



January 12, 2023



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

Just a Mid-January Day...

Sometimes the best days are the "regular" days; the days when we go about our tasks and we learn, learn, learn in uninterrupted "regular"!

Thank you to all those who helped spread the word about our Open House last night and our school, in general. It is heart-warming to hear from visitors about all of the positives that they are told about your experiences here.

I also want to give a big shout out and thank you to the middle school students who acted as tour guides both in November and last night. The amount of positive feedback from prospective families is incredible. Acting as tour guides allows us to informally provide opportunities for public speaking - a skill that certainly takes time and practice to grow and develop. Our guests receive an unvarnished view of the school from these students as they work unscripted, but definitely from the heart!

Although we have been enjoying a rather mild winter thus far, I would remind everyone that we are outside as often as possible for both morning arrival and recess times. Each and every year I am amazed at the number of students who come to school when it is 30-something degrees and they have no coat. They may tell you they don't need a coat (and a hoodie sweatshirt or the fleece doesn't cut it....), but they do.

Thankfully the permits from Fairfax County for the last phase of work in the church have been received! The addition of a sprinkler system to the main body of the church begins next week and is expected to take at least 12 weeks to complete.

During that time the 6:30 am and 9:00 am daily masses are currently scheduled to take place in the large conference room in the rectory. Friday school Masses will be moved to the school gymnasium. A second 9:00 Friday Mass will take place in the rectory for parishioners. Parents who would like to join us for Mass are invited to the school, please just know it will be a bit crowded!

Registration for 2023/2024 academic year

Information regarding registration for the 2023/2024 academic year went home prior to the Christmas break.

Families who intend for their children to return to Holy Spirit next year were asked to return the provided financial contract by last Friday and the re-registration fee of \$100.00/student has been charged via FACTS.

If you have a child who is eligible to begin school in 2023/2024 and you have not been in contact with Mrs. Laclede or submitted an application, please do so immediately as acceptances for new students across all grade levels have begun.

March for Life Friday, January 20, 2023

A reminder that Holy Spirit has NO school on Friday, January 20th in order to accomodate out-of-state visitors for the annual March for Life rally and walk.

I encourage you to look at the information below regarding the Praise and Worship March for Life Holy Hour that is scheduled to take place here with our parish on Thursday evening, January 19th. Music will be provided by the group Exalt. This is a family event.

Middle School students are invited to join the Youth Ministry team for dinner prior to the Holy Hour. Information is below.

As a school community, we will have our own March for Life on Thursday, January 19th as we have an outdoor Rosary over the course of the afternoon led by the 8th grade students. Parents are welcome to attend; the teachers have the tentative schedule for when classes will be outside. If you are interested in attending when your child is outside, please contact the homeroom teacher for information.

Other general reminders:

Monday, January 16 is a no school day for Martin Luther King Day.

Thursday, January 19th is a PTO Spirit Gear day.

Interims for grades 3-8 for the 2nd Trimester go home on Thursday, January 19th as do the Prekindergarten Progress Reports.

Friday, January 20th is a NO school day - see the information above

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday, January 29th through Friday, February 3rd. Please see the information below regarding our service project and the schedule of events.

If you haven't take a look yet...

One Big Baby Shower



Who: Mothers and their babies living in the slums of Haiti

What: Buddy classes will partner together to assemble newborn kits.

A "kit" consists of a onesie, receiving blanket, two cloth diapers with pins, a wash cloth and a piece of vinyl table cloth used for a changing pad.



When: Items to be collected **Tuesday, Jan. 10- Tues. Jan. 24**

Why: A gift of a newborn kit provides struggling mothers with clothes, diapers and other items to keep their new babies safe and healthy. These basic items provide mothers with the tools and supplies they would otherwise not have access to.

We need your help!

We are asking all students to donate **\$2.00** to help purchase *cloth diapers* for the kits **in addition to the following:**

- PreKindergarten -- large rectangle vinyl tablecloth w/flannel back **QTY: 2** (any color/design)
- Kindergarten -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 1st grade -- onesies **QTY: Package of 4-6** (short sleeve; newborn-3 mos; any color)
- 2nd grade -- diaper pins **QTY: 2-3 packages** (any color)
- 3rd grade -- onesies **QTY: Package of 4-6** (short sleeve; newborn-3 mos; any color)
- 4th grade -- receiving blankets **QTY: 4-6** (any color)
- 5th grade -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 6th grade -- onesies **QTY: Package of 4-6** (short sleeve; newborn-3 mos; any color)
- 7th grade -- onesies **QTY: Package of 4-6** (short sleeve; newborn-3 mos; any color)
- 8th grade -- receiving blankets **QTY: 4-6** (any color)

Stella Marina, an Operation Starfish project, was founded in 2014 to help **provide clean birthing kits to the midwives in northern Haiti**. With the support of **Food For The Poor**, they are able to ship the kits and other supplies to Cap Haitian, Haiti. The shipping container with our kits will be going to Haiti in the spring.

We will need parent volunteers to help the students during the service project. Look for a sign up!

The ability of all students to participate in putting together newborn kits requires all students to donate specified materials. Thank you!



Schedule of Events 2023

Monday, January 30

- **"Parent Appreciation Day"**
- Look for your parent "thank you" in the morning carpool line.
- Prayer Service – 8:30am

Tuesday, January 31

- **"Student Appreciation" Day**
- Dress-down day (follow school policy for dress-down days)
- Students will have movie/popcorn in the afternoon in the gym

Wednesday, February 1

- **"Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day**
- PTO "surprise" for the faculty; look for information from the PTO
- This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s)

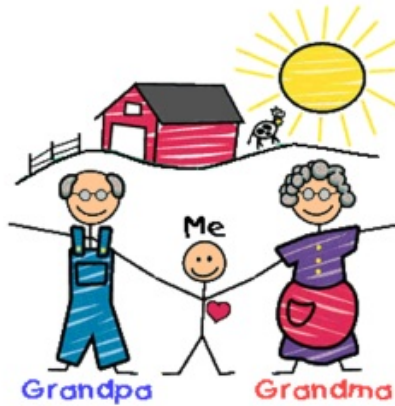
Thursday, February 2

- **"Service Day"**
- Students will put together newborn care kits to donate to *Stella Marina*
- Our goal is to donate 500 care kits
- See the flyer listing what items each grade is donating plus \$2 from every student
- Parent volunteers needed look for the signup in Connect1

Friday, February 3

- **"Clergy Appreciation Day"**
 - 9:00am School Mass
 - Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Carroll, Father Wooten, Deacon Grodek and Deacon D'Souza do within the school and parish community, but also the efforts of those involved with the parish Religious Education office and youth ministry
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"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



February 10th
is
GRANDPARENTS DAY at Holy Spirit School!

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

RSVP needed by January 31, 2023 - 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.

Grandparents Day
RSVP



Board Game Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

**Attention 3rd & 4th grade students,
Come play fun board games with friends and
Miss Cahill and Mrs. Marino!**

When: February 8, February 15, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29

Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Room 14

The club will meet on Wednesdays from February 8 until March 29. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. Use the link below to sign up.

If you have any questions please contact us by email (jmarino@holyspiritflames.org or ccahill@holyspiritflames.org)

**Board Game Club Sign-
Up**



Sunday, Feb. 5th – Friday, Feb. 10th

Hours:

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Evening Hours)

Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday (Grandparents Day) 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

25% of all proceeds go to the school library



Click below to sign-up in Connect1 and see class schedules

Payments accepted: Cash, check, credit card and e-wallet (click below to set-up an e-wallet)

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Connect 1 Sign-up for
Volunteers

Creat an
eWallet



K - 8TH GRADE

FRIDAYS

3:20PM - 4:20PM

2/10 - 5/19

SKIPS: 3/10, 4/7, 4/14, 5/5

No club meeting on school closure or early dismissal days

TUITION: \$198
FOR 11 WEEKS



MAGNUS CHESS ACADEMY

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC 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
or visit
www.chessacademy.com

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

Partners in FAITH™

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

January 2023

Holy Spirit School

Thoughtful Moments

The Church is family

The Catholic Church is more than just a building or an organization. The Church is a family we join at Baptism and to which we belong forever. Wherever our children go in their lives, they can always come home. Keep them close to the Church as they grow. Remind them often that every Catholic church is their home, and the parish is their family.

Kindness

In today's busy world, showing kindness to others can make a big impact. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected kindness? Look for ways to show kindness, even when it's unexpected. You can make a difference with a simple act, like holding the door for the person behind you, taking a moment to talk to a lovely stranger, or offering up prayers for people who need them.

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:2).



Build a Christ-centered home

A Christ-centered home is one in which, "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation." His presence is always felt. Knowing Jesus and following Him are key to living joyful, fulfilling lives in this world and being happy with Him in the next. As a family, make your top New Year's resolution to center your home on Christ.

Joy - Different than happiness, joy comes from understanding that our welfare lies in Jesus' hands alone. Teach children to give all their concerns to Him. No circumstance can rob us of our joy if we truly believe we belong to Christ.

Grace - Our homes must be safe places filled with love. Family members

need to know that love, not perfection, is the point of the family and that mistakes aren't fatal. Children will encounter hostility, judgment, antagonism, and criticism out in the world.

Service - Jesus will give us everything we need. Sometimes, he uses other people to deliver His gifts. Christ-centered families place all that they have at His disposal and are selfless.

Worship - Homes centered on Christ make Scripture, prayer, and God's will top priority. Nothing comes before Mass and Sacraments.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

"Christ" is not Jesus' last name. In fact, it is a title from the Greek *Christos*, meaning, "anointed one." It refers to an ancient Jewish tradition of anointing a new king with oil. For Jesus, calling him, "Christ," affirms that His

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Christ"?



Lordship includes all of creation and points to His mission as the Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews. By recognizing Him as "Christ," Christians affirm they're under His kingship and that they owe their final loyalty to Him.



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:

February 1 – Book Fair

PTO Meeting: The January PTO meeting will be on January 17, 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. This will be a hybrid meeting with more information to come on classroom location. However, the online portion will be at the following link:

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

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

Recess Duty: We still have many empty slots that need to be filled for recess duty. We are asking all families to sign up for a spot no later than January 31, 2023. You can sign up for recess duty through: <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3>.

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/gmguijg6pp>

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase



SIGNUP FORM



When: February 7, 2023

Where: Holy Spirit Meeting Rooms 1&2

Time: 3:15 – 5:30pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 29, 2023.

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 Form (for students): complete this if you wish to perform in the show. This slip is due ONE WEEK prior to the day of the auditions/registration. Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. More information will go out prior to the signups related to how the event will run to maintain the high safety standards of Holy Spirit.

PERFORMER PARTICIPATION FORM



Student's Name: _____

Performing with (if in a group) _____

Talent/Act: _____

Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. Please keep the act to 4 minutes. If you cannot make it on February 7 but want to perform, email Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinetech.org) to discuss.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

STAGE NEEDS: _____

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



Hard copy form in the Family Folder section below.

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - PTOVP@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!



PRAISE AND WORSHIP MARCH FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR

**Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.
at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Annandale**

Music by Worship Band EXALT

*On the eve of the 50th March for Life in
Washington, D.C., join us to pray together for a
greater respect for all human life, an end to
abortion, and healing for all those effected.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Holy Spirit Youth Ministry

MSYM Dinner and Holy Hour - January 19th:

Come to Worship our Lord
and listen to the band
EXALT!!

Domino's, snacks, and beverages will be
provided!!

Dinner begins at
5:30 In the Cafeteria!

Holy Hour at 7 PM In
the Church

Register here:



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Married Couples Morning of Reflection

Join other married couples from the parish for a morning of
reflection, prayer and fellowship, led by Deacon Tom Grodek.
Contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us for more information.

February 11th
10:00 am-12:00 noon
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2



January 20, 2023

**Join Holy Spirit Parish in praying
and defending life!**

Breakfast at 7:30 AM to 10 AM
Mass at 10:30 AM
Buses Depart at 11:15 AM

You **MUST** register for a spot on the Bus and Students
MUST fill out the permission Form!
All can be found below by scanning the QR Code!



OR: Click the Link!

<https://holyspiritchurch.us/marchforlife2023/>

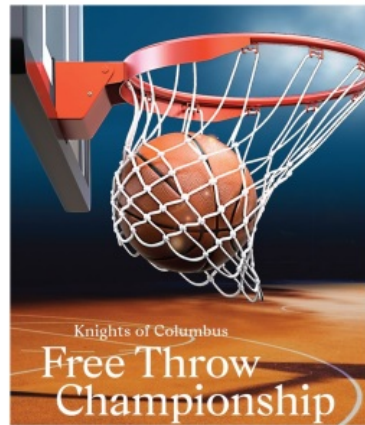
Prices:

Kids Under 6 years: FREE
6-12 years: \$3
13-99 years: \$6
Maximum Cost Per Family: \$20

2023 Annual Holy Spirit Free Throw Contest

- **Who:** Boys and Girls aged 9 and Under, 10-14 yrs. (12 age/gender categories)
- **Where:** Holy Spirit School Gym
- **When:** Sunday afternoon, January 15th, 2023
 - Registration begins at 4:30 pm
 - Contest begins at 5 pm
- **What:**
 - Contestants shoot 15 free throws for record
 - Winners get an engraved plaque and advance to District contest in February
 - Basketballs provided (*please do not bring any*)
 - Registration forms available on site

Questions? Contact knights@holyspritchurch.us



Happy New Year !

*In **2023**, give your beloved
the gift of a Catholic Marriage*

*Was yours a civil marriage, outside of the Catholic Church?
The Church loves you, and has a remedy, called Convalidation*



God wants Joy, true Joy, for you!

Please see any of our parish priests or deacons
to help get you started.

See this tri-fold for more information: [link](#)

Community Happenings!

ANNANDALE BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB REGISTRATION

4216 Annandale Rd. • Annandale, VA 22003 703-941-ABGC(2242)-FAX 703-941-4412

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 3 - 7 PM Saturday 9 - 12 Noon

Soccer Coordinator: Helen Crum helen@abgc.org

EMAIL: abgc@abgc.org

REGISTER ONLINE AND SAVE \$5 @ WWW.ABGC.ORG

Annandale Boys & Girls Club has the longest running Soccer and Tee Ball Programs in the Washington Area!

CIRCLE APPROPRIATE SPORT - SPRING 2023

SPRING SOCCER \$150
First Time \$75
Age 3 - Six Grade 12

TEEBALL \$150
First Time \$75
K thru 2nd grade

BOXING
Ages 7 - Adult
Leo @ 571-436-0983

LACROSSE
Register online at
www.annandalehrosoc.org

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL \$100
Ages 6 - 15

An ABGC player can play both soccer and tee ball at the same time, since the schedules should not conflict. **The half priced registration fee of \$75 is only for "First Time" players in that sport with the Annandale Boys' & Girls' Club.** Spring Flag Football will start March 20th and run through June 2nd. *These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.*

AFTER REGISTERING, ALL U11 - U19 (SFL) PLAYERS, IF REQUESTED BY ABGC, MUST SUBMIT COPY OF PROOF OF BIRTH.

Requested Coach _____ Special Requests _____

MAIL OR DELIVER FORM AND FEE TO: ABGC, 4216 Annandale Rd., Annandale, VA 22003

Player's First Name (Type or Print) _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Boy _____ Girl _____ Date of Birth _____ School _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Grade in Now _____ E-mail _____

Telephone (H) _____ (O) _____ (C) _____

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (CIRCLE ONE)

No Fees:	\$10.00 Refund (After completion Except A.C.)	No Refund
Coach	Assistant Coach	Will be a spectator
League Commissioner	Deliver Forms to 5 Schools	
	Office Help (2 Hours)	

Did your child play in the Fall 2022? Yes _____ No _____

I hereby give permission for my child to play **SOCCER/ TEEBALL** (circle one). I have insurance to cover all risks of injury or doctor's bills that might be incurred and accept all responsibility for my child's safety at practice and at games. **I also understand**

that there are no refunds. In the event I cannot get the team of my choice, I will accept an assignment made by ABGC.

IF YOU ARE NOT A FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENT, THERE IS A \$30 FEE Amt. Paid _____

IF YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER, THERE IS A \$55 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE Amt. Paid _____

Parent's Signature _____ Amt. Paid \$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Parents' First/Last Name (Printed) _____ Date _____



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 12, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Grandparents Day flyer
2. Catholic Schools Week Schedule of events flyer
3. Catholic Schools Week Service Project flyer
4. Board Game Club flyer
5. PTO Talent Showcase Signup Form
6. Chess Club Sign up flyer
7. Yearbook Order information flyer
8. Partners in Faith (January) newsletter
9. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

Parish Flyers:

1. Praise and Worship Holy Hour flyer
2. YM Dinner before Holy Hour flyer
3. March for Life flyer
4. Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest flyer
5. Married Couples Morning of Reflection flyer
6. Catholic Marriage flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Annandale Boys & Girls Club Spring Registration