### From the Principal's Desk



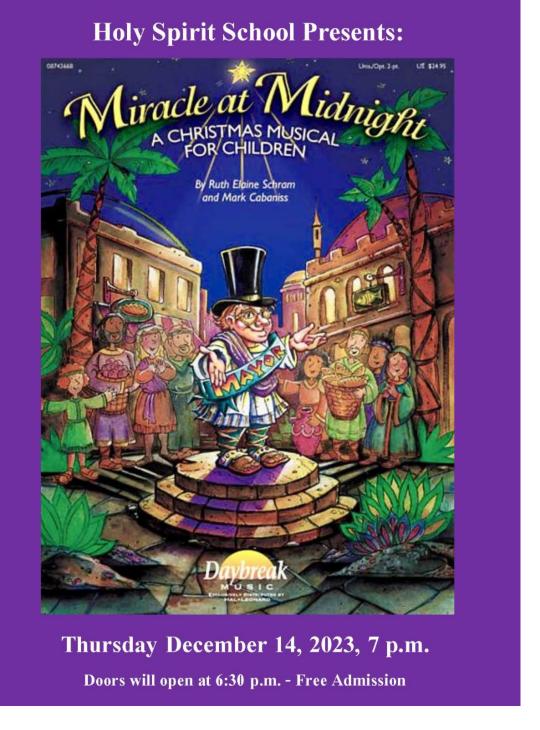
December 14, 2023



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

Will We See You Tonight?

**TONIGHT!!!!** 



A reminder that Wednesday, December 20th is an early dismissal day with NO afternoon Extended Day. Everyone returns after Christmas on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

The application for the 2024/2025 academic year for <u>NEW</u> students is now open and accessible on the school's website.

If you have children (especially prekindergarten or kindergarten age), please take the time to complete that application as soon as possible so that we retain spaces.

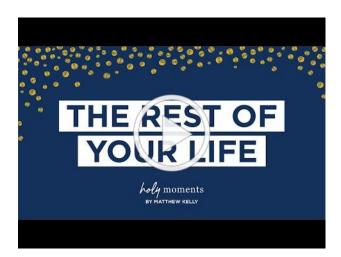
For current students, Holy Spirit uses continuous enrollment, so unless we hear from you that you will not be returning, we plan for your children to be here.

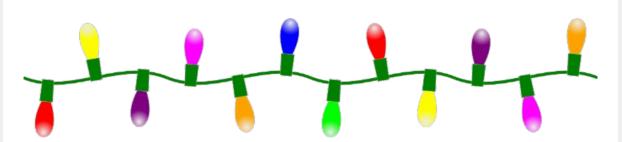
The tuition rates and other information for the 2024/2025 academic year were sent home with the youngest or only child in your family.

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2024/2025 academic year, the FACTS application is open. The deadline for applying is March 13, 2024.



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? Did you send a thoughtful note to someone? What a wonderful season in the Church's liturgical year to do that! There are so many people at this time of the year who are seeking a connection and hopefully you are the one to do just that.





**Miracle At Midnight** 

K-4 Christmas Musical December 14 at 7:00pm

#### Costume and Call Sheet for the Christmas Musical

#### Miracle At Midnight

The Christmas Performance is December 14th @ 7:00 pm.

Grades K-3: Please bring your child to their room NO EARLIER than 6:15 pm,

NO LATER than 6:30 pm.

Grade 4: Please bring your child to their room NO EARLIER than 6:00 pm,

NO LATER than 6:15 pm.

The show begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Doors DO NOT open until 6:30pm.

#### Kindergarten-"Sheep"

The Kindergarteners will wear their PE uniform sweatpants and sweatshirts inside out, with white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears.

fst Grade- "Angels"

The 1st Graders will wear their PE uniform sweatpants inside out, with a long sleeve white T - shirt, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with halos.

2nd Grade- "Camels"

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will wear brown or khaki pants and brown or tan long sleeve T- shirts, with white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with camel visors!

3rd Grade- "Town speople"

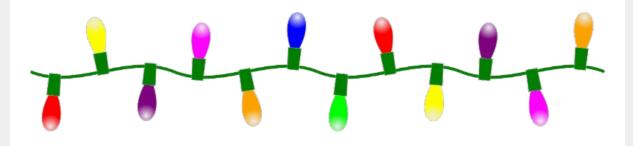
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will wear long sleeve T- shirts in any shade of blue and khaki pants, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

4th Grade-Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Schoology Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member.

If you have any **questions or concerns**, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Sanborn at <u>CSanborn@holyspiritflames.org</u>.

**Thank you so much** for your cooperation in making this year's Christmas Musical a beautiful experience for us all!



# **Holy Spirit School Presents:**



# Night of Nights

Nativity Play

Tuesday December 19, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Free Admission

Looking for a service project for your family?



SATURDAY

16

AT 7:30 AM

#### DECEMBER

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMENTARY
PLEASE EMAIL MRS. WEBB
TWEBB@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG

Remember the faller... Honor those who serve... JEACH our children the value of freedom.



These are not complete dress down days, but students may wear their accessories each day with their regular uniform.

Partners in Faith December Newsletter and Family Advent Calendar NEW!!



Thoughtful Moments

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Add peace to Advent this year

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Emmanuel"?



## 2023 Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December  Buy or make an Advent weeth and blam it.  Light the violet carelle every night this wook.	Assign "Aubust Angels." Draw mahoust standors and outcoming good works in secret.	5 Set out the empty Notivity scene. Add characters gradually throughout Advent. Save Buby Jesus for last.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Encourage everyone to perform an act of kindness in honor of today's generous saint.	They gifts for children in need. Consult your perish office for suggestions.	8 The Immuculate Conception of Mary On this Huly Day of Obligation, attend Mass sugather. Pury for the United States of America.	Deceme a Jose tree and discuss its meaning, Learn more of wave-mech.org.
10 Light two violet candles nightly this work. Sing "10 Corne. O Corne Emmanuel."	Call or creal your parish office and ask how your family can help with upcaming proparations for Christmas.	12 Our Lady of Guedalape Pet is visic of fineers before a status of Mary and sing "Hall, Holy Queen" to crickness.	At disner, mk each person to share one noy God blessed him or her thur day.	Before bedrine, perform in examination of conscience using the Ten Communication and the Hearlandor (Matthew 5:3-11).	Contact Catholic Ratiof Services (ST7-HELF- CES or wav., cotholicrelie (erg), Ask how you can help.	Seek God's mercy in Confession as a familia to great the Savier with clean souts.
17 Genulete Sanday Light two violet emeller and one note one for joy. How a small treat to exhibit.	Place a candle in the window to reference litaby Jonas, Light it rightly until Chrosenes.	19 December controls in	Tonight, effer extra prayers for the tracque who will spend Cheistman overseas and for their families.	State favorite Christmas family momentus over hot chaoritie and cookios.	Ask couryons to make a small sacrifice, just for God, just for today.	The King is coming! Tidy up the house and prepare to refeore. Hirs.
Reveal Advect angeld Read about the good news the angel shared in Lake 126-38.	25 Rejoice!  After Moss taday, place Buby Jesus in the manager and sing, "Hark the Hardd Angels Sing?"	A SEA	trollment, when Quirinias sugh too went up from G chem, because he was of with child. While they we	from Caesar Augustas this was governor of Syria. Se dilice from the sorm of No the house and family of Di we there, the time came for resulting clothes and less there in the two "(Lal	o all went to be enrolled, a careth to Auden, to the city wish, to be enrolled with h r her to have her child, an d him in a manger, becaus	uch to his own town.  of David that is called fary: his betrothed, who d she gave birth to ker





#### **HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL CHESS CLUB**

#### Fun is the name of the game...

...but Magnus Chess Academy also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess club!

Each week students of all levels do a fun but challenging lesson with one of our great coaches from our world class curriculum followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with the official academy of world champion Magnus Carlsen. This in-person club includes online extras like practice tournaments and a bonus lesson with Magnus or Judit Polgar, the best female chess player ever!



To register, scan the **QR Code** www.chessacademy.com

Questions? Email: info@chessacademy.com or call: 703.574.2070





# -Maureen Ashby

#### **Principal**



### **Upcoming PTO Events**

#### Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 17th

**Christmas Tree Sales** 

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

#### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Dinner at Panera - 4pm – 8pm 6230 Rolling Rd Suite V, West Springfield

25% of sales donated back to Holy Spirit! See flier below for more information.

#### Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

PTO Board Meeting - CANCELLED

#### Holy Spirit Christmas Ornament Sale – LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!

See flier below for information on how to order.

#### Volunteer Opportunities (1 point/30 mins volunteered)

<u>Christmas Tree Sales</u> November 26 – December 17

Sales begin on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Help is requested for setup, sales and breakdown. We need two families per weekday sales shift and three families per weekend sales shift. This is a family event! Bring your spouse, kids, aunts, uncles, grandparents. Parents will earn PSSC service hours and teens can earn their service hours as well!

Questions? Contact Jouhn Borja PTOChristmasTrees@holyspiritflames.org

#### **Reminders**

In order to volunteer with any youth in the Arlington Diocese, you must be **Child Protection Compliant**.

<u>Recess Duty</u> volunteers are still needed for the remainder of the school year. Families who have completed their required commitment of one day are eligible for 4 PSSC points for each additional day served.



# Help support us! Holy Spirit School

25% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED

#### December 16, 2023 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT 6230 W Rolling Road, West Springfield, VA

Use code <u>FUND4U</u> at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.\*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.\*\*

Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

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\*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count owards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-contitions/.\*\*Services vary by calé.

# Annual Holy Spirit School Christmas Ornament 2023-2024



Payment is via check in the amount of \$15 and made out to the Holy Spirit School PTO. NO CASH. Please return the lower half of the form with your check by Friday, November 17, 2023. Checks and forms may be redirected to % Jennifer Sylvester (Homerooms 2E Epperly and PKG Garcia).

Questions: Contact jennifermichellesylvester@gmail.com or toniquinnoneill@gmail.com.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Total (\$): \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom teacher: \_\_\_\_

#### PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Vice President - Rob Wu - <u>PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Treasurer - Karin Floyd - <u>PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org</u>
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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill -<u>PTOVPDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet -<u>PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org</u>

#### 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!

Men's Club Sponsored Event

#### **Advent Party & Jazz Quartet**

The Hot Lanes with Bobby Jasinki ...music featuring Christmas and Jazz classics



Wine. Beer. Soda. Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert





Friday, December 16th 7:00 - 10:00 PM Quinn Room (lower level of school) All Parish Adults Invited



Host Committee:

Sean & Becci Roberts Kevin & Barbara Kessler Dan & Melanie Bennett Mike & Maura Locke Steve & Alicia Steger Mike & Laura Thiemar Chris & Kristi Craig Mike & Irma Rupar Don & Kim Pedersen Bill & Carrie Seifert

Limited Tickets...Don't Wait to Last Minute...Lock in a Fun Night

\$40 Couples / \$20 Singles

Payment must be received by Monday December 12th

RSVP to <u>SeanRoberts911@gmail.com</u> & make checks payable to 'Holy Spirit Men's Club' and mail to:

Sean Roberts, c/o Men's Club 5416 Panola Court Springfield, VA 22151

Seeking a place for peace and quiet during the hustle and bustle of Advent?

# Come, Let Us

Monday 7am-7pm Wednesday 7am-7pm Fri 7am-Sat 9am



Parish Holy Hour M, W, F 7pm-8pm led by Priest or Deacon with Confessions till lines end!

### Choose your ONE HOUR each week of Advent to make this Christmas different!

\*Just sit in His presence to sort out proitites

\*Advent spiritual reading

\*Ask Him for help with anything \*Bring your famiy members intentions to Him

\*Rosary and/or Divine Mercy Chaplet

\*Bring Him your worries and desires

Sign up at: adorationpro.org/hsannandale or email: lisa.ciola@holyspiritchurch.us

# **Community Happenings!**

### **FAMILY FOLDER**

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "December 14, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



#### School Flyers:

- 1. Diocesan Tuition Assistance Programs Overview
- 2. Partners in Faith (December) newsletter
- 3. Partners in Faith Family Advent Calendar
- 4. Wreaths Across America flyer
- 5. Miracle At Midnight Costume list
- 6. NJHS Mini Christmas Spirit Week flyer
- 7. Chess Club Winter Session flyer
- 8. iCook After School Cooking Class flyer
- 9. iSteam After School Science Class flyer

#### PTO Flyers:

- 1. Panera Bread Fundraiser flyer
- 2. Holy Spirit Christmas Ornament Order Form

#### Parish Flyers:

- 1. Men's Club Advent Party
- 2. Parish Adoration

#### Community Flyers:

Holy Spirit School | 8802 Braddock Rd., Annandale, VA 22003

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