## From the Principal's Desk

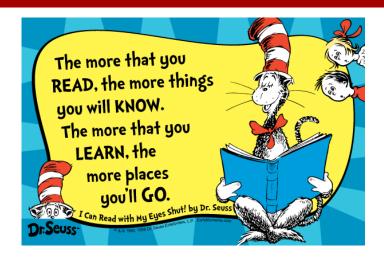


March 2, 2023



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

# Dr. Seuss Day!!









Today was a terrific day of fun!

As a part of the celebration, each of the grade levels chose a Dr. Seuss book and created a project illustrating the book's theme. If you have a moment, be sure to come by and take a look!

We are gearing up for the annual 5K Spirit Run benefiting the school's Resource Department. This Department touches the lives of so many people in the school and is integral to who we are as a community.

Please consider registering to run.

If you own a business, please consider being a 2023 sponsor.

Information is below or check out the school website.

As we scoot ever closer to consistently warmer weather, we often find that student behaviors get a bit more amped up at this time of the year. If you could assist us by reinforcing at home just a couple of things it would be most appreciated. These include the need to

- listen to the adults at recess and in the building;
- hold our tongues if the words that are ready to come out are less than kind; and
- keep our hands to ourselves when we are tempted to either pick at someone else or take someone else's property.

We know everyone is still learning and growing and it is a journey with many ups and downs whether we are four or fourteen! Thank you!

A reminder that all weekend parish Masses on March 3 and 4 will take place in the school gym. Additionally, our second graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 4th. This will be in the Quinn Room in the school.

The 2nd Trimester officially ends on Thursday, March 9th (report cards go home on March 17th).

The Middle School's production of *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* is Thursday evening, March 9th. We invite all families to attend. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the performance begins at 7:00 pm.

Friday, March 10th is a NO school day for students and a professional development day for the faculty.

Thursday, March 16th is a PTO Spirit Gear day.

Friday, March 17th is our Fathers' Day Mass and receptions in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph. Details are below.

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.

The 7th & 8th grade Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 30th. Science Fair judges are needed; check Connect 1 for a sign-up. If you know of someone outside of our community who would be interested in judging, they may contact Mrs. Laura Laclede at sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org.

## **5K Spirit Run 2023!!**



Dear friends of the 5K Spirit Run,

The start of the 5K Spirit Run season has started with the 2023 race t-shirt design contest. We are so proud of all of our student artists who submitted designs. Congratulations to Arianna N whose design was chosen as the winner and will be used for all of the race t-shirts and promotional materials.

Thank you to all who participated in 2022 by walking, running, cheering, donating, volunteering, and praying for us. Again, congratulations to our first-place overall winner and Holy Spirit School class of 2016 alumnus Sajiv Gnanasekaran. Unfortunately, we had some problems with our timing last year, so this year we will use CommonwealthTiming Company to keep the race times. We hope to be able to award medals to those who place in their race categories after the run is complete.

This will be our 8th year of holding the 5k Spirit Run and every year it has had its own challenges, however, every year our school and parish community never fails to make the morning special because our school is special. We hold this race in order to raise money to help financially support our Resource Program. Our Resource Team continues to provide academic support for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities,

Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism, Intellectual disabilities, and other special needs in an academically inclusive Catholic environment. Holy Spirit School has been a leader in academic inclusive education in our diocese for many years due to the services our Resource Program provides. Our Reading Resource services continue to grow by not only providing specific reading interventions, but by holding small reading groups for students who have been identified as benefitting from early reading intervention. Our Resource team supports the whole Holy Spirit school community in some way.

The 2023 5K Spirit Run will have an in-person 5k route starting at Holy Spirit School, but you will also be able to participate virtually if you choose. Please keep monitoring the Holy Spirit School webpage and Facebook page as they will be updated regularly as we have information to share.

SAVE THE DATE 2023 5K Spirit Run May 20, 2023

Please consider making a donation, becoming a business sponsor, or volunteering your time. By supporting the 5K Spirit Run you are saying that you support Catholic inclusive education for all students and this brings us all "Joy!"

Blessings always,

Sue Gibbons, Race Coordinator

Register HERE for the 5K Spirit Run!

Sponsorship Information Found HERE!



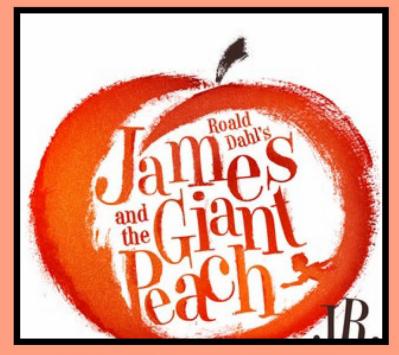
## Please join the Holy Spirit School Community for a

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.

# **Holy Spirit School**

**Presents** 



Based on the book "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl

Thursday March 9th, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Doors Open at 6:30 pm



Looking for a way to tithe this Lent?



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!



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## -Maureen Ashby

**Principal** 



#### **Upcoming Events:**

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser. See flyer below.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Used Uniform Sale 2:30-5:30

March 30<sup>th</sup> – 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 <a href="mailto:sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org">sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org</a>.

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Art Show Sign-up. See the flyer below.

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show Volunteers Needed! See the flyer below.

**PTO Meeting:** The March PTO meeting will be on March 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 meeting can be found at the following link (more information to follow):

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?

pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

#### 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 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

Need a bit more information? Take a look at the PSSC Handbook or contact a current Executive Board member.



Turning Fun into Funds



Chuck E. Cheese donates up to 20% of the sales generated from this event to your child's school.

Friends and family members are encouraged to help support this event.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EVENT! BRING THIS FLYER TO CHUCK E. CHEESE.

Bring this flyer to Chuck E. Cheese for 10 FREE PLAY POINTS

Limit 1 offer per child. Valid only on night of Fundraising Event. Activation of play card or band is not included. @2023 CEC Ent. Conc. LP. All rights reserved.

## EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: CHUCK E CHEESE

TIME: 2 pm - 9 pm

SCHOOL: Holy Spirit School

EVENT DATE: 3/10/2023

EVENT ADDRESS: 9404 Main St.

Fairfax, VA 22031

To find out more, check out chuckecheese.com

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1 Large (1 Topping) Pizza

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Sales include all food and merchandise purchased at the registers. Delivery & Carryout Orders placed directly at ChuckECheese.com now also apply towards your fundraiser. You must add the item "School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out and order from the location noted at right. 02023 CEC Br

## **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!



# 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 M rs. Liss by April 26th.

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# 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 - 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!





Isaiah 53 is an entire chapter foretelling God's sacrificing Jesus, his Son, for the sake of redeeming mankind.

Next Session: March 8th | 8:30 PM Livestream option available for those unable to attend.







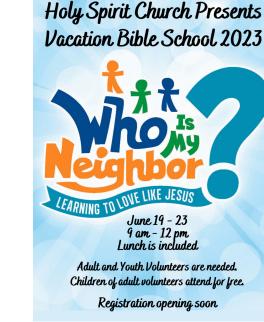
- The Ignatian guided retreat begins on Friday evening with a crab cake dinner and concludes with a celebration of Mass at noon. Eucharistic Adoration and Confession offered. The erferat is a time to come away from our ordinary activities, to rest, pray, and invite the Lord to renew our spirits. It is an opportunity to gain perspective and to find new meaning for our lives.

Cost: \$245 includes private room, meals, snacks (\$195 if you are a first timer or under 35). Financial help is available upon request. Handicap rooms and carpooling options available.

egistration & Deposit Deadline: Friday, February 24th & deposit is \$115

- 1) Confirm attendance by emailing SeanRoberts911@gmail.com or call 703-640-4157
  2) Register online...https://loyolaonthepotomac.com/registration-16fignatian/
  3) Pay with credit card or mail check made payable to Loyola on the Potomac' to:

  Sean Roberts, c/o Loyola, 5416 Panola Court, Springfield, VA 22151







Travel Arrangements by: Terra Sancta Travel Center

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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!**



9-11 AM

#### Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

1700 Dominican Drive Potomac Shores, VA

#### **Explore**

website

https://arlingtondiocese.org/ catholicschools

job openings

https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/careers/

#### application process

https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/ careers/application/

Register



Can't make it in person? Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will be available to answer your questions

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85010793968? pwd=WFZSZk40clJGTzdzVWNiWmoxUy8vQT09

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the 37 elementary schools, 4 high schools and 4 stand-alone preschools serving over 18,000 students in the 13 cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.



## **FAMILY FOLDER**

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "March 2, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

> Family Folder

#### School Flyers:

- 1. Fathers Day Mass and Reception flyer
- 2. Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 3. Mary's Refuge flyer
- 4. PTO Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser
- 5. PTO Used Uniform Sale flyer
- 6. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Signup
- 7. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer Signup
- 8. Partners in Faith (March) newsletter

- 9. Parner in Faith Lenten Calendar
- 10. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

#### 5K Spirit Run

- 1. Sponsorship information
- 2.

#### Parish Flyers:

- 1. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue flyer
- 2. Men's Lenten Retreat flyer
- 3. Lenten Soup Supper flyer
- 4. Sponsor a Work Camper flyer
- 5. Vacation Bible School flyer
- 6. Pilgrimage to Ireland flyer
- 7. Pilgrmage to Montreal flyer
- 8. Book Drive for The Mother of Mercy clinics flyer
- 9. 7th & 8th Grade Boys Boxing Club flyer
- 10. Donut Social flyer
- 11. BINGO flyer

#### Community Flyers:

1. Diocesan Job Fair