

January 13, 2022



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Jumping Right Back In!

Our "quiet" week of returning to school is officially over and we are jumping right back into the fabulous chaos of learning and activities. You will find below sign-ups for a couple of grade specific after school activities, as well as a plethora of parish activities.

Most importantly, we are quickly approaching the celebration of National Catholic Schools Week from January 30 - February 4, 2022. Although not included in the schedule below, our students will host the Sunday, January 30th, 10:30 am Mass here at Holy Spirit. We would love for our families to have their students wear their school uniform to whatever Mass you attend that weekend. Additionally, we will have an Open House for prospective families from 1:00 - 2:30 pm that Sunday. One of the "big" days during CSW is our service day; information is below regarding this year's project of supporting the Stella Marina project in Haiti.

I am thrilled to let you know that Mrs. Mary Niemi has joined the faculty here at Holy Spirit as our school counselor. She will be here part-time (T/W/TH) and will be working directly with the Resource Department while serving all of our students. Mrs. Niemi has a well-established resume in the field of counseling and most recently has been associated with Safe Harbor of Northern Virginia as a counselor. I hope you will join me in welcoming her.

Lest you think I have forgotten, I am still working on a replacement band instructor.

A reminder that this Friday, January 14th is a half day for all students (Extended Day will be open) and Monday, January 17th is a holiday.

Additionally, school will be closed on Friday, January 21st for the March for Life. I encourage

our families to participate in the parish activities and to be a voice in the protection of the unborn. We will have a walking Rosary for the unborn here at school on Thursday afternoon as we pray for the intercession of our Mother Mary in ending abortion.

Trimester 2 interims will go home, as needed, for students in grades 3-8 on Friday, January 28th.

Hopefully you see below the flyer regarding Grandparents Day here at Holy Spirit. We are excited to invite this special group of folks back to school and to celebrate Mass with us.

If you have not yet returned your Financial Agreement for the 22/23 academic year, please send those to the attention of Mrs. Laclede.

Have a great long weekend. Enjoy the snow!



Schedule of Events 2022

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1

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

Wednesday, February 2

- **"Service Day"**
- Students will put together newborn care kits to donate to *Stella Marina*
- Our goal is to donate 450 care kits
- See the flyer listing what items each grade is donating plus \$2 from every student
- Parent volunteers needed look for the signup genius

Thursday, February 3

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

Friday, February 4

- **"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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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 **Friday, Jan. 14- Mon. 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, diaper pins and tablecloths for the kits **in addition to the following:**

- PreKindergarten -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)
- Kindergarten -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 1st grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 2nd grade -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)
- 3rd grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 4th grade -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)
- 5th grade -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 6th grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 7th grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 8th grade -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (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 this spring.

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

Holy Spirit School Celebrates **National Catholic Schools Week**

Come check us out!

**Open House - Sunday, Jan 30
1 - 2:30pm**

www.holyspiritflames.org



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Featured Vacancies:

Spring Fundraiser: Do you like barbecue, golf, and spring weather? If so, then the Spring Fundraiser is right for you. The initial work has been done; we need a volunteer to see it through! As committee chair for this fundraiser, you will fulfill your hours for the year.

If you see an event that you are interested in participating, please send inquires to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org connect with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Did you know you can earn money for our wonderful school just by using AmazonSmile for all your Amazon purchases? Simply open the Amazon app, type in Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>), look for Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale and sign up. 5% of all eligible purchases will go directly to the school. Last year the school received \$725 just through purchases you'd normally make anyway.

This year we have a goal of \$800 raised through Amazon Smile. This is a very simple way for us to earn money where we already shop. Please reach out to Katherine Osborne (kosborne1023@yahoo.com) with any questions. Happy Shopping!

Important upcoming dates to remember:

January 18 – PTO Meeting, 6:30–8:30 pm. Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/88005951581?pwd=NUxTS0Fhc0dUQXEzaWJIZnpjOHVFZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 0595 158, Passcode: 884234

January 19 – Chipotle Fundraiser CANCELLED (looking for a replacement)

February 23 – Talent Show Audition Sign-up (see information below)

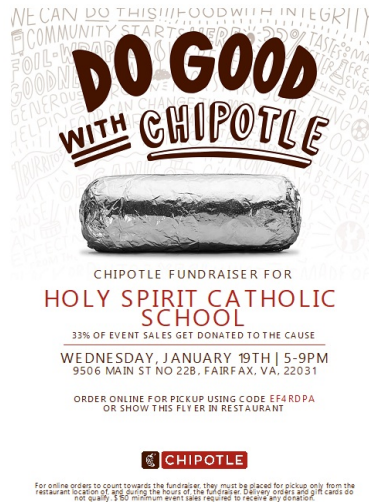
Committee Vacancies:

Spring Fundraising (Golf/BBQ) – Chair and Co-Chair

Virtual Fundraising – Chair

Talent Show Auditions will be held on February 23, 2022, after school in the Quinn Room. The Talent Show will be on April 9, 2022, and the PTO is looking for singers, jugglers, magicians, musicians, comedians, dancers, and clowns - to name a few. Please see attached sign-up form due on February 16th. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with the show, please contact Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinitetech.org.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER - CANCELLED



Talent Showcase!!!

See the links below in the Family Folder section for sign ups for both performers and volunteers

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

SIGNUP/ AUDITION FORM

When: February 23, 2022

Where: Holy Spirit Gym
Time: 3:15 - 5:30pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 9, 2022.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

SINGERS, ACTORS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS, MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS, MARITAL 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/registrations. Performers who sign up to perform will perform. No one will be able to sign up prior to the day of the auditions/registrations. Please see us 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 23 but want to perform, email the Performing (performer@holyspiritflames.org) to discuss. At this time the signups will be held live in the gym. This may change. Students will be asked to all socially distant with masks on until they are called to review their act. Forms will not be available to fill out on the day of signups, and forms will not be provided. Please and drinks will not be provided this year for precautions so please send your student in with a snack to have during the signup event.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

SEAS: _____

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

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

When: April 9, 2022

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! We are currently planning a live event and need a lot of help. All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Jobs and openings may change if the event format changes. Updates to the signup and notifications will be sent as they become available. Please click the signup link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A9A92EA31-holy9>

PTO Board 2021/2022

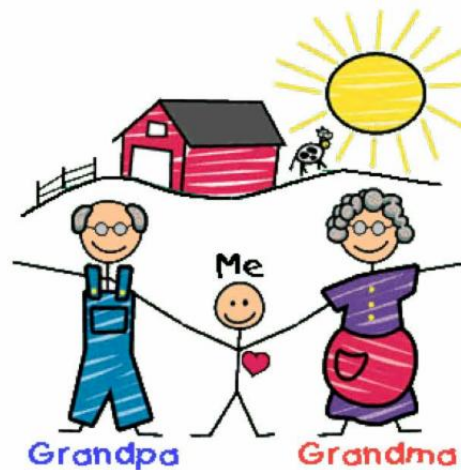
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Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

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.

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



February 11th
is
GRANDPARENT'S DAY at Holy Spirit School!

9:00 AM Mass followed by classroom visits

Students come to school at the normal time. Grandparents join them for 9:00 AM Mass. Grandparents meet grandchildren in the school between 8:30 and 8:45AM for the walk to church. After Mass, Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren in the classrooms for refreshments and a short visit.

Students without Grandparents available are encouraged to 'adopt' a grandparent for the morning. This could be a friend or neighbor. Please send us a note if such an arrangement is being made



A reminder that masks are required for indoor school-related events.



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

Books bring us together!

Visit our Book Fair in the school library
Sunday Feb 6 - Friday Feb 11

Hours:
Sunday 10 AM - 2 PM
Monday 8 AM - 6 PM SPECIAL EVENING HOURS
Tuesday - Thursday 8 AM - 3 PM
Friday 8 AM - 11:30 AM

25% of all proceeds go to the school library.

New to the school?
[Click Here for more information and FAQs](#)

**[Click here to set up the EWallet and visit the
online Book Fair](#)**



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FAQs**

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link**



Art Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

**Attention 6th, 7th, 8th grade students,
Come and take your Art skills to the next level with
your classmates and Mrs. Liss!**

When: January 12, January 26th, February 9th, February 23rd, March 16th,
March 30th, April 13th, April 27th, May 11th, May 25th.

Time: 3:30 to 4:30

Where: Art Room

Fee: \$25

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

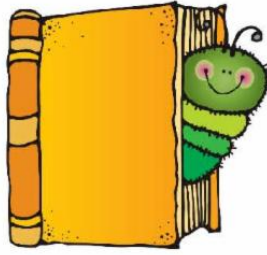
Please note: Art Room is a Nut Free room

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. To sign up please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA4A62FA6F85-artclub>

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

MS Art Club
Signup



BOOK CLUB (ROUND TWO!)

Attention 1st – 3rd Grade Students,

Come read with friends,

Mrs. Barger, Mrs. Crone & Miss Garcia

WHEN: 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/28, 5/19 & 6/2.

TIME: 3:30 – 4:15

WHERE: Library

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack. Please make sure it is nut free.

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club.

Pick up will be in front of the school at 4:15.

When signing up please include your child's pick up arrangement, emergency contact, and phone number (a number other than a parent)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button below to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4FA9AB22AAFF2-book>

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Barger – kbarger@holyspiritflames.org

**Primary Grade Book
Club**

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High**

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/community-transmission/>

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **0**

Time period: January 7 - January 13, 2022

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever (100.0F) or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with the school nurse, it may prove helpful if and when there is a need to contact trace in your child's class.

Parish Happenings!



Family Bingo for Life

*"praise you for I am wondrously made."
Psalm 139:14*

All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn.

Saturday, January 22nd

Holy Spirit School Cafeteria
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

Admission	Prizes	Snacks Sold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Includes Book of 3 Cards) • All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn. • Players 12 Years and Older: \$5 • Players Under 12 Years: \$3 • Extra Cards \$1 • Free for children under 5 years who are not playing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Bingo Prizes • Additional prizes for other games • All children will receive a prize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks


HOLY SPIRIT OF COLUMBUS Catholic Church

For info, contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us.
Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit Council. Don't miss it!

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

March for Life

Friday, January 21st



Travel with us to the March!

Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 AM
School Cafeteria
Special Mass 10:15 AM

*Sign up is first come, first serve.
Breakfast is \$5/person, \$20/family*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

To reserve a bus seat, visit the parish web site,
WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WINTER RETREAT

INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT



All High Schoolers are welcome to our Annual Winter Retreat!

Friday, Feb 11 – Sunday, Feb 13

No matter where we are in life, sometimes we just need time to retreat and be with the Lord. We are offering you the opportunity to do exactly that! All high schoolers are invited to retreat with us for a weekend of prayer, rest, talks, fun, and fellowship.


This is one of the best weekends of the year! We guarantee you'll love it and come back changed, refreshed, and revitalized.

Cost: \$95 per teen

Spots limited...register today on the website!
www.holyspiritchurch.us

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Council Free Throw Competition



Sunday, January 16th
7:30 - 9 PM
In the School Gym

A free competition for boys and girls, ages 9-14! Each contestant competes by shooting free throws. Winners in each category receive a plaque and are advanced to District competition. All contestants receive a certificate.

For more info,
knights@holyspiritchurch.us
www.holyspiritchurch.us

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

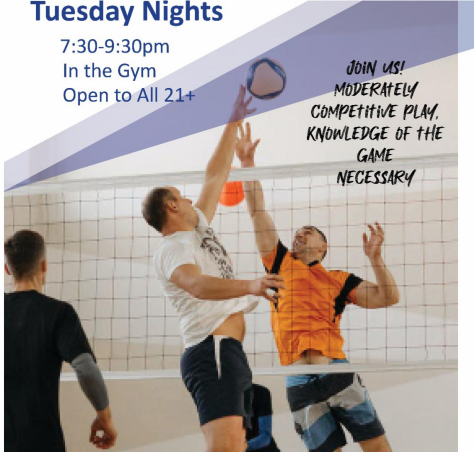
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday Nights

7:30-9:30pm
In the Gym
Open to All 21+

JOIN US!
MODERATELY
COMPETITIVE PLAY.
KNOWLEDGE OF THE
GAME
NECESSARY



www.holyspiritchurch.us/adultvolleyball

INOVA Save Lives • Give Blood

INOVA
Inova Blood Donor SERVICES

Saturday, Jan 15th
6:45 - 11:45 AM
In the Gym

Photo ID required
Allow one hour for donor visit
Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Questions?
giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Car Raffle

4 - 2022 VEHICLES plus

21 CASH Drawings

1-\$5.00 Ticket

gives you a chance to win all 25 prizes,
including:

2022 HONDA ODYSSEY VAN

2022 GMC CANYON TRUCK

2022 BUICK ENCORE

2022 HONDA CIVIC

plus 21 CASH Drawings totaling \$40,000

Drawings held April 30, 2022

Beginning at 1:00pm at

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110

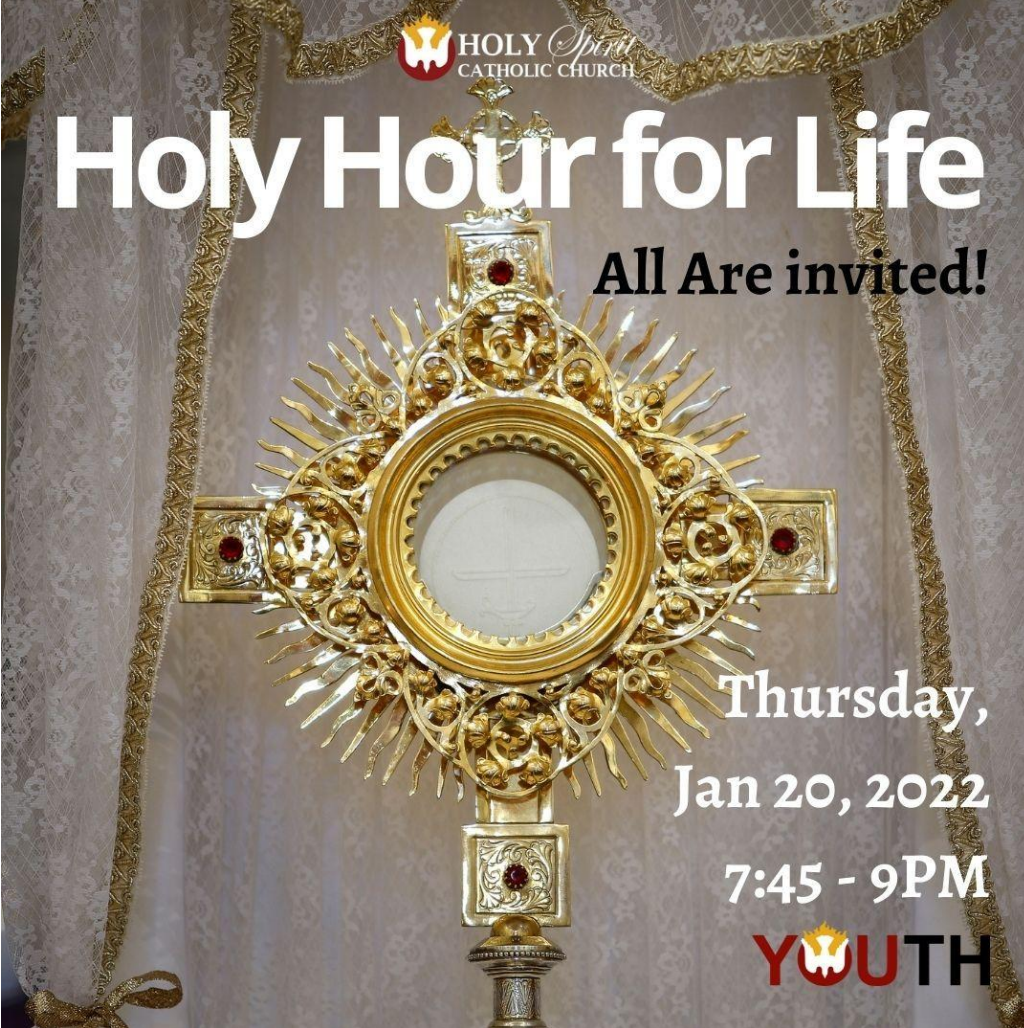
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For tickets contact Tom Kennedy at

tfkinva@aol.com

Cars Provided By: Joyce Koons of Manassas Permit number G-21-61390-082027



 **HOLY Spirit**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Hour for Life

All Are invited!

Thursday,
Jan 20, 2022
7:45 - 9PM
YOUTH

Community Happenings!



ANNANDALE BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB REGISTRATION
4216 Annandale Rd. • Annandale, VA 22003 703-541-4122 FAX 703-541-4412
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 3 – 7 PM Saturday 9 – 12 Noon
Soccer Coordinator: Tisha Chen tchen@abgc.org
EMAIL: phg@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 2022

SPRING SOCCER \$140 First Time \$70 Ages 7 - 12	TEEBALL \$140 First Time \$70 Ages 6 - 7	BOXING Ages 7 - Adult 1st-3rd grade	LACROSSE Register online at www.annandaleabgc.org
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SPRING FOOTBALL \$140
Ages 6 - 15

An ABGC player can play both soccer and teeball at the same time, since the schedules should not conflict. **The half priced registration fee of \$70 is only for "First Time" players in that sport with the Annandale Boys' & Girls' Club.** Spring Teeball will start March 1st and run through Memorial Day. 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) _____ (C) _____

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

No Fee Coach League Commissioner	\$10.00 Refund After completion (except A.C.) Assistant Coach Deliver Forms to 5 Schools Collectively (2 Hours)	No Refund You'll be a spectator
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Did your child play in the Fall 2020? 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 no consequence 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 \$30 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE Amt. Paid _____

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

Parent's First/Last Name (Printed) _____ Date _____



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 13, 2022" on the website.
For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. PTO Talent Showcase flyer
2. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer flyer
3. Catholic Schools Week Schedule
4. Catholic Schools Week Service Project Flyer
5. Grandparents Day flyer
6. MS Art Club flyer
7. Primary Grade Book Club flyer
8. Book Fair flyer
9. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life - flyer
2. HS Winter Retreat - flyer
3. BINGO - flyer
4. Adult Volleyball - flyer
5. Free Throw Competition - flyer
6. Blood Drive - flyer
7. Car Raffle - flyers

Community Flyers:

1. Hack BI flyer
2. ABGC Registration flyer

