

February 8, 2024



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

Every Day is a New Day

February can sometimes be a tough month as we tire of the cold and gray and long for Spring, warm temperatures and longer daylight hours. It also tends to be a time of year where we find ourselves expressing our dissatisfactions and frustrations to anyone who will listen. It is a good habit to look at each new day for the gift that it is and to think about checking ourselves and whether our conversations are adding positively to the community. Those checks are important for all of us adult and child. Are we challenging ourselves to express ourselves with kindness? Are we challenging our children to look for the best in people and interactions? Are we deciding throughout our day to create the Holy Moment?

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Book Fair. Mrs. Coney and the plethora of PTO Committee Chairs and parent volunteers helped to make the week a success!!

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow for Grandparents Day! Please allow us a bit of grace tomorrow as we planned food and beverage based on the RSVPs that we received by January 31 (with a little bit of overage). With the addition of many more attendees based on the phone calls and emails that have come in since that date, we may be a bit tight on refreshments.

Remember that Monday, February 12th is a no school day. This is the reward for meeting the Boosterthon fundraising goal.

For those students involved in Got Life?, this month's meeting has been moved to February 21st.

The season of Lent begins on February 14th. We will go to Mass on Ash Wednesday at 10:15am. I certainly encourage families to enter prayerfully into the season of Lent and to begin to think now about how you will travel the season together such that it is a special time and not just another few weeks of the calendar year.

We have so many terrifically talented students in our school, please encourage your children to submit their creation for the 5K Spirit Run t-shirt contest; details are below.

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

Friday, February 16th is a no school day for students. It is a professional development day for the faculty.

Monday, February 19th is a no school day for the President's Day holiday.

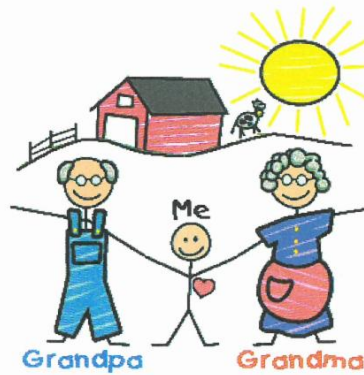
The parent portal will close on March 1st and the 2nd trimester ends on March 7th.



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? Were you intentional when you asked someone how their day is going? Did you really listen to what you were told? True and deep kindness requires us to give of ourselves when speaking with others - don't just be thinking about what you are going to say or do next, but really listen with not just your ears but your heart.



"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



February 9th
is
GRANDPARENTS DAY at Holy Spirit School!

9:00 AM Mass (in the church) followed by a reception

RSVP needed by January 31, 2024 - use the link below

Grandparents and their grandchildren should arrive together in time for the 9:00 am Mass and go directly to the church.

Any student who will not have a guest that day should arrive at school at regular time and those students will attend Mass with their homeroom.

After Mass all grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to attend a reception in the gymnasium where we will have a breakfast "treat" and a planned activity.

Grandparents and grandchildren will also have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair in the library, if that is something they would like to do.



It is time to get up off that couch and get ready for the 5K Spirit Run benefitting our Resource Department!!

2024 5K Spirit Run

Can you help us?

For many years, Holy Spirit Catholic School has been supporting all types of learners through our Resource Program and Expanded Services at Holy Spirit School. We currently support over 50 students who have mild to moderate disabilities and who need resource assistance in the areas of ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Intellectual Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, and other special needs. We continually adapt to help meet the individual needs of our students so they can achieve social and academic success in inclusive classrooms. Our Resource Team includes four resource teachers, a full-time reading specialist, a full and part-time paraprofessional, and a full-time counselor!

To make inclusive Catholic education accessible, the additional costs required for licensed special education professionals, continuous professional development for our staff, and classroom materials are covered primarily by grants and fundraisers. We host a 5K Spirit Run each year to raise funds, build community, and raise awareness.

The 2024 5K Spirit Run will be held in the Holy Spirit Parish neighborhood on May 18, 2024. We are writing to ask for your support and sponsorship for our 5K. Monetary donations will help cover the cost of the race, allowing the profits from race registration to directly support Holy Spirit's Resource Program, enabling children with special needs to receive a Catholic education. Please see the reverse of this letter for sponsorship levels and other ways you can help us make inclusive education possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sue Gibbons, Race Director
sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org

Race Sponsorship Information

Holy Spirit School's **5K T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!**



Designs must include:

“Holy Spirit School 5k Spirit Run
2024”

Theme: **Faithfulness**

Only **2** colors (including black)

Your **name** and grade on the **back**
of your design

Must be on 8.5 x 11 paper



**Be creative and
have fun!**

**Must be submitted to the office or to Mrs. Gibbons
by February 14th**

**NEW! February Partners in Faith newsletter and Family Lent
Calendar**

Tuesday, February 20th

PTO Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm via [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 895 9844 5225 Passcode: 268985

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

Tuesday – Wednesday, March 5th-6th

Spartan's Family Restaurant Fundraiser – 9542 Burke Road, Burke

10% of sales will be donated to Holy Spirit. 15% of sales will be donated if we reach \$1500 in sales!

See flier below for more information.

Thursday, March 21st

Middle School Science Fair 12:00pm – 3:00pm in the Gym

Judges are need! See Volunteer Opportunities and flier below for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities (1 point/30 mins volunteered)

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual Scholastic book fair will run from **Saturday, February 4th** – **Friday, February 9th** in the school library and volunteers are needed throughout the week beginning February 1st for setup, assisting students during the event and breakdown. See [Connect1](#) to sign up.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Coney econey@holyspiritflames.org

Spring Fundraiser - Show Trainee and Dinner Trainee (20 PSSC points each) Virtus Certification is NOT required

The Spring Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 13th** in the gym and we are in need of volunteers to support the **planning process** to make it a success! The 2024 Show Trainee and Dinner Trainee will support the planning and preparation for the big event and will ideally be the Show Chairman and Dinner Chairman in 2025. These positions will have a superstar showing you the ropes with 16 years of experience running the show on his own! Our very own Joe Terpenning will be retiring this will be his final year with us. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn the ropes before his departure. See the flier below for additional details.

Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning jterpenning@infinitetech.org

Talent Show Audition Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on **Tuesday, February 13th from 3pm-5pm** to help out with Talent Show auditions. Students will preview their acts in front of coordinators to review timing, stage needs, and appropriateness. Volunteers are needed for crowd control, registration, and content review. See [Connect1](#) to signup.

Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning jterpenning@infinitetech.org

February PTO Meeting

Join us via [Zoom](#) on **February 20th at 6:30pm** and hear from your PTO president, Mrs. Ploschke, your principal, Mrs. Ashby, and various committees about what is going on at Holy Spirit School this year. Have an idea to share? Want to provide feedback on something? This is a great opportunity for all families to share your thoughts, stay up to date and connect with other parents and the PTO board. Connect1 sign up will be posted soon. For meeting details and to earn PSSC points for attending, please be sure to sign up.

Questions? Contact Kristyn Poreba PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Talent Show & Dance Event Night Volunteers

There are many job opportunities for anyone who would like to contribute supplies or help out on the day of the show. Check out [Connect1](#) for all opportunities available.

Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning jterpenning@infinitetech.org

Recess Duty

Volunteers are still needed for the remainder of the school year for recess duty. Families who have completed their required commitment of one day are eligible for four PSSC points for each additional day served. See [Connect1](#) to view available slots and other details.

Questions? Contact Amy Mannion PTOREcessduty@holyspiritflames.org

Science Fair Judges

Still looking to complete your service hours? Then please consider judging the middle school science fair. The event will take place on Thursday March 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in the school gym (with an 11:00 am optional project preview). No special math or science experience is required. You will earn 4 hours toward your school service commitment. Lunch will also be provided. You do not need to be child protection compliant to participate. If interested, please SIGN UP NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 19th as judges will be assigned to projects on this day. See [Connect1](#) to sign up. Questions? Contact Laura Laclade sciencefair@holyspiritschool.org

Reminders

In order to volunteer with any youth in the Arlington Diocese, you must be [Child Protection Compliant](#).

LET'S FUNDRAISE & 

**SHOW OUR SPARTITUDE FOR A
FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING
HOLY SPIRIT
SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

ALL DAY, DINE IN OR CARRYOUT
BRING IN THIS FLYER, SHOW US ON
YOUR SMART PHONE, OR TELL US YOUR SUPPORTING
THE CAUSE TO MAKE SURE THAT PROCEEDS WILL BE
DONATED TO HOLY SPIRIT PTO

FOR ONLINE ORDERING OR GIFT CARDS ORDERED ONLINE
ENTER FUNDRAISER CODE: **HOLY SPIRIT**

 **SPARTANS FAMILY RESTAURANT**
9542 BURKE RDBURKE VA 22015
703-503-5800
WWW.ILOVESPARTANS.COM #SPARTITUDE

We Need Science Fair Judges!

No STEM experience necessary!
Judging will take place on Thursday, March 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in the gym. Lunch will be served. VIRTUS training is not required.

Please sign up through Connect1.

Questions?

Please contact Laura Laclede at sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org



It is time to pull out those dancing shoes, warm up those instruments, dust off your best jokes and get ready to WOW! our community with your talent!

HOLY SPIRIT TALENT SHOWCASE & DANCE



SIGNUP DAY

Want to Perform in the Show?
Come Sign Up!!



When: February 13, 2024

Where: Holy Spirit Quinn Room
Time: 3:15 – 5:00pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 13, 2024.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:
SINGERS, ACTORS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS, MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS, MARTIAL ARTISTS,
DANCERS, CLOWNS

*** ANY TYPE OF PERFORMANCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO ***

PERFORMER PARTICIPATION SIGNUP

Student's Name: _____

Performing with (if in a group) _____

Talent/Act: _____



Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. Please keep your act to 4 minutes. If you cannot make it on February 13 but want to perform, email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitech.org) to discuss.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

STAGE NEEDS: _____

For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version: _____



HOLY SPIRIT TALENT SHOW & DANCE



WE NEED LEADERS!!

This year the Talent Show will be transitioning to a new leadership format. In preparation for next year's show, we would like to recruit and train a few key roles this year.

Show Chairman: This leader would coordinate and run the show. This includes hosting the Sign Up Day to recruit acts, prepare the lineup the night of the show, and coordinate the DJ and the stage crew volunteers. This position does not have to be an Emcee, but can. The position is fun-filled with the preparations of the show and the final performance.

Dinner Chairman: This leader would coordinate the caterers and oversee Dinner/Dessert setup, work with Holy Spirit facilities on room setup, oversee decorating, and oversee check in when the doors open.

Both of these leadership roles are exciting and fun. More importantly, they are essential elements to make this annual tradition and school favorite successful. If interested, please contact Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitetech.org) with questions and training.

HOLY SPIRIT TALENT SHOW & DANCE



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

SIGNUP AND HELP MAKE THIS EVENT AWESOME!!

WE NEED HELP WITH THE SIGNUP EVENT ON FEBRUARY 13TH AFTER SCHOOL AND WE NEED HELP THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW ON APRIL 13TH. WE NEED SERVERS, CHECK-IN HELP, DECORATORS, CAKES, DRINKS, STAGE HELP & AUDITION HELP!

PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Rob Wu - PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Karin Floyd - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Kristyn Poreba - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Lauren Schmidt - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDPDevelopment@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 for activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!



Lenten PASTA & SOUP Suppers

WHERE: School Cafeteria **DATES:** Fridays in Lent: Feb. 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, & 22

WHAT: Meatless pasta and soup dishes, bread, salad, dessert, beverages **TIME:** 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 pm

Sign up to bring a meatless soup or pasta dish at holyspiritchurch.us

All money donated for your meal will benefit **Work Camp 2024** in serving needy communities by making their homes warmer, safer, and drier and instilling in our youth the value of service.

A CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

Adult Pricing

\$949 Triple/Quad
\$1,149 Double
\$1,649 Single

Family Pricing

-\$200 off prices above for children ages 3-18
FREE for lap children (0-2) when rooming with two paying adults in double occupancy

Payment Schedule:
\$250 per person deposit due upon registration
\$500 per person due December 31, 2023
Remaining balance due April 17, 2024

Tour Inclusions

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- Four (4) nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily
- Farewell Lunch

Tour Does Not Include

- Airfare or motorcoach transportation
- Optional transportation offers will be extended at a later date
- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Items not specifically mentioned above

3 Step Registration Process

1. Scan the QR Code on the cover of the flyer or click [HERE](#) to access our online registration site.
2. Follow the prompts to enter your personal information, select your rooming configuration, enter payment information, and acknowledge our terms and conditions.
3. Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your diocesan code and a video tutorial providing instructions for finalizing your registration on the official National Eucharistic Congress' website.

Travel Insurance: Cancel for any reason (CFAR) travel protection is highly recommended. See travel insured link: www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=41901&g=C1321

CORPORATE TRAVEL 866.468.1420 | NEC@CTS-CENTRAL.NET

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All profits go to Pro-Life and VKCCI* Charities

Available with Chocolate Chips, Bananas, or Blueberries

Sunday Feb. 11th

In the school cafeteria after the 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee, and more!

Adults \$7, Children \$4
Families (max.) \$25

*VKCCI is VA K of C Charities, Inc.

WORKCAMP 2024

JUNE 22 - 28
FREDERICH COUNTY, VA

WorkCamp is the Diocese of Arlington's annual youth ministry service event culminating in a week-long overnight camp providing the teens of the Diocese with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship.

REGISTRATION OPEN! SIGN UP NOW!

www.holyspiritchurch.us/workcamp

COME JOIN US THIS SUMMER AND MAKE MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME!

YOUTH www.holyspiritchurch.us/youth
(703) 425-8778
YMStaff@holyspiritchurch.us

Catholic Diocese of Arlington and Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

2024 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Behold, I Make All Things New

March 9th 8:30am - 2:15pm
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
750 PEACH-TREE ST. HERNDON, VA

Featuring:

- Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington
- Patricia Sandoval, International Pro-Life Speaker and Author
- Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P., Author and Theologian

Register: ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/WOMEN

The Office of Catholic Family and Marriage Life (703) 425-8778 family@dioceseofarlington.org

Vacation Bible School

Hometown Nazareth

Where Jesus was a Kid

June 17-21

Vacation Bible School is Holy Spirit's week-long event where children engage in lots of fun activities, games, and crafts, all while learning about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. All rising kindergartners through rising 5th graders are invited to participate. Older children (under 18) are welcome as youth assistant volunteers.

For more information, or to register visit www.holyspiritchurch.us/vbs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION www.holyspiritchurch.us/re
(703) 978 - 8925
REStaff@holyspiritchurch.us

Men's Conference 2024

RENEWED IN CHRIST
REFLECTING HIS LIGHT TO THE WORLD



Featuring:



The Most Reverend
Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington
Mass Celebrant & Homilist



Rev. Daniel Mode
Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard



Dr. Jonathan Reyes
Speaker & Author

MARCH 2ND 8:30am - 2:00pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church
750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA
Register at: arlingtondiocese.org/men



PLEASE JOIN THE
Secular Carmelite Community
of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
FOR A
Day of Recollection

February 24, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
5121 Woodland Way
Annandale, VA 22003

CONFERENCE LEADER:
Brother John-Mary Winter, OCD
Light breakfast will be provided
FEE: \$20

Please contact Michael for reservations:
703-300-1643 • michaelcf@aol.com

Other questions? Contact Alicia Steger: 703-591-1407 • ocdsresident@gmail.com

BEDDING FOR BABIES COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

GOAL: 100 crib sheets 50 boy baby blankets 10 girl baby blankets
Please do not donate receiving blankets.

HOW TO DONATE:
Order on Amazon: <https://a.co/7mk1vnt>
Or drop off at the parish office

Questions? Email respectiffc@holyspiritchurch.us

2024 Car Raffle

Tickets have been mailed out to registered parishioners for participation in the 2024 All Saints Car Raffle.

Each \$5.00 Ticket gives you a chance to win all 25 prizes, including:

- 2024 FORD BRONCO SPORT
- 2024 FORD RANGER TRUCK
- 2024 FORD MUSTANG
- 2024 FORD ESCAPE

plus 21 CASH Drawings totaling \$40,000

Drawings held April 27, 2024

If you do not receive tickets in the next couple of weeks, they will be periodically available or can be requested as will be noted in future bulletins and around the Church.

Proceeds from this year's Raffle will help to Pay down the unexpected cost of the church sprinkler system installation.

Community Happenings!

2024 CONFERENCE





From Inclusion to Belonging

**CREATING COMMUNITIES THAT
FOSTER MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL**

FEB 17
8:30am-3:00pm

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE
GREAT HIGH SCHOOL
POTOMAC SHORES, VA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

This full day conference seeks to bring together mental health professionals and advocates to discuss meaningful ways our community can better serve persons with disabilities. At this conference, families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can learn practical ways to identify and utilize support systems within the local community to help them overcome mental health struggles.



Mark Bradford
Fellow for Persons with
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Word on Fire

Mass officiated by Bishop M. Burbidge, Multiple Breakout Sessions, Buffet Lunch, Exhibitors Booth, Networking, Child care available, and more!

PRESENTED BY:



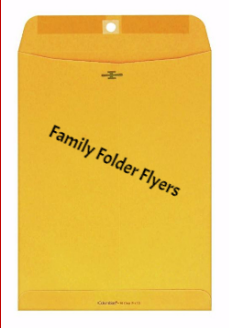
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Register at:



portcharities.org/conference



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "February 8, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Diocesan Tuition Assistance Programs Overview
2. Grandparents Day flyer
3. Board Game Club flyer
4. Partners in Faith (February) newsletter
5. Family Lent Calendar

5K Spirit Run

1. Sponsorship Information
2. T-Shirt Design Contest flyer

PTO Flyers:

1. PTO Fundraiser at Spartans
2. Science Fair Judges
3. PTO Talentshow Sign Up
4. PTO Talentshow Volunteer flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Lenton Soup Suppers
2. Eucharistic Conference 2024
3. Pancake Breakfast
4. HS WorkCamp 2024
5. 2024 Women's Conference
6. Vacation Bible School
7. 2024 Men's Conference
8. Day of Recollection
9. Bedding for Babies Collection
10. 2024 Car Raffle

Community Flyers:

1. From Inclusion to Belonging Conference

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

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