From the Principal's Desk



Holy Spirit Inspiring Minds CATHOLIC SCHOOL Igniting Hearts

March 28, 2024



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

Solar Eclipse Information

On Monday, April 8th (the day we return from the Easter break), a total solar eclipse will be making its way across North America. Here in Annandale we will experience a partial eclipse with a projected maximum coverage of the sun at 87.3%. The partial eclipse is expected to begin at 2:03pm and last until 4:33pm.

The partial eclipse will still be "active" during our normal dismissal time and it is noted that certified eye protection is needed in order to view the partial eclipse.

In order to have your children safely in your care and under your supervision for any viewing, it has been decided that we will release students EARLY on April 8th. We will begin dismissal at 1:30pm.

For those who use vanpool, please be in your spots by 1:20pm so that the chains may be closed.

We will keep afternoon Extended Day open and will keep the children inside until after 4:33pm.

Thank you for noting the change to the schedule. If you would like to pick your child up earlier, please send an email to the homeroom teacher, as well as the front office.

Living Stations of the Cross

The 8th grade presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross this morning was wonderful. This is such a solemn and prayerful time together and so very fitting for the end of our Lenten journey together.

Thank you to Coach Gregas for working with the students on this.

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, we pray that each of our school families enjoys the blessings of Easter!





Congratulations to all of the 7th & 8th grade students who partipated in the annual Science Fair last week! We are proud of your follow through and your diligence in completing this long-term independent study project. Thank you to Mr. Thieman for leading the charge and to Mrs. Laura Laclede for heading the PTO committee that assists with the day.

A HUGE "Thank you" to all of the Science Fair judges! We appreciate very much the time and effort that you put into providing the students with feedback.

Congratulations to the following students for their Top 10 showing:

Andrea C. - Botany - "Grow Towards the Light" Amy G. - Botany - "How to Please the Peas" Andrew L. - Math - "Changing the Rules" Ryleigh O. - Botany - "Let the Music Play" Leah E. - Biochemistry - "No Baking Powder, No Problems" Luke P. - Chemistry - "Melting Ice Cups with Various Substances" Hadley C. - Botany - "Pea Plant Sprout Test" Parker L. - Biochemistry - "Moldy Bread" Leandra S. - Microbiology - "The Gummy Game" Monica B. - Medicine and Health - "We Got the Beat"

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 send a note to someone who believes in you? What a wonderful Easter sentiment!





Race Sponsorship Information

BE SURE TO NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING A **YEARBOOK!**





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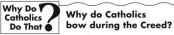
Pope St. Zachary St Zachary was a deacon b became pope in 741. As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy against the usually violent Lombard clan and befriended the Frankish king Pepin, -X befriended the Frankish king Pepin, the Short, the father of King Charlemagne. He was a patron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

See with your heart

See with your neart 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? and will ten you have not some things which you have not some (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). 21

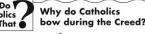
charism. He could tot hearts and minds of rebellious youths and inspire them to follow Christ. Follow his advice for forming young hearts and minds hearts and minds for Christ: "See that the laws of discipline ... are made known." Children of all ages benefit from understanding and the consequences for deviation. He knew that children thrive on routine and well-defined boundaries. And, Don Bosco believed that placing youths of a urgourding with seed influe ng youths in ood influences safe surroundir removes the likelihoo committing sin. That o responsible independe od of their rage



Invoke Don Bosco's special charism

During Sunday Mass, we recit During Sunday Mass, we reci-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 5 Special charism "Always gent and proden." If was his experience that "genule but firm" or "quie that stem" were more effective in discipline than anger or violence. The educator must strive to make himself forced by his obtain their respect and obtained." To Done Bosco, resort and done in private a base the state of the state of the state resort and done in private punishments were a last resort and done in private when it is more likely to have the child's full attention. Never

attention. Never humilia ta 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.



Annunciation (April 8). Whether we bow or genuffect during helps us to recall with helps us to recall with gratitude and reverence that God became man 'for us__and our salvation,' when we proceduation our Catholic beliefs.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO

Upcoming PTO Events

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)

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

The Spring Talent Show will be held on Saturday, April 13 th 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 <u>Jterpenning@infinitetech.org</u>

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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 <u>Connect1</u> for all opportunities available. Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning <u>iterpenning@infinitetech.org</u>

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 <u>Connect1</u>. 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!)

<u>Field Day 2024: Team Coach</u> (very fun! Must be fully child protection compliant) <u>Field Day 2024: Coolers with Waters and Ice</u> (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 <u>PSSC Handbook</u>.



Holy Spirit School's Talent Showcase	
Dinner & Dance	Holy Spirit PTO Updates
Saturday, April 13th 5:30-9:30 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00) RESERVATION FORM	
TALENT * DANCING * DINING * FUN	Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent ShowCase
AWESOME ACTS. ART. BAFFLES AND MORE	& Dance
Registration includes catered dinner and DJ, with dancing after the show. Pre-registration is required.	Saturday, April 13th, 2024
ADULT MENU Seared Chicken w/ Gazpacho Salsa - Italian Sausage w/ Pepper – Orzo w/ Roasted Vegetables Italian Salad - Assorted Rolls & Butter – Cake – Beverages – Coffee <u>STUDENT MENU (& under 4)</u> Chicken Nuggets – Penne Pasta	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 youl! Registerent for Submission: Prove the could be coupled on a card with the work submitted. Deadline for submission: April 9th. Please submit all works to Mrs. Liss by April 9th.
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 Reserved Attenders will be on a check-in list that evening**	NUME
Make checks payable to Holy Sport School Chemin form and check via backpack mail: Make checks payable to Holy Sport School Chemin form and check via backpack mail: Attr:: /oo Terpenning Spring Talent Show Committee c/o Angelica Terpenning grade 8 Rathod	
Questions: Email Joe Terpenning at (iterpenning@infinitetech.org)	



PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u> Vice President - Rob Wu - <u>PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org</u> Treasurer - Karin Floyd -<u>PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org</u> Secretary - Kristyn Poreba - <u>PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org</u>

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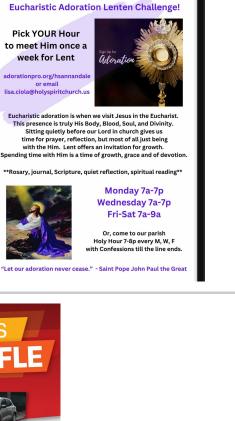
Volunteering

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!





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Community Happenings!



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 28, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Yearbook Sale Deadline flyer
- 2. Partners in Faith (March) newsletter

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 Reserviation form
- 4. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Participation form

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Parish Lenten Brochure
- 2. Vacation Bible School
- 3. Eucharistc Adoration Lenten Challenge
- 4. 2024 Car Raffle

Community Flyers:

1. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer

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