

August 20, 2020



Holy Spirit School ***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts*** **2020/2021**

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

Getting Closer!



The teachers officially started back on Monday and we are having a productive week of meetings, planning, cleaning, decorating, and setting up in anticipation of the return of students!

I thank you for your patience and the support you have extended to all of us over these past weeks and months - we couldn't do this without you!

There are a couple of areas where we could use some help.

One is financial - we are providing individual bags of sports equipment to each homeroom for their use during recess times. If you would like to

contribute funds to this endeavor, we would appreciate it. We are looking at about \$1000.00 investment to get us started.

The second is in-person assistance with the outdoor classroom spaces. We are making headway, but could definitely use some help!

We will be working out back on Monday, August 24 and Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring a shovel! It will be a great time!



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Student Orientation Days September 2 - 4, 2020

We will have **student-only** orientation days on September 2 - 4, 2020 to "reacquaint" students with the building and give them a chance to meet their teacher(s), get to know their classmates, bring in their school supplies, etc.

Middle School (Grades 6-8) - Wednesday, September 2nd - 8 - 11:30 am

Grades 3-5 - Thursday, September 3rd - 8 - 11:30 am

Grades Pk - 2 - Friday, September 4th - 8 - 11:30 am

Students should be in their regular school uniform.

Students in grades PreK - 5 may bring a healthy, nutritious snack with them (cheese stick, fruit, veggies, crackers/pretzels). All snack items must be easy for students to open themselves. All snack items must be in a container labeled with the student's name and the current date.

As always, the classrooms are **nut free!**

Vanpool

Traditionally, information/signups for vanpool come home in the beginning of the year family packets.

With the new dismissal procedures that will be in place, we would like to have as many vanpool participants as possible already assigned to their spots going into the first days of school.

Attached is the vanpool information/registration sheet for this year. For those who are new, please read the information carefully to see if you "qualify" for a vanpool slot.

Completed forms may be sent back via email to Mrs. Lori Martin at frontoffice@holyspiritflames.org

[Vanpool 2020 Letter](#)

Visit our
website

Morning Care and Extended Day

Information is available on the school website.



All Holy Spirit School students need to have three (3) masks and one (1) face shield in reserve at school at all times.

Students should bring the masks and face shield on their orientation day in a clear Ziploc bag labeled with the student's name.

Each day students should come to school with a clean mask already on in order to enter the school building!



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.

Student
Council

The Student Council is looking for the Officers for the 2020-2021 school year!

Are you in Grades 6-8?
Are you interested in giving back to your school community?
Are you interested in helping to plan many of our school activities?

Then, the Student Council is just for you!

See the attached interest form.
Questions? Email Mrs. Webb (twebb@holyspiritflames.org)

[Student Council Interest Form](#)



PTO NEW FAMILY SOCIAL Wednesday, August 26, 2020 *6:00 - 7:00 PM

The PTO invites our new Holy Spirit families to bring a picnic dinner, sit out on the lawn and eat, meet the PTO Board Members and get to know all of us a little bit better.

Dessert provided by the PTO



USED UNIFORM SALE

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

4:00 - 7:00 pm

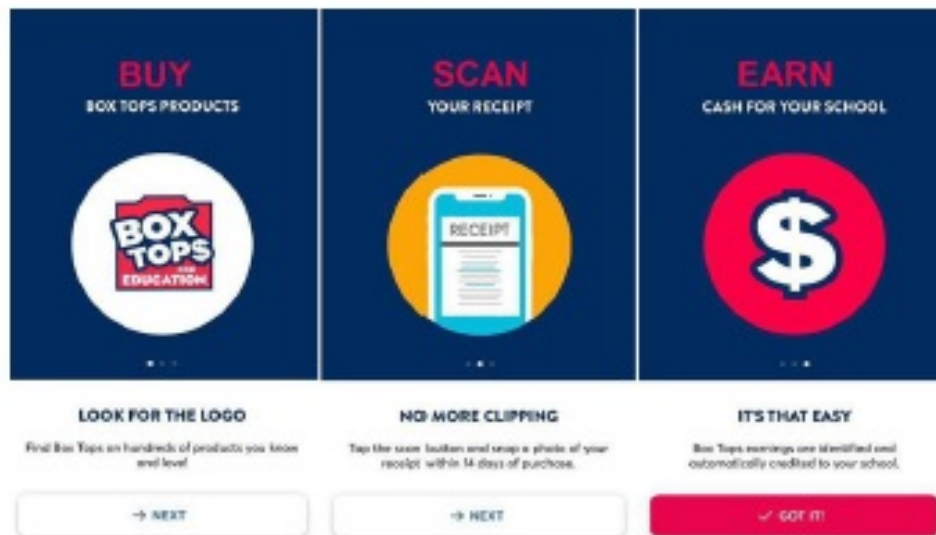
Open to all Holy Spirit School families

Items are \$5.00 each

Cash or check only



School supply shopping is the perfect time to download the Box Tops App and scan those receipts to get money for Holy Spirit. The app is simple and easy to use and is available in the App Store and Google Play! Once you download the app and select Holy Spirit as your school you can:



The app will keep track of the box tops for you and will also clue you in to special deals to earn more box tops!

We will still be accepting regular clipped box tops as well! Some products will let you scan and clip box tops for double earnings!

Email PTOBoxTops@holyspiritflames.org for any questions!

Helping Holy Spirit Has Never Been So Easy!



Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Holy Spirit every time you shop at no cost to you. When shopping online, simply go to www.smile.amazon.com and Amazon Smile will automatically donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Holy Spirit.

To get started, log into <https://smile.amazon.com> using your usual Amazon account log-in and chose "Holy Spirit Catholic Church Annandale, VA" as your charity.

How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

1

Join AmazonSmile

If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, [sign up](#) on your web browser. Simply select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

2

Get the app

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the [App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android.

3

Turn on AmazonSmile

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Beginning August 1, Holy Spirit joins Harris Teeter's Together in Education program to help raise funds for our school. It's easy and FREE!



Connect your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's Together in Education account.

Online

1. Log in to your Harris Teeter profile at the top of harristeeter.com
2. Click on My Account once logged in
3. In the Together in Education section, type the school name in the School Search toolbar
4. Once the school name generates, click on the school name and then Add a School
Note: it is easiest to type the school code listed above into the school search bar

App

1. Go to "My Account" and click "Together in Education"
2. Type in the school name in the search bar

In-store

Ask your cashier to link your VIC card to our school's TIE code.

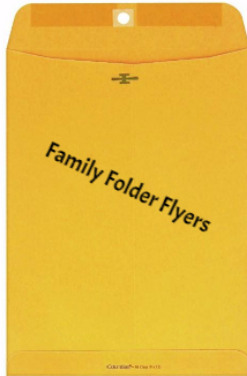
Mass Link

Let the school link for you!
We just need your last name and VIC card number/ phone number and we will link your card.

Holy Spirit's TIE
Code is 1307



Parish Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 20, 2020" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Box Tops/Amazon Smile/Harris Teeter Rewards

Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Food Project Food Drive
2. That Man is You
3. RCIA

Community Flyers: