3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades Prek - 8  
3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades Prek - 8

## **Friday, August 27**

7:00 am - Morning Care open for Grades Prek - 8  
7:40 am - Morning carline begins  
8:00 am - School begins for Grades Prek - 8  
3:15 pm - Dismissal for Grades Prek - 8  
3:15 - 6:00 pm - Extended Day open for Grades Prek - 8

\*Please remember - NO school lunches will be provided the first week of school. Be sure to pack a lunch for your child the first week.

\*\*During the first week of school the vanpool slots for 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.



### **How will the church construction impact the carline?**

The information I was provided by the Construction Manager is that, "the traffic pattern will remain as it has always been. The lane in front of the church will be open to one way traffic , till school drop off is complete. After about 8:30 ish , we will block the lane and send traffic two way in front of the

school . At 2:15pm we will open the lane in front of the church. This will be an ongoing process through August, and September. After September, we will closing the lane occasionally."

With that in mind, please note that there are no parking spaces directly in front of the school; if you are coming into the building, you will need to park on the sides of the front grass area or in the general parking lots.



### **Family Numbers/Car Tags**

**We will continue to make use of "family numbers" and "car tags" for afternoon pick up.**

**If you lovingly held on to your tags from last year, please discard of them. All families will be assigned a new number and provided two tags. The tags for this year will be dated with the 2021-2022.**

**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.**



The Summer Reading list is posted to the school website under the *Happening at Holy Spirit* section on the front page.

IXL Math assignments for students in rising K-8 were included with each student's report card.



**Did your kiddos have some fun with their hair this Summer?**

Please remember that students are expected to return to school with their natural hair color and a school-appropriate hair cut.

Thank you.



**Save the Date!**

**New Family Social**  
**Wednesday, August 18th 2021**  
**6:00pm.**

We are excited to welcome new families to our school community.

For returning families, if you would like to be a "buddy family," please email Anne Marie Chartrand ([amneatrour@gmail.com](mailto:amneatrour@gmail.com)) or Katie Corwin ([mattingly.katie@gmail.com](mailto:mattingly.katie@gmail.com)) for a fun way to serve as a resource to new families.

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# Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!



Two Sale Dates- **Wednesday, August 18** from 5:00-7:30 (during the New Family Social)

**Friday, August 20** 10:30 to 2:30 (during the Meet Your Teacher Event)

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)

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!**

**DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE  
DURING OFFICE HOURS OR EMAIL - [MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com](mailto:MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com) TO  
ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS**

#### Important Details-

- Masks will be required
- Limited volume of shoppers at one time, as needed
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed
- Shopping preference - one shopper per family, if possible

**Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!**

## Extended Day 2021/2022

The Registration Form and Rate Table for Morning Care/Extended Day for the upcoming academic year are available on the school website under the *Quick Links - Family Resources* tab.

The information is included in the "Family Folder" section below, as well.

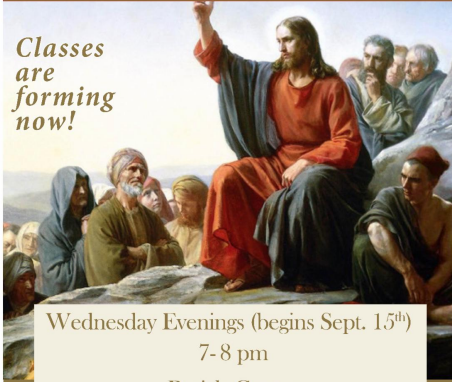
See flyer below for school supply lists by grade level.

## Parish Happenings!



Interested in becoming  
**Catholic**  
or learning more?

*Classes  
are  
forming  
now!*




Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)  
7-8 pm

Parish Center

For more information:  
E-mail Father Carroll at [fcarroll@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:fcarroll@holyspiritchurch.us)

**INOVA** Save Lives • Give Blood




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Inova Blood Donor  
SERVICES

**Saturday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:45 - 11:45 AM**  
**In the Gym**

Covid antibody testing  
included for all blood donors.

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.  
**Make your lifesaving appointment today!**

**Questions?**  
[giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us)



## Community Happenings!



### FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 12, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family  
Folder

#### School Flyers:

1. School Supply Lists
2. Used Uniform flyer
3. Extended Day 2021/2022 Registration Form
4. Extended Day 2021/2022 Rate Table

#### Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Summer Food Collection flyer
2. RCIA flyer
3. Blood Drive flyer
4. Parish Picnic flyer

#### Community Flyers: