

From the Principal's Desk



August 18, 2022



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

Excitement is building!

It is amazing to think we are just a week out from the start of the 2022/2023 academic year!

The teachers are here and hard at work preparing their classrooms and learning all the ins-and-outs of Holy Spirit School.

We had a wonderful New Family Social last evening. A huge thank you to Mrs. Chartrand and Mrs. Corwin for all they did to pull together the many "buddy families" and for providing our new families with a great opening event. Thank you, as well to all those families who have volunteered to be "buddy families"; I know the new folks appreciate your enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge.

The PTO's first Used Uniform sale of the year was a smashing success if the line of people is any indication! Thank you to Mrs. Bennett and her team for the time put into organizing and carrying out the sale.

You will see below there is a button that leads you to instructions for setting up an account with School Eatery if you would like to participate in hot lunches. Menus have not yet been finalized for the start of the year.

One of several "new" items this year includes the Diocese of Arlington moving to a new standardized testing platform, NWEA Map. Additional information on the test will be provided, but it falls in line with what the Diocese has done for several years now in that it is an online adaptive test that is given to students in grades 3-7. We will continue to test in the areas of

mathematics, English grammar, and reading comprehension. The first testing window will be in September so that we can get a "check in" of where students are and use that information to help inform instruction in the classroom.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week on Tuesday, August 23rd for the Meet Your Teacher events. As a reminder, families with last names that begin with letters from A-M are invited to join us from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon. And families with last names that begin with letters from N-Z are invited from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Family packets will be available for pickup.

See you soon!

Start of School Schedule

Wednesday, 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)

Thursday, August 25th

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

Friday, August 26th

Full day for Kindergarten - Grade 8 (no hot lunch)
First day for Prekindergarten (11:30 am dismissal)

Monday, August 29th

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 Wednesday, August 24th
Kindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Thursday, August 25th
PreKindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Friday, August 26th

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 Wednesday, August 24th
Kindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Friday, August 26th
PreKindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 29th
Afternoon Extended Day is closed completely on Friday, September 2nd due to the early dismissal prior to the Labor Day weekend.

Welcome Letter 2022

Please find below a letter from Dr. Joseph Vorbach, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Arlington with regard to the current guidance on COVID-19.

Superintendent Letter



School Eatery General Information for
Parents

Account Set-up
Information



Does your child currently have one of these fun Summer hair cuts?

A reminder that students are expected to come to school on the first day with their natural hair color intact and with a school appropriate hair style/cut.

Thank you for your help with this!

-Maureen Ashby

Holy Spirit School PTO



Top of the Day, Holy Spirit!

Events:

August 24 – Back to School!
September 7, 6:30pm – PTO Volunteer Fair.

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

Volunteer Fair Planning: Please plan to attend the Holy Spirit PTO Volunteer Fair scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30PM in the school gym. Your attendance counts towards your annual 20 hour family volunteer requirement for Holy Spirit School. Please contact Mary Sonnen, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, for more information at 571-243-6423 (evenings/weekends) or through PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org. Sign up for the Volunteer Fair is available in the Connect1 App with your family account. Use a desktop computer to begin and go to this website: <https://app.connect1.io>. See attached handout for easy Connect1 instructions or contact Tom Fields with questions at ptopssc@holyspiritflames.org. Each 1/2 hour of volunteering is worth 1 point in Connect1.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

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

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

Used Uniform Sales - COMING SOON!!!



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

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

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, SCHOOL SHOES, OR SPIRIT WEAR THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED, TO THE OFFICE OR EMAIL - MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

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!

Connect1

This application can be accessed on a smartphone or computer.

- It will provide a central location for families to see all the volunteer opportunities available to them, both school-wide and for their children's classes (replacing the need for individual sign-up genius accounts).
- It will provide a way to automatically track PSSC hours based on event signups (and adjust that time as needed).
- It will provide an electronic version of the school directory, including class lists and parent contact information. Information can be updated in real-time, ensuring information for students

who join school mid-year is readily available, and information for families who move during the school year is quickly available as well.

- It provides a prayer board to request and answer prayers for our community.

You can sign up at:

<https://app.connect1.io>

School Code: L41VP6

NOTE: One parent/guardian signs up first, adds the other guardian in the app. The second (and any other guardians - aunts, uncles, grandparents, adult children, etc) will use the link they get to sign up. If you don't do this the family account will not be linked and you may not get proper credit for your PSSC hours.

The point of contact for Connect1 is PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org

Zoom training sessions:

Aug 18, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

- <https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/82666596719?pwd=d2NhTjFzUEp6a29sMW1ndFpMWERjQT09>
- Meeting ID: 826 6659 6719
- Passcode: 451024

Aug 28, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

- <https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/81872291584?pwd=VTk2anByNW1uTVNQSXozSE42c1dEZz09>
- Meeting ID: 818 7229 1584
- Passcode: 868784

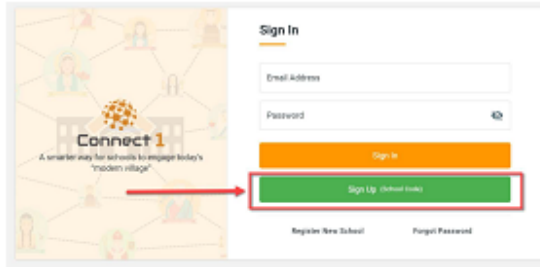
Sep 1, 2022, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

- <https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/89627771471?pwd=M0d6WkNWOGcyR0JRbUo0cndibE1rQT09>
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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 "hohyspiritflames.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 "hohyspiritflames.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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Holy Spirit Catholic School

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PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - **Vacant** - 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!



**MILITIA
IMMACULATA**

WHAT IS IT?
Militia Immaculata is a prayer group that uses the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Tuesday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the Intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

WHAT DO YOU DO?
We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some delicious snacks!

WHO CAN JOIN?
This group is open to Holy Spirit School students in all grades.
*Annual Registration required.
In addition, weekly Signup Genesis required as space is limited*

IS THIS REALLY AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS?
Yep! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

TUESDAYS Starting September 13
3:15-4:15pm in the Youth Office

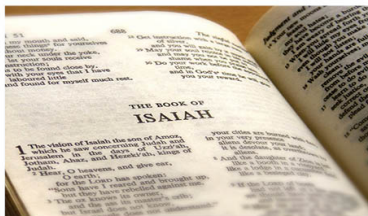
For more information and to sign up, go to:
holyspiritchurch.us/mi2022/



Wednesday Night


Bible Study

With Father O'Donohue



**This Year's Topic:
Isaiah**

September 14, 2022 - May 10, 2023
Parish Center Large Meeting Room
8:30-9:30 PM



Annual Parish Picnic!

Free Fun and Food for All!
All are invited

**Climbing Wall • Rope Bridge • Foam Pool •
Moon Bounce • Virtual Reality Experience •
Caricature Artists • Bubble Lady •
Whirling Buckets • DJ Deacon Malcolm's Music**



**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cotton Candy, Shaved Ice,
Salads, Desserts***

*For health reasons, only non-perishable desserts
accepted to be shared

Sept. 11 1-4 PM



Community Happenings!



Are you interested in joining Cub Scouts this fall? Learn leadership skills, what it means to be a good citizen, how to care for and explore God's creation in nature, and so much more.

Chartered by the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Men's Club, Cub Scout Pack 50 serves boys from kindergarten through 5th grade. Scouts have the opportunity to learn and grow in important character-building ideals while participating in fun activities such as day hikes, fall and spring family camping/campfires, Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, Scouting for Food service project, summer camps and more! The Pack is broken up into "dens" grouped by age/grade and led by parent "den leaders" with all parents pitching in to help guide various activities.

Join us for a '**Join Scouting Night**' informational parent meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022 on the front lawn of Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way in Annandale) at 6:30pm. Bring the kids, too, as we will entertain them with an informal game of kickball during the parent information meeting.

For more information, please email Pack 50 Cubmaster, Paul Eubanks, at pjebanks@hotmail.com.



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 18 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Summer Reading List 2022

2. School Supply lists for 2022 2023
3. Extended Day Rates for 2022 2023
4. Extended Day Registration for 2022 2023
5. Connect 1 Sign-up Instructions
6. Mabel's Labels PTO Fundraiser
7. Used Uniform Sale flyer
8. School Eastery Family Account information

Parish Flyers:

1. Militia Immaculata flyer
2. Bible Study flyer
3. Parish Picnic

Community Flyers:

1. Cub Scouts flyer