

From the Principal's Desk



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Inspiring Minds
Igniting Hearts

July 20, 2023



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

Father says, "Stay at the beach!"



**We hope you are enjoying the
sun and fun of Summer!**

**Keep praying! Keeping
reading!**

With the completion of the narthex at the church and the installation of the sprinkler system there, please note that the official address of the school has been updated and will now reflect:

**Holy Spirit School
8802 Braddock Road
Annandale, VA 22003**



IXL, as a company, has updated the identifying letters and numbers for the various math skills. As your child completes the Summer homework, look to the title of the skill to find it in the grade level that your child just completed (NOT the grade he/she is going into this coming academic year).

For those seeking to make use of Morning Care and/or Extended Day, you may access the information regarding rates and the registration sheet below.

Extended Day Rates for
2023/2024

Extended Day Registration Form
2023/2024



Do you have a struggling reader? Then, please join us on Tuesday, July 25th at 7PM via Zoom to learn about the Dyslexic Edge after-school program coming to Holy Spirit in the fall! This program meets twice a week for 90 min a session. The first 45 minutes is dedicated to Orton-Gillingham based one on one reading intervention and the 2nd 45 min is dedicated to group STEM enrichment.

We ask that you pre-register for this session using this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcOyrpzotG9W65gugaPTyxu4OasUNI5vi>

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to the Krista Gauthier, Executive Director of Dyslexic Edge, at krista@sdsquared.org.



School Nurse: Mrs. Sheilia Forrer

Contact: sforrer@holyspiritflames.org

*A reminder that all medical forms and immunizations updates are due by August 1, 2023



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INFORMATION

**Although the school "sale" has ended, you can still order through EPI!
Go to the same website and use the same school code or search for our
school by zip code!**

www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks



Holy Spirit School

Summer 2023

Reading List

Reading is fundamental to learning. It increases your vocabulary, enriches your mind, and stretches your imagination. Recognizing these factors, Holy Spirit School requires all students entering grades K-8 to complete a summer reading program. In addition to these required texts, we have included a list of optional selections and recommended read-aloud books, which we also encourage you to read. The books are available in paperback at local bookstores, libraries, and on-line. This brochure is also located on the School's website at www.holyspiritflames.org under the "Happening at Holy Spirit" section on the front page of the website.

Summer Reading List 2023

Click here for the complete supply
list



An Invitation to All Rising 5th and 6th Graders To Read with the Battle of the Books Club 2023-2024

When: TBD

Where: TBD

All rising 5th and 6th graders are welcome to become members of Holy Spirit's Battle of the Books Club and attend meetings during the school year. You will need to submit signed permission form and have read the scheduled book. (You will receive the permission form in August when you return to school.)

To help you prepare for becoming a team member, we have included the reading list for the Battle. We will read twelve (12) books over the course of the year. Take good notes and be ready to ask questions. We hope you like these books as much as we do!

****This is not a substitute for the required Summer reading for each class.**

Battle of the Books 23/24 Book List!

Partners in Faith Summer Activity Calendar

Holy Spirit School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Stay after Mass and pray for a holy, fun, and safe summer.	3 Enjoy family time with a game of hopscotch or kick a ball.	4 4th of July Sing "God Bless America" together.	5 Play "Guess the saint." Pick one from Butler's Lives of the Saints. Give clues and take turns guessing.	6 Fill an empty jar with spare change. Once a month, empty it into the poor box at church.	7 First Friday Devotion Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament today. Thank Jesus for His gifts.	8 Family Fun Night! Learn a new board or card game or play old favorites.
9 Light a candle after Mass and pray for the pope's intentions.	10 Blow bubbles! Bend metal coat hangers into loops and dip the loop into a bucket of soapy water.	11 St. Benedict He founded the Benedictine Order. Pray for vocations to religious life.	12 Pick a beatitude and try to live it all day long (Matthew 5:3-11).	13 Have a relay race in the backyard. Winner picks dessert.	14 Today, encourage everyone to give up a small treat as penance.	15 Donate winter clothes that went unused last year. Donate them to a clothing drive.
16 Celebrate "mini Easter" by enjoying ice-cream sundoes after Mass together.	17 Every time you hear a siren, say a prayer.	18 Resolve to use only kind, affirming words today.	19 Build a pillow and blanket fort in the living room and read books by flashlight.	20 Catch fireflies in a jar. Release them before going to bed.	21 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Find it here: https://www.usccb.org	22 Have an A-Z scavenger hunt around the yard. Photograph something starting with each letter.
23 Offer your Mass intention for the Holy Souls in purgatory.	24 Say "I forgive you" to someone who hurt you today.	25 Pretend to be a character from a movie or book. See who guesses your character first.	26 St. Joachim and Anne To honor Jesus' grandparents, pray for grandparents everywhere.	27 Cool off by washing a car together.	28 Watch the sunset and praise God for His creation.	29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Invite friends for dinner in honor of these saints, who hosted Jesus.
30 Talk about the homily at Mass and come up with a family resolution for the whole week.	31 Pray for Catholic missionaries overseas.					

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Connect 1 is the mobile app that the PTO/school uses to track required family volunteer hours and to advertise volunteer opportunities. Each person who intends to volunteer on behalf of a household must be registered.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Next PTO Meeting: August 15th, 6:30 pm. This meeting can be found at the following link (more information to follow):

[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: 821 0184 5095 Passcode: 896019

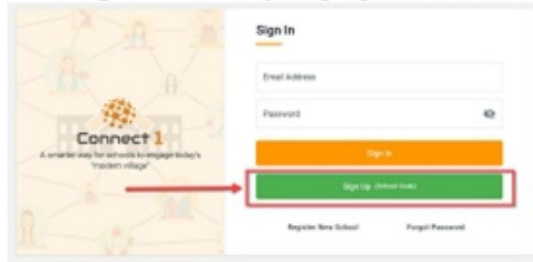
Connect1:

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/gmgujg6pp>

Registering for Connect 1 at Holy Spirit School

How to sign up for an account on Connect1:

1. On your computer, go to <https://app.connect1.io>
2. Click the green bar that says "Sign up (School Code)".



3. Enter your email address. Enter our school code, which is L41VP6.
(Are you both a teacher and a parent at the school? You'll need to set up two accounts. One using your "holyspiritflames.org" email account for your role as a teacher, and your personal one for your role as a parent!)
4. This will open a new page where you enter your name, role and password. For Role, select "Parent/Community Member". *(Unless you are a teacher creating your account with your "holyspiritflames.org" account. In that case, please select "Faculty/School Employee".)* Click Submit when you are done.
5. A new page opens. A Confirmation Code will be sent to your email. Copy that confirmation code and paste it into this page. Click Confirm.
6. This brings you back to the Sign In page. Enter your email address and newly created password to open the app.

Click here for a printable copy of the instructions

PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - **Vacant** - PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - **Vacant** - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

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Volunteer Coordinator - Lauren Schmidt - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

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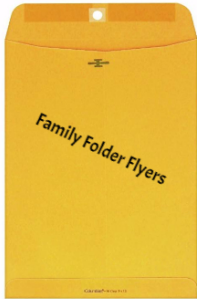
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

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 for activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "July 20, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Partners in Faith July Activity Calendar
2. EPI School Supply Ordering Program
3. School Supply List for 2023/2024
4. Summer Reading List
5. Battle of the Books 23/24 Reading List
6. Connect 1 Registration Instructions
7. Extended Day Rates for 2023/2024
8. Extended Day Registration Form for 2023/2024

Parish Flyers:

Community Flyers: