From the Principal's Desk



March 16, 2023



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

Wearin' of the Green



Tomorrow, Friday, February 17th is a big day here at Holy Spirit! We are very much looking forward to hosting all of our fathers for the Fathers Day Mass in advance of the Feast of St. Joseph.

Tomorrow is, of course, also St. Patrick's Day. If students would like to wear their green accessories with their regular uniform, they are invited to do so (please just remember that the day begins with Mass).

And, lastly, tomorrow is also the birthday of our amazing Pastor, Father O'Donohue! If you happen to see him out and about, I am sure he would appreciate the well wishes.



Please join the Holy Spirit School Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers
March 17, 2023
9:00am

Our school day will begin at 9:00 am in the church. Dads and children are welcome to meet us there. If Dads are unable to attend, children are welcome to invite uncles, big brothers, or another special guest. If students will not have a guest that day, we will be glad to receive the children at the regular 8:00 school time. Receptions will follow mass in your children's classrooms.



We are going to throw a little fun into our week courtesy of the Student Council!!

On Monday, March 20th students may dress down in their favorite sports jersey as we all recover from four days of March Madness basketball watching! (Remember please, no jeans with holes, leggings, short-shorts, tank tops, spaghetti strap dresses or tops, open-toe or open back shoes, Crocs.)

Tuesday, March 21st is CRAZY SOCK DAY as we recognize Down Sydrome Awareness Day. We encourage all students to wear their craziest socks with their uniform that day.

Spring Pictures Monday, March 27th



This is not a traditional dress down day. Students are asked to wear their "best dress" for these pictures.

No shorts, jeans, leggings, tank tops, spaghetti strap dresses or tops, opentoe or open back shoes, Crocs.

Order forms went home earlier this week.

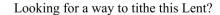
5K Spirit Run 2023!!



Register HERE for the 5K Spirit Run!

Sponsorship Information Found HERE!







Throughout the season of Lent, Holy Spirit's Got Life? Club is collecting monetary donations for Mary's Refuge: a former convent now serving single mothers in Martinsburg, WV.

Each classroom will have a baby bottle where donations can be placed.

At the end of Lent all donations collected from classroom baby bottles will go to Mary's Refuge.

For more information about Mary's Refuge please visit https://rumble.com/v1xno7m-marys-refuge-former-convent-now-serves-singlemothers.html

Thank you for your support!



Sunday New Households Sunday Sunday New Households Sunday Sunday



-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Upcoming Events:

March 22nd – Used Uniform Sale 2:30-5:30

March 30th - Are you sure all your hours have been satisfied... here is an easy opportunity to pick up some hours and help the kids that are working so hard! Science Fair Judges Needed! (12-3). No STEM experience necessary! Lunch will be provided! (sign-up in Connect 1) Any questions please reach out to Mrs. Laura Laclede at sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org.

April 29th – Art Show Sign-up. See the flyer below.

April 29th – Talent Show Volunteers Needed! See the flyer below.

May 19th – **Field Day** is coming -- mark your calendars for **Friday, May 19, 8 am - 1 pm**. Please volunteer and join us in one of the most fun events of the year! Check out <u>Connect 1</u> for three separate sign-ups -- one for Team Coach (64 Virtus compliant parents needed); one for coolers with waters (one needed for each classroom); and one for an array of other ways to help (there are so many options!) More information will be shared closer to the event. Questions? Email the Field Day Committee at Jessica.A.Driscoll@gmail.com

March PTO Meeting Cancelled!!!!

There will be no March PTO Meeting. Instead, please join for the Kids, Smartphones, and Social Media Discussion, Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm. This meeting can be found at the following link (more information to follow):

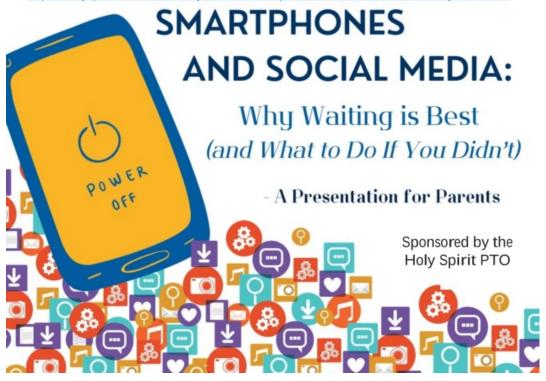
https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723? pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09 Meeting ID: 821 0184 5095 Passcode: 896019

ATTEND THE PTO SPONSORED PRESENTATION AND RECEIVE A DRESS DOWN DAY FOR YOUR STUDENT(S) AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY ADMINISTRATION

Please join local parent Jeremy Joseph for a Zoom discussion

March 21st @ 6:30 PM

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/82101845095?pwd=K3RmNFBtUDIJVEthakFtRIVydWJoQT09





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Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!





Sale Date- Wednesday, March 22 from 2:30-5:30 (convenient time during carline/vanpool)

Where: Holy Spirit School - Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!

DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR EMAIL - MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

Important Details-

- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- · Plan ahead bring a list of items and sizes needed

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

PTO Executive Board Nominations

Have you thought about serving our school community in a new way? Do you know someone who would make a great Executive Board member?

The nomination form for the 23/24 academic year is now open!

Click here to access Nomination Form





Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase & Dance



Saturday, April 29th, 2023



ART SHOW SIGNUP

The Lobby Art show is looking for works of sculpture, photography, writing, painting, drawing or other displayable media. If you have a talent for creating, the lobby show is looking for you!!

Requirements for Submission:

Flat work no larger than 22 X 24 including mat/frame, needs to have hanging hardware attached. Sculptures no bigger than 24 x 20 with a weight limit of 10 pounds, must stand on it own.

Please include a title, description, and your name and grade on a card with the work submitted.

<u>Deadline for submission</u>: March 29th. Please **submit all** works to Mrs. Liss by April 26th.

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grade/teacher	
Type of work:	

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase





When: April 29, 2023

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. If you signed up at the PTO Fall Fair, your signup has been transferred to Connect 1 for your convenience. To volunteer for this event, Please click the signup link below:

https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/kKPf0p4TN

any questions, email Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinitetech.org

CHECK CONNECT 1 FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Vice President - Trevor Lowing - <u>PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - <u>PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Secretary - Lee Conroy - <u>PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org</u>

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!



APRIL 1-2 Palm Sunday and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Masses: 5:30 pm Saturday

7:30 am Sunday 9:00 am Sunday 10:30 am Sunday Noon Sunday 6:00 pm Sunday

April 6 Holy Thursday

Last Supper Mass Adoration 7:30 pm Until Midnight

April 7 Good Friday

Confessions 9:00 -11:00 am
Lord's Passion 3:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:45pm
Good Friday Tenebrae 7:30 pm

April 8 Holy Saturday

Confessions 9:30-11:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 9:30 am
Blessing of Easter Baskets 10:00 am
NO 3:30 PM Confessions

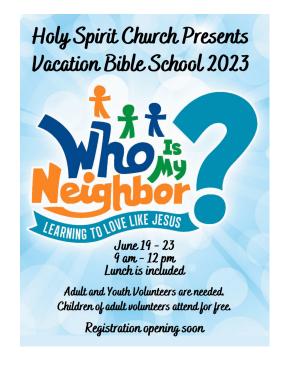
Easter Vigil Celebration 8:30 pm

April 9 Easter

Masses 7:00 am

9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm









Got Children's Books?

Did you know that the Diocese has two free medical clinics?

Yes, they are The Mother of Mercy clinics in Manassas and Woodbridge

The clinics' mission is to engage the community to provide free, quality healthcare to low income adults who are uninsured or underinsured in Prince William County. The clinic does not charge patients receiving basic medical care. All the doctors and nurses who work at the clinic volunteer their time to provide this free medical care. The clinic is also a portal toward other necessary integrated services that Catholic Charities provides, such as counseling, emergency financial and food assistance and referrals for workforce development and immigration support.

We would like to provide children's books to families in the waiting room while waiting to be seen.

If you have some slightly used children's books to donate, we would love to supply the clinics. Pre-pandemic, books were provided and children could take them home. Therefore, we will be asking for more books from time to time to fill this need.

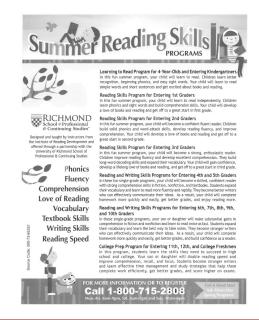
Children's Book drive Weekend of March 18 & 19 Donation bins at church doors

Community Happenings!











FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "March 16, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Spring Picture Day flyer
- 2. Fathers Day Mass and Reception flyer
- 3. Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 4. Mary's Refuge flyer
- 5. PTO Used Uniform Sale flyer
- 6. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Signup

- 7. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer Signup
- 8. PSA Spring Sports flyer
- 9. Partners in Faith (March) newsletter
- 10. Parner in Faith Lenten Calendar

5K Spirit Run

1. Sponsorship information

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Holy Week services flyer
- 2. BINGO flyer
- 3. Vacation Bible School flyer
- 4. Book Drive for The Mother of Mercy clinics flyer
- 5. Bedding for Babies flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. Diocesan Job Fair
- 2. BI Summer Camps flyers
- 3. BI Sring Production Music Man flyer
- 4. Summer Reading Skills program flyer