

June 6, 2024



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

Have a wonderful Summer!

Congratulations to the Holy Spirit Class of 2024! Last night we celebrated and sent off our newest group of alumni. We are certain that they are well prepared for their step into high school and we wish them all the very best as they continue to grow in grace and wisdom!

This is the last newsletter of the year before the official end of the school year and the start of several well-deserved weeks of Summer downtime. Thank you to everyone for all of the time, talent, and treasure that you provided to the school over the year. Catholic schools cannot survive with the active participation of parents in the life of the school. Holy Spirit is incredibly blessed with the depth of commitment from families who committed to providing their children with a faith-filled education.

Please be sure that you have taken a look at your PSSC hours for the year, as well as your family FACTS account for any outstanding obligations to the school. 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. Report cards will be held until all financial obligations are met.

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.

The Summer Reading is posted below and is accessible on the school website.

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

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



Holy Spirit School

Summer 2024

Summer 2024 Reading List



Congratulations to the newly elected National Junior Honor Society Officers for the 2024/2025 academic year.

**Leah E. - President
Bellatrix D. - Vice President
Maggie H - Secretary
Annie P. - Treasurer
Betsy T. - Historian**

Thank you to this year's officers for all you did over the year!

Our rolling list of reminders!

The **last day of school for the Prekindergarten students** is Friday, June 7th.

The **Kindergarten Completion Ceremony** is Monday, June 10th at 10:00 am (students will go home with parents following the ceremony).

The **last day of school for Grades 1-7** is Tuesday, June 11th. This is an 11:30am dismissal day with no afternoon Extended Day.

Please be sure to watch the Schoology pages for items particular to your child.



This was it! Did you create as many Holy Moment as you could each day this week? I hope that all of our Holy Spirit families have participated in our year long endeavor to intentionally create more kindness in our world one small Holy Moment at a time!



June's Partners in Faith Newsletter!

Thoughtful Moments

St. Anthony of Padua

Born Fernando de Bulhom in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, St. Anthony was originally an Augustinian monk. He was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon and inspired everyone with his knowledge of the divine. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.

Open your eyes

Parents know that children thrive when they feel loved. However, God knows this need for love doesn't stop when we grow up. Even when we are adults, our heavenly Father is always ready to listen to us, help us, and forgive us. Today when you look at your children with love, know that you are beloved, too.

"Praise the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).



Celebrate the summer with saints

Embrace the Communion of Saints by integrating saints into your summer activities and dedicating each adventure to one. Let them inspire and protect your family as you enjoy your warm-weather pursuits. Seek their intercession for your family's well-being.

Traveling adventures: Invoke St. Christopher, the patron of travelers, who according to legend safely carried the Christ Child across a river. For air-bound journeys, turn to St. Joseph of Cupertino. Celebrated for his humility and piety, he is said to have levitated due to spiritual ecstasy.

Outdoor activities: Immerse yourself in the natural world with St. Francis of Assisi. His love for all creation shines through in his "Canticle of the Sun."

Patron of animals, he famously brokered peace between a menacing wolf and a terrified town.

Barbecues and campfires: Celebrate with the spirit of St. Lawrence, a third-century Roman deacon who humorously faced martyrdom. As he was roasted alive, he remarked, "I am well done. Turn me over." His courage and wit make him a fitting patron for grill enthusiasts.

Water fun: When swimming or sailing, remember St. Adulator of Vernon, the patron saint of swimmers, who swam to freedom to avoid capture. Or, set sail with St. Brendan the Navigator, a fifth-century Irish abbot renowned for his reported journey to the "Promised Land of the Saints" and his safe return.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Referring to priests as "Father" signifies that we belong to a spiritual family guided by a father figure. This honorific was given to leaders of the early Church. "Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have



Why do Catholics call priests, "Father?"

many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15). As a father guides, nurtures, instructs, and cares for his children, so a priest does the same for his parish family.

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Holy Spirit School

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
★ 	1 Let one person choose a favorite prayer for the whole family to say together.	2  Recite the Guardian Angel prayer before bedtime.	3 Bless the television set and ask for help in using it in God's service.	4  Make a paper flag and hang it in the window to celebrate our country.	5  Attend First Friday Mass or benediction as a family.	6 Prize to someone you love that you are trustworthy. Make a promise and keep it.
7 Ask each person to listen carefully to the homily at Mass today for one idea to implement this week.	8 Gather as a family and take turns sharing something good that happened to you today.	9  Share the joy of being a child of God. Tell a joke and make someone laugh.	10 Make cookies together using a recipe. Talk about how following God's recipe for our lives will make something wonderful, too.	11  Talk about what you would say to Jesus if he came to visit you.	12  Observe a meatless Friday today. Order a vegetarian pizza and salad.	13  Donate canned goods to a soup kitchen.
14 Pay close attention at Mass today and find something cool you hadn't previously noticed.	15  Select a person or situation in the news and devote a family prayer to it.	16 Write down all the kind and loving phrases you can think of. See how many you can use today.	17  Sing a song that tells God how much you love him.	18 As a family, pick one of the seven virtues and practice it all day. (Faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.)	19 Take a day off from TV, phones, and computers and ask each person to share a favorite family memory.	20  Say, "I'm sorry" to someone you've injured and go to Confession to celebrate God's unending mercy.
21 Attend Mass as a family and pray for peace.	22  In honor of St. Joseph, do something nice for your father.	23 Pick one person and have everyone else list five things they like about that person. Continue until everyone has had a turn.	24 Light a candle and confess a sin. Promise God you'll try never to do it again.	25  Take every opportunity today to say, "I love you."	26  Celebrate the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Ann, Jesus' grandparents.	27 Bring a meal to someone who is homebound.
28 Eat ice-cream sandwiches after Mass today to celebrate the Lord's Day.	29  In honor of St. Martha today, clean house and share a special meal.	30 Help make your family more loving and patient. Resolve to only use kind words toward each other.	31 Ask St. Francis to watch over our Pope. 			

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Why wait???



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2024-2025 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 2024-2025	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$81.00
Kindergarten	\$118.00
Grade 1	\$56.00
Grade 2	\$67.00
Grade 3	\$99.00
Grade 4	\$134.00
Grade 5	\$109.00
Grade 6 & New Middle School	\$106.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$97.00

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
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[Click here for complete supply list](#)

—Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming PTO Events

Volunteer Opportunities (1 point/30 mins volunteered)

2024 Boosterthon Committee Chairs (2 needed)

Join the fun and help us run our next **Boosterthon** in **September/October 2024**!

We are looking for two committee chairs to work collaboratively on our biggest fundraising event of the school year - Boosterthon! This role enables us to deliver a fun week of activities resulting in a big event that all the children love to participate in. The role includes overall planning, working with Booster Enterprises and engaging families to participate on the day. This role is worth 40 points per committee chair.

If you're interested in this role, please reach out to Lauren Schmidt

ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org

Reminders

In order to volunteer with any youth in the Arlington Diocese, you must be [Child Protection Compliant](#).

Parents or legal guardians of each student(s) registered at Holy Spirit School are required to earn a minimum of 20 hours (40 PSSC points) per family or 10 hours (20 PSSC points) for single parent families (single parent families also include families with a deployed spouse) of combined volunteer service during the current school year. For more information, reference the [PSSC Handbook](#).



The New Family Team is looking for current Holy Spirit School families to serve as “buddies” to new families enrolling in the school this fall. A buddy family is a point of contact and friendly face for new families. You can answer their questions and help them navigate those first few months of school! You’ll also be asked to attend the new family social at the end of the summer.



What has your PTO fundraising done for Holy Spirit this year?

Fundraising this year raised approximately \$110,000 (net) through things like Boosterthon, Used Uniform Sales, Christmas Tree Sales, the Spring Talent Show and Auction, Restaurant sponsors and Spirit Wear Sales. This is how your efforts benefitted Holy Spirit!

Purchases:

- Three new 3D printers with filament for technology.
- Eleven new teacher desks for the elementary school.
- Greenhouse and improvements to the outdoor classroom.
- New pads for the stage/gym.



Funding:

- Field Trips
- Field Day
- Student Scholarships
- Teacher Salaries for after school programs.
- Recess Monitors to reduce parental obligation for recess hours.

Teachers:

- Potential \$300 to every teacher for their classroom supplies. (Think: Class prizes, bulletin board items, goodies for special occasions, extra reading materials)
- Reimbursement of ½ of tuition for continuing education.

Resources:

- Constant Contact
- Brain Pop
- School Directory for all families

PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@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 for activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!



Construction Schedule and Parish Impact

MONDAY, JUNE 10 UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST

Building access from June 10 until the end of August:

- The church will be closed with no access for any purpose.
- The narthex will remain open.

WHAT IS BEING DONE:

- ✓ All existing floor tile and carpet are being removed
- ✓ All existing pews are being removed
- ✓ New floor tile and carpet are being laid
- ✓ Distance between pews will be increased
- ✓ Long pews in balcony are being divided in two with new aisles and pews

PARISH IMPACT

Parish activities will be held at the following locations during construction:

MASS

McGivney Hall

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

School Gym

Saturday mornings, Saturday evening vigils, & Sundays

HOLY HOUR (NO ADORATION)

McGivney Hall

Fridays, June 22 through August 30
7:00–8:00 p.m.

* NOTE: No Holy Hour on June 15

BAPTISMS

Narthex

Sundays, 1:15 p.m.

CONFESSION

Pentecost and Annunciation Rooms (in the Narthex)

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

FUNERALS

Will be held at another nearby Catholic Church with our clergy officiating.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

McGivney Hall will be available when not being used for Mass or Holy Hour.

School space will be on a "space available" basis.

Community Happenings!

Summer 2024 CAMPS



Join us for a great summer!

Enrichment

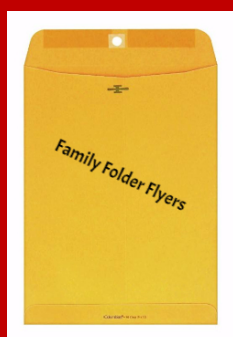
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SOCCER
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VOLLEYBALL
WRESTLING

REGISTER AT WWW.JPTHEGREAT.ORG



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "June 6, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Partners in Faith (June) newsletter
2. Partners in Faith July and August Summer Calendars
3. EPI School Supply Ordering flyer
4. School Supply List for 24/25

PTO Flyers:

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Summer Mass Schedule

Community Flyers:

1. John Paul the Great High School Summer Camps flyer



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