

January 26, 2023



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

## WHERE is the Snow?

I don't know about you, but I would take great JOY in a significant snow storm, right about now! Certainly I am grateful for the continuity of teaching and learning days at school, but who doesn't pine for a couple of days of just not having to go anywhere...might be wishful thinking this winter!

A few upcoming deadlines to take note of:

1. The "early bird" yearbook ordering window closes on January 31st.
2. Any RSVPs for Grandparents Day are due on January 31st.
3. Families with students in K-8 who have not signed up to assist with Recess Duty this year should look at Connect 1 and select a date; remember this is a part of your obligations to the school.
4. The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to contribute to the Faculty/Staff luncheon that is planned for next week, February 1st. Check Connect 1 for sign up.

Catholics Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th. Our students are hosting the 10:30 am Parish Mass and we hope that all of our students will come to Mass this weekend dressed in their school uniform. We are very blessed to have tremendous support from Father O'Donohue and the parish as we strive to live our mission each day of Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts.

The week itself has little bit of fun each day; be sure to look at the calendar of events below.

It is not too late to still donate to our service project. We appreciate the assistance!

The Book Fair opens on Sunday, February 5th. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Coney, our Librarian, Mrs. Revilla and Mrs. Villamil-Doesselmann for all of the prep work they have put into the fair. Volunteers are needed throughout the week - check Connect 1 for opportunities.

A reminder that Monday, February 13th is a NO school day - this was the prize for meeting the Boosterthon financial goal. Well done!!

Monday, February 20th is also a no school day for Presidents Day.

Enjoy the weekend!

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## 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

# 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:**

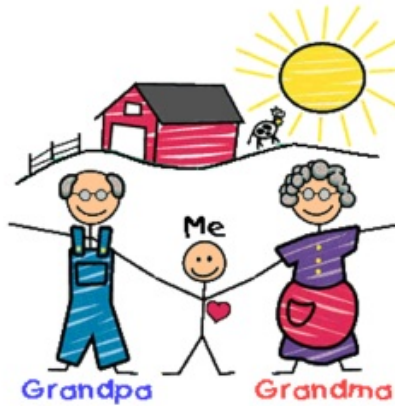
- PreKindergarten -- large rectangle vinyl tablecloth w/flannel back **QTY: 2** (any color/design)
- Kindergarten -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 1st grade -- onesies **QTY: Package of 4-6** (short sleeve; newborn-3 mos; any color)
- 2nd grade -- diaper pins **QTY: 2-3 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 Haitien, 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!**

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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 10<sup>th</sup>  
*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

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# PARENTS IN STEM NEEDED!

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

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**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 [Connect1](#)  
to register for a time slot.

Email Miss Stevenson with any questions:  
[estevenson@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:estevenson@holyspiritflames.org)



**Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**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



## 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](mailto: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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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](http://www.chessacademy.com)

Questions? Email: [info@chessacademy.com](mailto: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](http://BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM)**  
**ID: 712674**



-Maureen Ashby

Principal



# Holy Spirit School PTO



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## **Upcoming Events:**

February 1 – Book Fair

**PTO Meeting:** The February PTO meeting will be on February 21, 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 an online meeting only:

[https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

[pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723

Passcode: 483688

**Hospitality Committee:** *The Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the Faculty/Staff luncheon planned for February 1st. See Connect 1 for opportunities. Thank you!*

**Recess Duty: LAST CALL LAST CALL LAST CALL** 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](mailto:PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org) or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>

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# 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](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)

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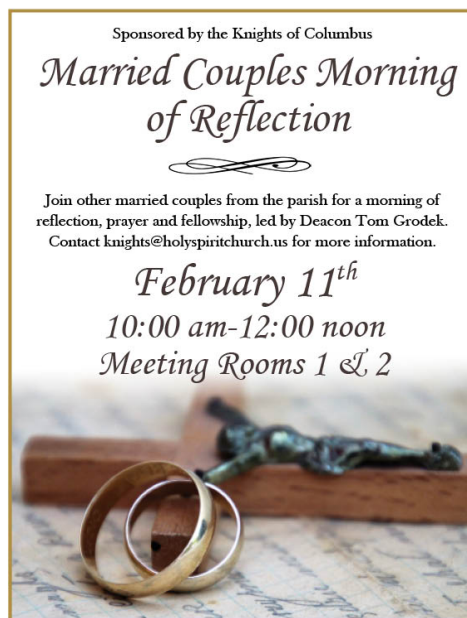
Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - [PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org)

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - [PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org](mailto: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!



## Community Happenings!



### FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 26, 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. Doodle for Google contest information 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. Married Couples Morning of Reflection flyer

#### Community Flyers: