From the Principal's Desk



Holy Spirit Inspiring Minds CATHOLIC SCHOOL Igniting Hearts

February 23, 2023



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

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By this time next week we will have begun the month of March - oh, how time flies!

The month brings with it several events and key dates to remember.

Thursday, March 2nd will be Dr. Seuss Day - see the flyer below for details. We are in need of volunteers to assist running the day's activities. A sign up is available in Connect 1.

A reminder that all weekend parish Masses on March 3 and 4 will take place in the school gym. Additionally, our second graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 4th. This will be in the Quinn Room in the school.

The 2nd Trimester officially ends on Thursday, March 9th (report cards go home on March 17th).

The Middle School's production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* is Thursday evening, March 9th. We certainly invite all families to attend. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the performance begins at 7:00 pm.

Friday, March 10th is a NO school day for students and a professional development day for the faculty.

Thursday, March 16th is a PTO Spirit Gear day.

Friday, March 17th is our Fathers' Day Mass and receptions in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. Details are below.

Tuesday, March 21st is CRAZY SOCK DAY as we recognize Down Sydrome Awareness Day. We encourage all students to wear their craziest socks with their uniform that day.

The 7th & 8th grade Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 30th. Science Fair judges are needed; check Connect 1 for a sign-up. If you know of someone outside of our community who would be interested in judging, they may contact Mrs. Laura Laclede at sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org.

I hope you are enjoying today's beautiful weather!

Congratulations to the 7th Grade Holy Spirit School students whose entries were recognized as a part of the Youth Apostles 3rd Annual Pro-Life Multi-Media Contest!

In the Essay Division— Theme: Roe Is Overturned: Now What? Honorable Mention - Monica B.

In the Memes Division—Theme: Must have a pro-life theme Honorable Mentions to Luke P., Conor R., Michael S., Leryn T., and Reagan P.

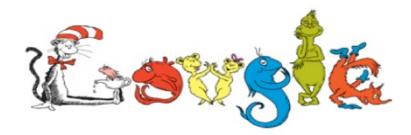
Well done!

Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day

Thursday March 2nd

Spend the day dressed as your favorite Dr. Seuss character

Put a Wocket in your pocket Be a Lorax Wear a cat's hat Be creative...there are so many possibilities!



*This is NOT a regular dress down day. You must be in costume to participate.

Volunteers will be needed for this fun day! Please visit Connect 1 for opportunities to help (sign-up coming soon).

Time to Start Training!!!! Contest Designs Are Due Tomorrow!



Looking for a way to tithe this Lent?



Throughout the season of Lent, Holy Spirit's Got Life? Club is collecting monetary donations for Mary's Refuge: a former convent now serving single mothers in Martinsburg, WV.

Each classroom will have a baby bottle where donations can be placed.

At the end of Lent all donations collected from classroom baby bottles will go to Mary's Refuge.

For more information about Mary's Refuge please visit <u>https://rumble.com/v1xno7m-marys-refuge-former-convent-now-serves-single-mothers.html</u>

Thank you for your support!



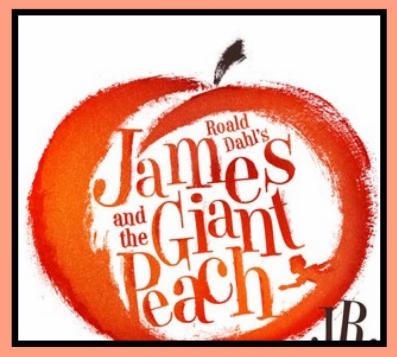
Please join the Holy Spirit School Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers March 17, 2023 9:00am

Our school day will begin at 9:00 am in the church. Dads and children are welcome to meet us there. If Dads are unable to attend, children are welcome to invite uncles, big brothers, or another special guest. If students will not have a guest that day, we will be glad to receive the children at the regular 8:00 school time. Receptions will follow mass in your children's classrooms.

Holy Spirit School

Presents



Based on the book "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl

Thursday March 9th, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Doors Open at 6:30 pm





MISS STEVENSON INVITES PARENTS WITH CAREERS IN STEM TO SPEAK TO HER TECHNOLOGY CLASSES ABOUT THEIR CAREER AND THEIR JOURNEY.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE TIMES: FEB 27 9:45-11:15 (2 CONSECUTIVE CLASS PERIODS) FEB 27 12:00-12:45 (1 CLASS PERIOD)

For interested volunteers, please go to Connect to register for a time slot. Email Miss Stevenson with any questions: estevenson@holyspiritflames.org

Doodle for Google Contest 2023

The Doodle for Google Contest kicked off for 2023. The theme this year is "I am grateful for." For the contest, students use their imagination to create a google doodle based on what they are grateful for.

The contest is open now through **March 7th**, **2023** to students in grades K-12. There will be a state winner from each state/territory, national finalists, and one final national winner. If you have any questions or if your student is interested in participating, please feel free to contact Mrs. Liss

iliss@holyspiritflames.org . She is happy to help guide, answer questions or give feedback.

This is the link for more information and to enter the contest.

https://doodles.google.com/d4g/



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oslebration of the Paschal Myste	orty days which begins with Aah We ery (Easter Triduum). Leet is the prin g the forty days Jesus spent in the d Cituanth).	sary penilential season in the	22 Ash Windnesday Receive ashes at Mass and keep them on all day.	23 Help-children choose offerings of proyer, personos, and almophing. Make sum they are age appropriate.	24 Contract to a strate meal bagether. Pray for those who can't how meal as a megular part of their dists.	25 Set up a prayer corner. Diapa a small table in purple-doth. Include:a Blole, a cantle and a plow. Meet them at night for fernily answer.
26 "Bury the Halksligh." Write the word, "hallekiph." on a piece of paper. Putit in a beg and bury it in the ground to be "resurrected" on Easter.	23 Make a Lant proyer chain. Write 40 intentions on sitips of paper. Each day, choose a sitip, say a prayer for the intention and add it as a link to the chain.	28 Give up a favorite sneck today for the souls in Purgetory.	1 March Check out Caholic Relief Services and see if you can help support any of beir projects. Look here: https://www.on.org.	2 Addiner longht, encourage everyone to think of a person he or one describilities and say three nice things about that person.	3 First Friday Attend Wass or mains a visit to the Beased Saccarrent in church. Pray for a hubbal Lent.	4 Pray a family Rosary together in your prayer comer.
5 After Mass, light a cardle for someone who passed away moently. Your parish family will join their prayers to yours.	6 Set out an empty box. Throughout Lent, odd any unused clathes, books, or keys that are in good condition.	9 Pick someone in the news and pray for them.	B Bach day sensiting in Lett, put a jatly bean in a jar whenever someone does a good deed. Share the jatly beans at Easter!	9 At damer, share one way God showed His love to each of you today.	10 Consider Insting from screenss tonight, Pay boardgames, draw pictures, do-a puzzle, read books together.	11 Family story night Cuddle-up tonight and said Easter-thereod books, such as the Logend of the Three Trees or The Week That Left to Easter.
12 After Mass, explain the humkyin terms children can understand. Come up with a resolution for the week.	13 Resolve to use only kind words today:	14 Monies would roll dough and twint it into crossed "proyet" arms - now incours as pretents. Enjoy this traditional Lenters anack.	15 The Our Father is the perfect proyer, given by Jesus to us. Proy the Our Father together and Jak about what it means.	16 Prepare souls for Easter! Ask each family member to make an examination of corescience, using the Ten Commandments and eight Beethudes as guides.	19 St. Patrick's Day Is 31. Patrick's torox, pray for Catholic missionaries and these involved in religious education.	18 Go to Confession as a family. Go out for a special treat afterwards to oriebtate Got's fargivenees.
19 Lactare Sunday Joby, we look forward to Easter jay! Here a treat after Mass to calabrate the mitpoint of Lent.	20 St. Joseph Sr Day St. Joseph served, protected, and caned for Nany and Jesus. Entrust tathers (including priests) to his care.	21 Refresh any Letten commitments you made.	22 Say a short prayer in fort of each cross or crucific in your toms.	23 At dance; go around the table and share something for which you are each grateful.	24 Co on a screen fast (from recreational use) from room to 3, in meenings of the three-hours Jesus hung on the Cross.	25 Annunciation of the Lord We destrate Nary's "Ves" to God Pray three Hall Marys for help to be With& to God's plan.
26 Spiritual Bouquet Have each person choose a prayer to affer daily for your perfor. Send a card with everyona's promises.	27 Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.	28 Practice patience – a form of atophying that is expectally pleasing in God's eyes.	29 Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today.	30 Deliver the box you started on Merch 6 to its destination.	31 Category Constraints Constr	1 April Dust, vectourn, clean and get your home ready to celebrate Holy Week – the Indiant time of Die year.
2 Palm Sunday Palm/roots were a sign of victory and thumph. Decorate the statues and images of Jesus around your home with palms.	3 Tonight and every right this week, say a special prayer for frose entering the Church during the Easter Vigil.	4 Go for a walk and look for signs of new life.	S Using oxyces or colored markers, drawer Easter symbols. Hang them up to decorate for Easter.	6 Holy Thursday Read the story of the Last Supper (Nathew 2020-31); Wash and dry each ofter's feet as Jesus washed the feet of his Apostles.	9 Good Friday Pay the Stations of the Cross together. There Jesus for Hs sacrifice on the Cross forus.	8 Holy Saturday Ugit a carde and renew your baptismal your stogether as a family, promising to be faithful to God.

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-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Upcoming Events:

February 28th - Panera Bread Fundraiser! See the flyer below.

March 22nd – Used Uniform Sale 2:30-5:30

March 30th – Science Fair Judges Needed! (12-3). No STEM experience necessary! Lunch will be provided! (sign-up in Connect 1) Any questions please reach out to Mrs. Laura Laclede at <u>sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org</u>.

April 29th - Art Show Sign-up. See the flyer below.

April 29th – Talent Show Volunteers Needed! See the flyer below.

PTO Meeting: The February PTO meeting will be on March 21, 2023, 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. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting, but can be found at the following link:

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723? pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09 Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

Connect1:

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



Help support us! HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL



February 28, 2023 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST 6230 W Rolling Road Suite V

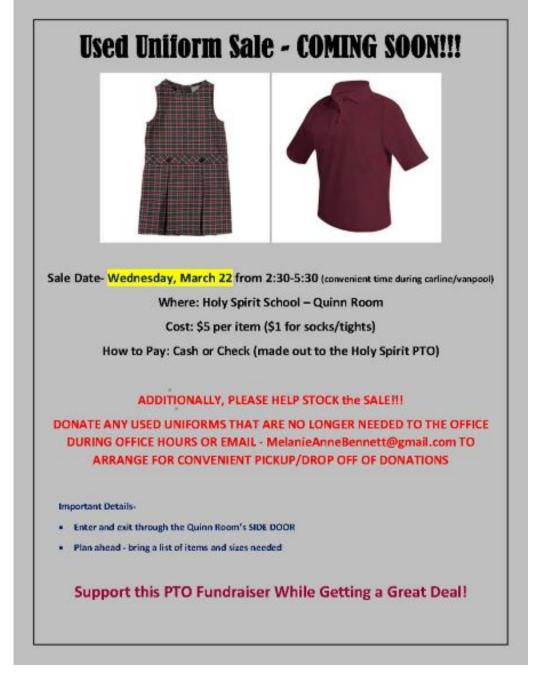
Use code <u>FUND4U</u> at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

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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Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase

& Dance



Saturday, April 29th, 2023



ART SHOW SIGNUP

The Lobby Art show is looking for works of sculpture, photography, writing, painting, drawing or other displayable media. If you have a talent for creating, the lobby show is looking for you!!

Requirements for Submission:

Flat work no larger than 22 X 24 including mat/frame, needs to have hanging hardware attached. Sculptures no bigger than 24 x 20 with a weight limit of 10 pounds, must stand on it own. Please include a title, description, and your name and grade on a card with the work submitted.

Deadline for submission: March 29th. Please submit all works to Mrs Liss by April 26th.

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grade/teacher____

Type of work:_____

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase



When: April 29, 2023

WE NEED VOLUN TEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. If you signed up at the PTO Fall Fair, your signup has been transferred to Connect 1 for your convenience. To volunteer for this event, Please click the signup link below:

https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/kKPf0p4TN

any questions, email Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinitetech.org

CHECK CONNECT 1 FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

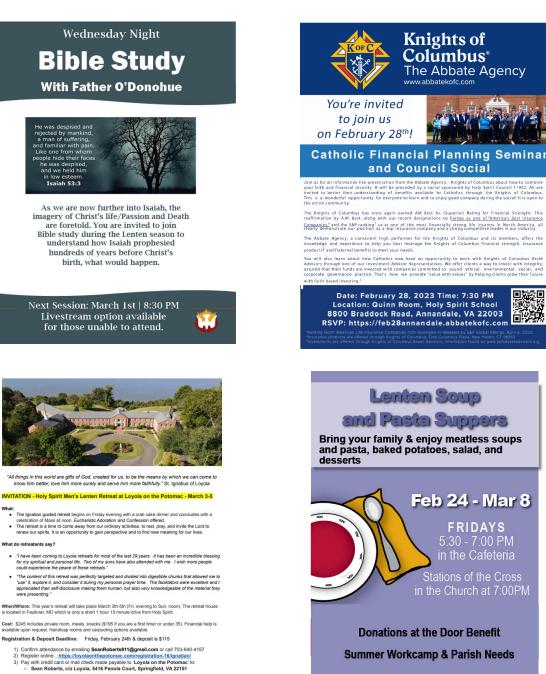
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Volunteering

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!







DRIVE BOOKS? Did you know that the Diocese has two free medical clinics?

Yes, they are The Mother of Mercy clinics in Manassas and Woodbridge

The clinics' mission is to engage the community to provide free, quality healthcare to low income adults who are uninsured or underinsured in Prince William County. The clinic does not charge patients receiving basic medical care. All the doctors and nurses who work at the clinic volunteer their time to provide this free medical care. The clinic is also a portal toward other necessary integrated services that Catholic Charities provides, such as counseling, emergency financial and food assistance and referrals for workforce development and immigration support.

We would like to provide children's books to families in the waiting room while waiting to be seen.

If you have some **slightly used children's books** to donate, we would love to supply the clinics. Pre-pandemic, books were provided and children could take them home. Therefore, we will be asking for more books from time to time to fill this need.

Children's Book drive Weekend of March 18 & 19 Donation bins at church doors



Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "February 23, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

> Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Fathers Day Mass and Reception flyer
- 2. Doodle for Google contest information flyer
- 3. 5K Spirit Run T-shirt Design Contest
- 4. Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 5. Mary's Refuge flyer
- 6. PTO Panera Fundraiser
- 7. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Signup
- 8. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer Signup
- 9. Partners in Faith (February) newsletter
- 10. Parner in Faith Lenten Calendar
- 11. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue flyer
- 2. K of C Financial Planning Seminar flyer
- 3. Men's Lenten Retreat flyer
- 4. Lenten Soup Supper flyer
- 5. Sponsor a Work Camper flyer

- Vacation Bible School flyer
 Pilgrimage to Ireland flyer
 Pilgrmage to Montreal flyer
 Book Drive for The Mother of Mercy clinics flyer
 7th & 8th Grade Boys Boxing Club flyer

Community Flyers: