



June 1, 2023



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

**"How lucky I am to have
something that makes saying
goodbye so hard."**

- Winnie the Pooh

This time of year is always challenging when trying to keep one's emotions in check. Whether faculty and staff have been here for one year or ten-plus years, it is always difficult to say goodbye when God calls them to a path that deviates from Holy Spirit. The faculty and staff at the school work together very closely and the bonds of respect and friendship develop quickly.

I am sure you will join me in wishing the very best to each of our departing faculty and staff members.

Mrs. Noelle Howard (Kindergarten teacher) as she celebrates the birth of her first child and launches herself into the blessings of motherhood.

Mr. Nick Himmer (Kindergarten aide) as he moves his family to Maryland and the awaiting adventures of home ownership in his home town.

Mrs. Kirsten Kovack (1st grade) as she celebrates her husband's retirement from the military

and they make the move to Florida.

Mrs. Jill Hoagland (2nd grade) as she steps back from full-time teaching.

Mrs. Stacy Magan (3rd grade) as she too celebrates her husband's retirement from the military and they turn their attention to some globe-trotting travel.

Mrs. Mary Niemi (School Counselor) as her family makes the move back to Ohio to be with family and friends.

Mrs. Christina Slifko (MS Language Arts and Religion) as she steps back from full-time teaching.

Mrs. Carol Alvarado (MS Math) as she too steps back from full-time teaching.

Ms. Elizabeth Stevenson (Technology) as she makes use of her Master Degree and joins the FBI.

Mrs. Lisa Laclede (School Registrar) as she steps into the beautiful land known as "Retirement" and enjoys time with family and friends.

Catholic Trivia Contest

Today the 3rd - 5th graders participated in a Catholic Trivia contest. Father O'Donohue put together all of the questions. Homeroom contests were held this morning with the top two students from each homeroom then combining with others as a team for the finals this afternoon.

Congratulations to the winning team of Beatrix D. and Louis D.!

It was highly competitive all the way through and we were all so impressed with how much knowledge our students possess regarding our Catholic Faith.





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.

Yup....2023/2024 School Supply Ordering!



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INFORMATION

It's guaranteed to save you money, time and the hassle of finding that correct item!

These kits match our school requirements for each grade.

Grade Level 2023-2024	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$93.00
Kindergarten	\$110.00
Grade 1	\$79.00
Grade 2	\$68.00
Grade 3	\$82.00
Grade 4	\$107.00
Grade 5	\$84.00
Grade 6 & New Middle School	\$101.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$96.00

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

Order Securely Online

Starting Now through June 25th!

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, HOL134 (3 letters/3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Supply kits will be delivered to the school and available at open house.

For questions, please contact the school office at
703.978.7117

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Click here for the complete supply list

Thoughtful Moments

Parental worry

It is normal for parents to worry about their children. Even Mary and Joseph worried about Jesus (Luke 2:48). Healthy concern keeps us diligent and focused. However, when anxious, it is best to turn to God and pray for wisdom, guidance and protection. Identify what makes you most anxious as a parent and give it over to the Lord in trust.



Require obedience

Parents want to teach children to make good choices and develop good judgment. Part of this process involves requiring their obedience. *"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them"* (Luke 2:51). Jesus might have preferred to stay in the temple in Jerusalem, but He obeyed His parents and went home. Requiring our children to obey us teaches them to obey God.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).



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Here's to a happy, holy Summer

The slower pace of Summertime gives many families a necessary break from schooltime routines.

Summer days also provide opportunities to focus on family, faith and worship. Try these fun ways to have a happy, holy Summer.

Make Sundays different. Greet Sunday rested and refreshed with an early bedtime Saturday night. Set the tone of the day by listening only to reverent music. Wear special, Sunday-only clothes to Mass. Avoid unnecessary work, errand running, and screen time. Dedicate the day to God and family.

Enjoy fresh air. Use nature walks or hikes as opportunities to teach children about God's abundant goodness and creation. Remind them that God made everything in the natural world.

Express yourself. Do art projects, write stories, and draw pictures.

For example, mix bubble solution with washable paint in a bowl. Use straws to blow bubbles in the mixture. Then place paper atop the colored bubbles to create designs. When dry, fold the papers in half to make cards, and write the message "God's love is bubbling over for you" on the outside. Give the cards to people who need encouragement this Summer.

Express gratitude. Consider grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers, friends, priests, and neighbors. Together, write a thank you note to each one. Choose a Bible verse that expresses thanks. Send it and brighten someone's Summer day.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics follow the Pope?

All Catholics - including the Pope - follow Jesus. The ministry of the Pope, called the "papacy," was begun by Jesus when He gave Peter "the keys of the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 16:19). By doing so, Jesus gave Peter a special



role of leadership in the new Church. The authority given to St. Peter is passed to his successors who also become visible head of the Church. The Pope brings unity to the entire community of Catholics and helps us continue Jesus' saving mission.

Tuesday, June 6th the 8th grade parents will decorate their cars and we will celebrate their last official pickup with much fanfare and honking of horns. The 8th grade graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm.

The Kindergarten Completion Ceremony will be Thursday, June 8th at 10:00 am. Students will leave with their parents following the ceremony.

Thursday, June 8th is also the last day for the prekindergarten students - this is a half day for ALL prek students and there is no afternoon extended day for them.

The final day for grades 1-7 is Friday, June 9th. This too is a half day dismissal with no afternoon extended day.

I encourage you to please take a look at your PSSC hours. I will be receiving a report from the PTO PSSC Chair on Monday, June 5th of those who have not met their obligation. Please also attend to any other financial obligations which may be outstanding. As textbooks are collected back from students, the teachers will be assessing them for excessive damage. If this happens to be the case with your child, there will be a fine assessed for replacement of the textbook. For the middle school students in particular, if there is damage to their assigned Chromebook or the charging cord or case is missing, that will need to be addressed.

Reports cards and transcripts for students matriculating away from Holy Spirit School will not be provided if a family has any sort of outstanding obligation to the school.

Yearbooks are scheduled to be distributed to grades prek - 7 on June 5th.

The Summer Reading list will be posted to the school website next week.

IXL Summer Math work will be in your child's report card envelope.

The school office will be closed on Monday, June 12th for a final faculty/staff meeting of the year.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

Next PTO Meeting: 20th, 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>

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - PTOVp@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

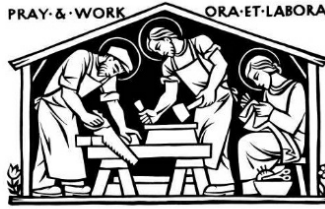
Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVpDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org

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!



MSYM BOOTCAMP

July 24-28
8:30-2:30 AM

**ALL RISING 6TH - 8TH
GRADERS ARE INVITED!**

Join us to participate
in the sacraments,
learn about our faith,
and of course have
some fun!



We will be participating
in service projects
throughout the
week all ending
with an adventure
day in the Shenandoah!

Cost: \$100 for the week including all lunches,
snacks, work supplies, and the adventure
day!

**LIMITED SPOTS AVAIABLE
SO SIGN UP SOON!**

Information and Sign up
can be found at:

<https://holyspiritchurch.us/category/middle-school-youth-ministry/>

Community Happenings!

DON'T MISS OUT!

SUMMER CAMPS

AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL


KNIGHTS OF ADVENTURE

CYBER SECURITY

Digital Game Development • Sports Management
Creative Writing • Field Hockey
Entrepreneurs • Basketball • Young Debaters
Baseball • Cybersecurity • Band
Volleyball • Web Development
Video Production • Lacrosse • Theatre
Junior Veterinarians ...and more!

bishopoconnell.org/summercamps

Bishop Ireton High School SUMMER CAMPS



 All camp descriptions and more information can be found online at: bishopireton.org/summer-camps

 Morning sessions run from 9 am - 12 pm

 Afternoon sessions run from 12:30-3:30 pm

 Sign up by April 1, 2023 for an early bird discount! Prices go up \$25 per camp session after April 1.


 Questions? Contact Camp Director, Kieran Mitchell at: summercamps@bishopireton.org

 Early drop off and lunch are available for purchase upon registering for camp.

 Registration cancellations will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

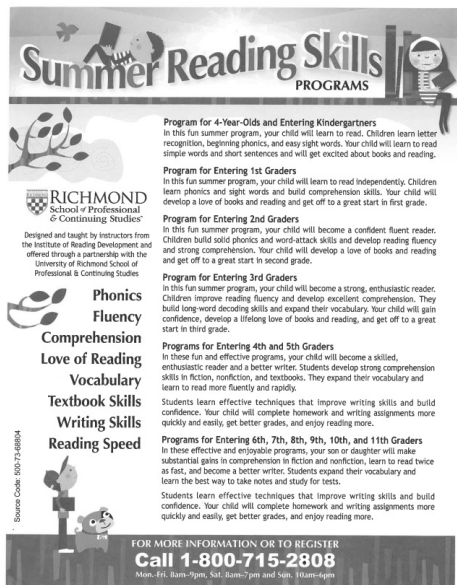
 Please note that all registrations are non-refundable thirty days from the date camp begins.





ART CAMP	
■ June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
■ July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
■ July 26-28 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275
ATHLETIC CONDITIONING	
■ June 20-23 Afternoon Session	\$220
■ June 26-30 Afternoon Session	\$275
■ July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
■ July 10-14 Afternoon Session	\$275
■ July 17-21 Afternoon Session	\$275
BABYSITTER TRAINING	
■ June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
BAND CAMP	
■ July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
BASEBALL CAMP - BOYS	
■ June 26-30 Morning Session	\$275
BASKETBALL CAMP	
■ June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
■ July 5-7 Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$165
■ July 17-21 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
■ June 20-23 Afternoon Session - Girls Camp	\$220
■ July 5-7 Morning Session - Girls Camp	\$165
■ July 10-14 Morning and Afternoon Session - Girls Camp	\$275
CHORAL CAMP	
■ July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
COMPUTER CAMP - PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS	
■ June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275

Camps are co-ed unless otherwise indicated.



Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners
 In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident, fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders
 In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders
 In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders
 In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Call 1-800-715-2808
 Mon-Fri, 8am-9pm, Sat, 10am-7pm and Sun, 10am-6pm



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 25, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

1. Partners in Faith (June) newsletter
2. EPI School Supply Ordering Program
3. School Supply List for 2023/2024
4. Summer Reading List

Parish Flyers:

1. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp

Community Flyers:

1. BI Summer Camps flyers
2. Summer Reading Skills program flyer
3. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer