



March 21, 2024



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

Holy Week

Our journey this Lent has brought us to the edge of the start of Holy Week. This Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will begin the most holy week of the year.

I hope that you will center your week around prayer as family and prioritize attending the Triduum Services provided by the parish. Setting that example for your children is an important part of their faith journey and helps to put into context and action everything they are learning about our Catholic Faith.

This Lent, as a part of my own journey, I have been reading [33 Days to Eucharistic Glory](#) by Matthew Kelly and deepening my relationship with Jesus through His True Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. The selection for last night connected itself to the Holy Moments program we have been teaching and trying to live throughout this school year.

"It's time for your life to make sense. Once we discover that some moments are holy, some moments are unholy, and our choices can guide a moment in either direction, life finally begins to make sense.

This is no small thing. Most people in the modern secular world cannot make sense of life. The culture has exiled them from God, religion, and spirituality. So, each day is a frustrated attempt to put together the jigsaw puzzle of life without crucial pieces. And the more disconnected from God our lives become, the more meaningless life becomes.

Holy Moments inject divine meaning and purpose into every moment of our lives. Meaning

is crucial to our health and happiness. We cannot thrive as human beings without it. And we cannot live a meaningful life by filling our life with trivial things and meaningless activities. Holy Moments solve the meaninglessness of our lives."

You are the primary educators of your children. Help them to make sense of life. Place them in front of our Lord in the Tabernacle as often as possible. Help them to prioritize having a relationship with Jesus. Model that for them as they watch each and every thing that you do and as they listen to each and every thing that you say to them and to others.

May your Holy Week be meaningful and fill your soul with grace and joy.

We are looking forward to our annual Father's Day Mass tomorrow, March 22nd; see details below. This is a wonderful day for us to honor the important men in the lives of our children and we choose this timing in order to coincide with the Feast of St. Joseph.

The 8th Grade will be gifting to the school community the prayer of Living Stations of the Cross on Thursday, March 28th at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday is March 28th and is an early dismissal day with no afternoon Extended Day. The school is closed for Good Friday and we will have our Easter break the week of April 1st.

When we return from the break, students will move into the Spring uniform.

Spring pictures will be taken on April 18th. All students will have their picture taken. This is a BEST DRESS picture. There should not be any students in shorts, jeans, t-shirts, leggings, or very short skirts/dresses. Although sandals look really cute with Spring dresses, for safety reasons students must be in footwear that is close-toed and that has a back to it.



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? Did you take notice of when others were creating Holy Moments and let them know that you saw them? Children thrive on being "caught being good"! (And adults do too!)





Please join the Holy Spirit School
Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers

March 22, 2024
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.

9th Annual

5K RUN & WALK

SATURDAY
MAY 18, 2024

EARLY REGISTRATION
\$25
PER PERSON UNTIL
APRIL 24TH



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED.

To Support the Holy Spirit Resource Program

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
PLEASE EMAIL:
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[Click Here to Register!](#)

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Spring

After School Sports

Holy Spirit Catholic School

Mondays
Soccer: March 18th - May 13th
1st - 4th Grade Students / \$160

Tuesdays
Soccer: March 19th - May 14th
Pre K & Kindergarten / \$160

Wednesdays
Tennis: March 20th - May 15th
1st - 5th Grade (*in the gym*) / \$180

Fridays
Basketball: March 22nd - May 24th
K - 2nd Grade Students / \$160

*8 sessions after school starting at 3:15 PM & all equipment is provided!

REGISTER NOW www.ThePSASports.com

Please contact us with any questions:
Admin@thePSAsports.com

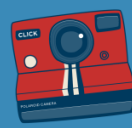


HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

PURCHASE THE

2024


YEARBOOK



BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM
SCHOOL ID: 7236153-2401

\$18 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL (UNTIL 3/15)

\$20 AFTER 3/15



NEW! March's Partners in Faith Newsletter!

Partners in FAITH™

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith. March 2024
Holy Spirit School

Thoughtful Moments

Pope St. Zachary
St. Zachary was a deacon before he became pope in 741. As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy against the usually violent Lombard clan and befriended the Frankish king Pepin, the Short, the father of King Charlemagne. He was a patron of restoring churches and saving priceless treasures from Byzantium from being destroyed. Also known for his charity, St. Zachary ransomed slaves being sold in Venice and supported St. Boniface's mission in Germany.

See with your heart
Scripture says that God wants to be intimate with us but it can be challenging to feel close to someone we can't see in human form. Remember that God said, "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known" (Jeremiah 33:3).

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:34).




Invoke Don Bosco's special charism

As an educator and father-figure, St. John "Don" Bosco had a special charism. He could touch the hearts and minds of rebellious youths and inspire them to follow Christ. Follow his advice for forming young hearts and minds for Christ: "See that the laws of discipline ... are made known." Children of all ages benefit from understanding clear expectations and the consequences for deviation. He knew that children thrive on routine and well-defined boundaries. And, Don Bosco believed that placing youths in safe surroundings with good influences removes the likelihood of their committing sin. That encourages responsible independence.

"Always gentle and prudent." It was his experience that "gentle but firm" or "quiet but stern" were more effective in discipline than anger or violence. The educator must strive to make himself loved by his pupils, if he wishes to obtain their respect and obedience.


"Never ... correct in public." To Don Bosco, punishments were a last resort and done in private when it is more likely to have the child's full attention. Never humiliate a youngster.

"A humble prayer to God is much more useful." Don Bosco encouraged drawing on God's grace. The Holy Spirit speaks to our children's hearts in ways we can't. Inviting God into our challenges might turn what could have been a fall-out into a breakthrough.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

During Sunday Mass, we recite the Nicene Creed, and bow when we proclaim the miracle and mystery of the Incarnation. It is such a central tenet of our faith that we genuflect when proclaiming it on Christmas and the Feast of the Annunciation (April 8). Whether we bow or genuflect during the Creed, the extra gesture helps us to recall with gratitude and reverence that God became man "for us ... and our salvation," when we proclaim our Catholic beliefs.



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming PTO Events

Saturday, March 23rd

Weeding the Outdoor Classroom Garden 10:00am – 12:00pm

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

Saturday, April 13th

Spring Talent Show, Auction and Dance 5:30pm – 9:30pm (Doors open at 5:00pm)

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

Tuesday, April 16th

PTO Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm via [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 895 9844 5225 Passcode: 268985

See Volunteer Opportunities for more information and flier for reservation form.

Volunteer Opportunities (1 point/30 mins volunteered)

Weeding the Outdoor Classroom Garden

Sign up to help make our outdoor classroom look beautiful for Spring! Volunteers are needed from 10:00am-12:00pm on **Saturday, March 23rd** at the Outdoor Classroom Garden to help weed and clean up the area. Bring your own gloves (and any other weeding supplies you desire, including weed poppers or a cushion to kneel on).

Questions? Contact Megan Westmeyer 843-323-7831.

Talent Show - Show Trainee and Dinner Trainee (40 PSSC points each) Virtus Certification is NOT required

The Spring Talent Show will be held on Saturday, April 13th in the gym and we need volunteers to support the **planning process** to make it a success! The 2024 Show Trainee and Dinner Trainee will support the planning and preparation for the big event and will ideally be the Show Chairman and Dinner Chairman in 2025. These positions will have a superstar showing you the ropes with 16 years of experience running the show on his own! Our very own Joe Terpenning will be retiring, and this will be his final year with us. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn the ropes before his departure. See the flier below for additional details.

Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning jterpenning@infinitetech.org

Talent Show & Dance Event Night Volunteers

There are many job opportunities for anyone who would like to contribute supplies or help out on the day of the show. Check out [Connect1](#) for all opportunities available.

Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning jterpenning@infinitetech.org

April PTO Meeting

Join us via [Zoom](#) on **Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30pm** and hear from your PTO president, Mrs. Ploschke, your principal, Mrs. Ashby, and various committees about what is going on at Holy Spirit School this year. Have an idea to share? Want to provide feedback on something? This is a great opportunity for all families

to share your thoughts, stay up to date and connect with other parents and the PTO board. For meeting details and to earn PSSC points for attending, please be sure to sign up in [Connect1](#).

Questions? Contact Kristyn Poreba PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Field Day

It's time to start planning for one of the most fun days of the school year: **Field Day!** It will be Friday, May 17. If you need volunteer hours, this is an awesome way to fill them! There are so many volunteer opportunities for Field Day, found in three separate signs ups in Connect One. You can search "Field Day 2024" to find these:

[Field Day 2024](#) (a myriad of opportunities!)

[Field Day 2024: Team Coach](#) (very fun! Must be fully child protection compliant)

[Field Day 2024: Coolers with Waters and Ice](#) (one needed to each classroom)

Questions? Email Jessica Driscoll jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com.

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](#).

HOLY SPIRIT TALENT SHOW & DANCE



WE NEED LEADERS!!

This year the Talent Show will be transitioning to a new leadership format. In preparation for next year's show, we would like to recruit and train a few key roles this year.

Show Chairman: This leader would coordinate and run the show. This includes hosting the Sign Up Day to recruit acts, prepare the lineup the night of the show, and coordinate the DJ and the stage crew volunteers. This position does not have to be an Emcee, but can. The position is fun-filled with the preparations of the show and the final performance.

Dinner Chairman: This leader would coordinate the caterers and oversee Dinner/Dessert setup, work with Holy Spirit facilities on room setup, oversee decorating, and oversee check in when the doors open.

Both of these leadership roles are exciting and fun. More importantly, they are essential elements to make this annual tradition and school favorite successful. If interested, please contact Joe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitech.org) with questions and training.

HOLY SPIRIT TALENT SHOW & DANCE



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

SIGNUP AND HELP MAKE THIS EVENT AWESOME!!

WE NEED HELP WITH THE SIGNUP EVENT ON FEBRUARY 13TH AFTER SCHOOL AND WE NEED HELP THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW ON APRIL 13TH. WE NEED SERVERS, CHECK-IN HELP, DECORATORS, CAKES, DRINKS, STAGE HELP & AUDITION HELP!

Holy Spirit School's Talent Showcase

Dinner & Dance

Saturday, April 13th 5:30-9:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00)

RESERVATION FORM

TALENT * DANCING * DINING * FUN

AWESOME ACTS, ART, RAFFLES AND MORE

Registration includes catered dinner and DJ, with dancing after the show. Pre-registration is required.

ADULT MENU

Searched Chicken w/ Gazpacho Salsa - Italian Sausage w/ Pepper - Orzo w/ Roasted Vegetables
Italian Salad - Assorted Rolls & Butter - Cake - Beverages - Coffee

STUDENT MENU (& under 4)

Chicken Nuggets - Penne Pasta

Name: _____

adult meals (\$22.50 ea) _____ # student meals (\$12.50 ea) _____

Under 4 (free) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

return form and payment (check made out to Holy spirit PTO) by April 10th

Physical Tickets will not be provided. Reserved Attendees will be on a check-in list that evening

Make checks payable to Holy Spirit School. Submit form and check via backpack mail: Attn: Joe Terpenning Spring Talent Show Committee c/o Angelica Terpenning grade 8 Rathod

Questions: Email Joe Terpenning at (jterpenning@infinitetech.org)

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase & Dance

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

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

Deadline for submission: April 9th. Please submit all works to Mrs. Liss by April 9th.

NAME _____

grade/teacher _____

Type of work: _____

FIELD DAY 2024
Friday, May 17, 8 am - 1 pm
Earn Volunteer Hours at the most fun day of the school year
Volunteer signs ups available on Connect One. Search "Field Day 2024"
Team coaches must be fully child protection compliant
Questions? Email jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com

Vice President - Rob Wu - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org
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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!



Lenten PASTA & SOUP Suppers

WHERE: School Cafeteria **DATES:** Fridays in Lent: Feb. 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15, & 22

WHAT: Meatless pasta and soup dishes, bread, salad, dessert, beverages **TIME:** 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 pm

Sign up to bring a meatless soup or pasta dish at holyspiritchurch.us

All money donated for your meal will benefit **Work Camp 2024** in serving needy communities by making their homes warmer, safer, and drier and instilling in our youth the value of service.



Vacation Bible School
Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid

June 17-21

Vacation Bible School is Holy Spirit's weeklong event where children engage in lots of fun activities, games, and crafts, all while learning about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. All rising Kindergartners through rising 5th graders are invited to participate. Older children (under 18) are welcome as youth assistant volunteers.

For more information, or to register visit www.holyspiritchurch.us/vbs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION www.holyspiritchurch.us/re
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BEDDING FOR BABIES COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - FRIDAY, MARCH 22

GOAL: 100 crib sheets 50 boy baby blankets 10 girl baby blankets
Please do not donate receiving blankets.

HOW TO DONATE:
Order on Amazon: <https://a.co/7mk1vnl>
Or drop off at the parish office

Questions? Email respectlife@holyspiritchurch.us



Eucharistic Adoration Lenten Challenge!

Pick YOUR Hour to meet Him once a week for Lent

adorationpro.org/hsannandale
or email lisa.ciola@holyspiritchurch.us

Eucharistic adoration is when we visit Jesus in the Eucharist. This presence is truly His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Sitting quietly before our Lord in church gives us time for prayer, reflection, but most of all just being with Him. Lent offers an invitation for growth. Spending time with Him is a time of growth, grace and of devotion.

****Rosary, journal, Scripture, quiet reflection, spiritual reading****

Monday 7a-7p
Wednesday 7a-7p
Fri-Sat 7a-9a

Or, come to our parish Holy Hour 7-8p every M, W, F with Confessions till the line ends.

"Let our adoration never cease." - Saint Pope John Paul the Great

2024 ALL SAINTS CAR RAFFLE

Each \$5.00 Ticket gives you a chance to win all 25 prizes, including:



2024 FORD BRONCO SPORT



2024 FORD ESCAPE



2024 FORD MUSTANG



2024 FORD RANGER TRUCK

plus **21 CASH Drawings** totaling **\$40,000**

These pictures are representative of the vehicles; they are not pictures of the actual vehicles, as they have not arrived yet.

Holy Spirit Car Raffle proceeds will help to pay down the unexpected cost of the church sprinkler system installation.

Tickets have been mailed to parishioners.

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE TICKETS, CONTACT:
Tom Kennedy at tfkinva@aol.com

† Lenten Food Drive

To Benefit The St. Lucy Food Project

Hunger continues to burden many in our diocese. Due to the higher cost of food and the end of pandemic benefits, our neighbors continue to need our help! Pick up your blue St. Lucy food bag at the church entrance beginning March 16th-17th and fill it with non-perishable food items.


Blue Bag Food Collection
March 23 & 24 | All Masses
Holy Spirit Church

The St. Lucy Food Project is in need of the following items:


- Canned Items (except Jell-O)
- Canned Pasta
- Bannet Rice
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Cereal
- Dried Black & Pinto Beans
- Canned Beans
- Tomato Products
- Macaroni/Pasta

Check Donations on QR Code

Please consider donating critical (tax deductible) funds on collection day for continued food delivery throughout the year. Write your check to "CCDA" with "Holy Spirit St. Lucy" written in the Memo and send to: "Program Director, St. Lucy Project, 8426-28 Kay Circle, Manassas, VA 20108" if you miss the collection. We also gratefully accept Target and Giant gift cards.



For more information about the drive, please contact
Vince Cannava, Holy Spirit Food Ministry, 571-442-4673 (cell)


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Community Happenings!

BISHOP IRETON THEATER ARTS PRESENTS

INTO THE WOODS

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY STEPHEN SODERHEIM BOOK BY JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick




BUY TICKETS VIA THE QR CODE OR ONLINE AT
BISHOPIRETON.ORG/TICKETS

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SUMMER CAMPS


AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

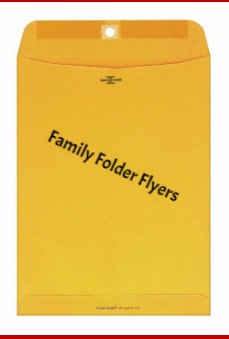
GRADES 5-8



Sports Management • Theatre • Poetry
Game Design • Fashion • Gardening • Spanish
Brain Games • Blogging • Forensics • Entrepreneurs
Graphic Design • Photography • Intro to A.I. • Band
App Inventors • Junior Veterinary
...and more!

bishopoconnell.org/summercamps





FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "March 21, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook Sale flyer
2. Fathers Day Mass flyer
3. Partners in Faith (March) newsletter
4. Family Lent Calendar

5K Spirit Run

1. Race Registration information
2. Sponsorship Information

PTO Flyers:

1. PTO Talentshow Sign Up
2. PTO Talentshow Volunteer flyer
3. PTO Talent Showcase Reservation form
4. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Participation form

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Lenten Brochure
2. Lenton Soup Suppers
3. Vacation Bible School
4. Bedding for Babies Collection
5. Eucharistic Adoration Lenten Challenge
6. 2024 Car Raffle
7. Lenten Food Drive

Community Flyers:

1. BI's production of Into the Woods flyer
2. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer

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