



December 8, 2022



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

Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

We took the opportunity this morning to attend Mass in order to give thanks and to commemorate Mary's sinless conception. What a beautiful day!

In the spirit of giving, a tremendous "Thank you!" to all who contributed to the Santa's Ride toy drive. Our community donation just over 650 toys to this worthy endeavor.

A special thank you to the Student Council and National Junior Honor Society members for spearheading last Friday's "Winter Wonderland" dance. The entry "fee" was donations of hats, scarves and mittens which in turn we added to the parish coat collection. A great time was had as they "danced" the night away! Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with set-up and chaperoning.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, December 9th is the NJHS Christmas costume dress down day. All proceeds (\$1.00 to participate) will go to benefit Catholic Charities, We Care Week. Details are below.

The next PTO Spirit Gear day is Thursday, December 15th.

Information is below on ordering a 2022/2023 Yearbook.

The Christmas break is from December 21 - January 2nd.

Tuesday, December 20th is a FULL day of school and Extended Day is open.

Students return to school on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Academic Year 2023/2024

Registration information for current families will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, December 9th with the youngest or only child in each family.

Families who have children who are ready to become Holy Spirit Flames, especially in either prekindergarten or kindergarten, be sure to contact Mrs. Laclede now so that we have their names. The online application for new students is open and accessible via the school website.

NJHS DRESS DOWN DAY

DECEMBER 9th

ALL FUNDS GO TO:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WE CARE WEEK

ALL OUTFITS MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE

BRING \$1 TO DRESS UP AS:

PRE-K THROUGH 2ND

GINGERBREAD BOYS & GIRLS

3RD THROUGH 5TH

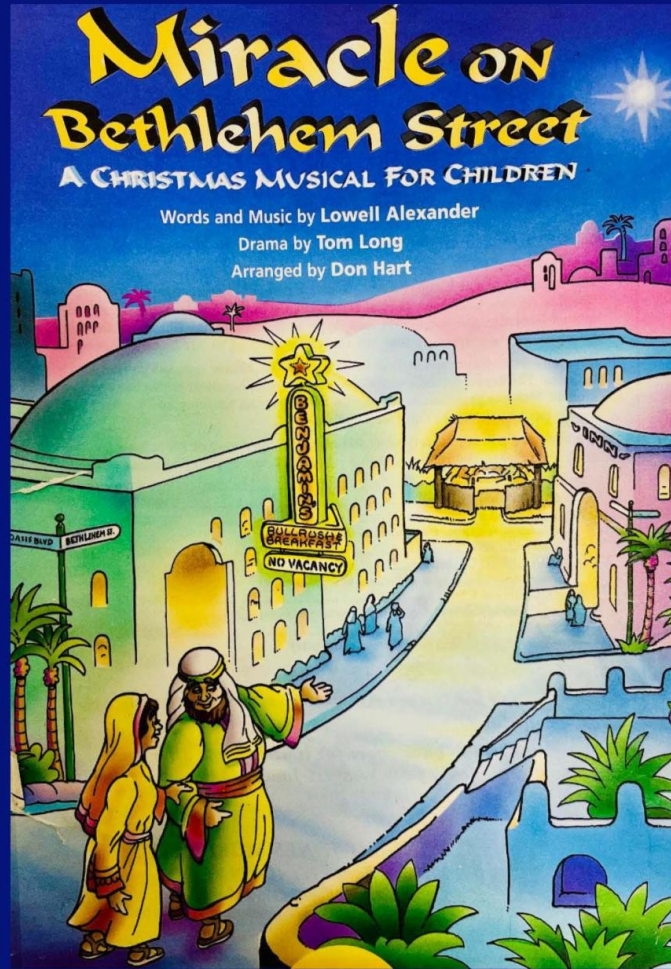
SNOW BOYS & GIRLS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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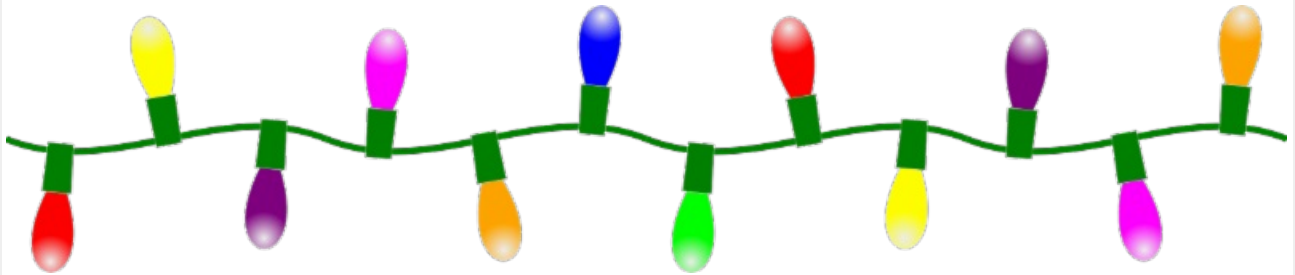


Holy Spirit School Presents:



Thursday December 15, 2022, 7 p.m.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. - Free Admission



Costume and Call Sheet for the Christmas Musical:

A Miracle On Bethlehem Street

The Christmas Performance is **December 15th @ 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, white socks and

shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears.

1st 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 and wings.

2nd Grade- "Camels"

The 2nd Graders will wear brown or khaki pants and long sleeve T shirts, brown socks and shoes. They will be provided with camel visors!

3rd Grade- "Townspeople"

The 3rd Graders will wear long sleeve blue shirts and khaki pants, brown socks and brown 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. Details will be posted Thursday December 1.

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

**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 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Free Admission

Art Room needs recyclables! Specifically, cereal boxes and 2 liter bottles and plastic bottles. They can be dropped off in the Art Room.



Thank You! Mrs. Liss Art Teacher



Holy Spirit
2022-2023 YEARBOOK
On Sale Now!

Early Bird Special
\$18.00

Get Yours Today!

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:
01/31/2023

\$20 after 01/31/2023

Order Online:

BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM

ID: 712674



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

- On Going – Christmas Tree Sales!
- December 7-9 – Christmas Boutique (7th is set up (signup below), 8th/9th shopping!)
- December 10 – Gingerbread House Decorating
- December 21 – Domino's Fundraiser!

PTO Meeting: The December PTO meeting will be on December 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet fellow parents, and to get involved. Additionally, the meeting attendance counts towards the PSSC hours. Please join us at the following link:

<https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

Recess Duty: Sign up for recess duty opportunities is now available through: <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3>.

Christmas Boutique: Sign up for volunteer opportunities is now available through: <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/b6y9zp0km>

Connect1:

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>

**Christmas
Trees
For Sale**



November 27 – December 17

MON – FRI: 5:30PM – 8:30PM

SAT – SUN: 9AM – 8PM

Located at Holy Spirit Church by the Braddock Road entrance

PLEASE CASH OR CHECK ONLY



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PTO

WHILE STOCKS LAST



SECOND ANNUAL

Gingerbread House Decorating Party

SATURDAY, DEC 10TH, 4:30-6:30PM

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
CAFETERIA

Join us for some holiday cheer and
decorating fun!

Gingerbread house and icing
will be provided

Bring candy decorations to share
(candy canes, peppermints, gumdrops, ect)

Light refreshments will be
served

Please RSVP by Thursday,
December 8th
ptocrafts@holyspiritflames.org

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL WITH DOMINO'S PIZZA!

DOUGH RAISER

Order from
your local
Domino's and
use code DN3
online, on our
app, over the
phone, or in the
store. Holy
Spirit School
will receive 20%
of these sales.

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 21

USE CODE

DN3

Stores

Annandale
7129 Columbia Pike

Barcroft
6357 Columbia Pike

King's Park
8962 Burke Lake Rd

Springfield
6715 Backlick Rd
Skyline
4698 King St

Kings Hwy
6228 Richmond Hwy



PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDevelopment@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!

Merry Christmas
from Holy Spirit Catholic Church

2022

Mass & Confession Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Nativity of our Lord

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Vigil Masses: 5:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Midnight Mass: 12:00 AM

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM & 11:30 PM

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Masses:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Solemnity Masses:

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM,

12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Christmas Eve Confession Schedule

Sat. Dec 24: 9:30 AM-11:30 AM (No Confessions at 3:30 PM)

New Year's Eve Family Party

Dinner 6:30-8:30 PM, Dance 8:30-10:30 PM

www.hobyspirtchurch.us

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 Thieman
Chris & Kristi Craig
Mike & Irma Rugar
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 SeanRoberts911@gmail.com & 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



Squire Roses will Host

A Children's Advent Party

December 11 after the 9:00am Mass

in the school Meeting Rooms

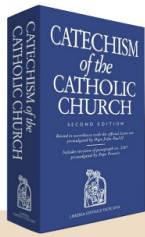
Families are invited for refreshments, games,
crafts and stories to celebrate the JOY of
Advent

Questions: contact Kristin Gorak, squiroseroses@hobyspirtchurch.org



You know what a Bible study is...

THIS WILL BE A Catechism Study!



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is one of the beautiful gifts of the pontificate of Pope Saint John Paul II—the first new Church-wide catechism in over 400 years.

Join Deacon Tom in 2023

WHEN: 7:00–8:15 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month
WHERE: Rectory, Large Meeting Room

FIRST MEETING on JANUARY 10

Livestream also available—details to be announced

To sign up or for more information:
CatechismStudy@holyspiritchurch.us

Paced to fit Mike's "Catechism in a Year" podcast from Ascension Press, but open to all who want to study the Catechism.



ACCA is looking for food delivery drivers to deliver food to needy clients within the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads area. Drivers can work weekly or every few weeks or less as it fits their schedules each week. Deliveries are between 1:30 and about 5 PM, Tuesday through Friday. The time involved is usually less than one hour. Email casweeder@verizon.net for more details.



We partner with the Shepherd's Center of Annandale/Springfield to provide critical transportation. We urgently need volunteer drivers who drive local seniors in Annandale, Springfield, and other sections of Alexandria to medical appointments during the week, and grocery shopping on weekends. You determine when, where, and how often you drive. Email shepherdcas@vacoxmail.com.



Holy Spirit Youth Ministry

Church Decorating

Right After School
3:15 - 4:30 PM

Thursday **15** DECEMBER

We will be meeting in the Youth Room before heading up to the Church!

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP

LASER TAG

Online Registration and Payment required to attend!



DECEMBER 16TH 7-9 PM

Registration and payment can be found online on the Holy Spirit Middle School youth ministry page. Please email Ronan with any questions (youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us)

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "December 8, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family

School Flyers:

1. NJHS Christmas Dress Down Day flyer
2. PTO Christmas Tree Sale flyer
3. PTO Gingerbread House Decorating flyer
4. PTO Dominos Fundraiser flyer
5. K-4 Christmas Musical Costume List flyer
6. Yearbook Order information flyer
7. Partners in Faith (December) newsletter
8. Family Advent Calendar
9. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Mass and Confession schedule for Christmas flyer
2. Men's Club Advent Party flyer
3. Squire Roses Children's Advent Party flyer
4. Catechism Study flyer
5. ACCA Volunteers flyer
6. YM Church Decorating flyer
7. YM Lazer Tag flyer

Community Flyers: