From the Principal's Desk



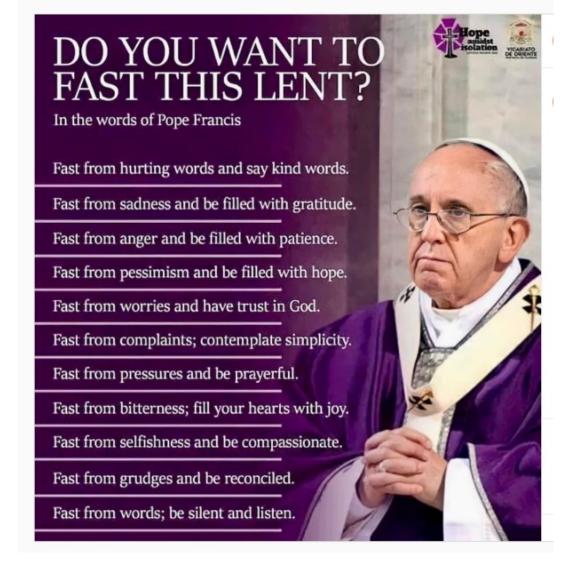
March 3, 2022



Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?



I am sure that many of you have seen the above in some iteration or another online in recent years, but I think it is a great representation of all of the good that can come to us during our Lenten journey. Often we think about the very tangible things to give up - soda, sweets, that extra cup of coffee; but this reminds us of the beautiful ways in which we can give up those traits that are self-destructive to our character and that impact so greatly those around us.

We are launching our school-wide Lenten project. Several of our student organizations (Got Life? Club, Student Council, and National Junior Honor Society) are partnering with Divine Mercy Care to provide Infant Gift Baskets to new mothers.

If your family is looking for a charity to support with your alms giving this Lent, this a wonderful project to support. Might your family give up going out to dinner one weekend and instead donate that money? Might you consider providing opportunities for your children to do extra chores or special projects around the house that you would "pay" them for in order to have the money donated? Might you encourage your children to donate a part of any weekly allowance they may receive? There are any number of ways your family can help support other families in need.

Additional information can be found below and in the "Family Folder" section at the end of the newsletter.



HOLY SPIRIT'S LENTEN PROJECT

SPONSORED BY GOT LIFE, NJHS, AND STUDENT COUNCIL

HELP US COLLECT MONEY FOR MOMS IN NEED!



During Lent our goal is to collect enough money to support moms in need while partnering with Divine Mercy Care. The money raised will go towards creating Infant Gift Baskets.

As a community we will keep track of the amount raised each week.

During this lent also consider praying for Divine Mercy Care patients, doctors, midwives, nurses and staff for protection and wisdom and prayer for the mothers they serve.

Suggestions for ways to "give alms" during Lent:

Skip going out to dinner and donate.

Allow children to do extra chores to earn money

Donate part of your allowance

\$135 in donations allows us to purchase everything needed for one Infant Gift Basket.

Please pray for our 2nd Graders as they receive the Sacrament of Penance this weekend and next. What a beautiful milestone in their faith journey!

The parent portal in PowerSchool closes on Tuesday, March 8th and the 2nd Trimester ends on Friday, March 11th. Report cards will be prepared for distribution on March 18th. A reminder to be sure to enter your PSSC volunteer hours as the next report will be run at the closing of the trimester and letters going out with the report cards.

A reminder that Friday, March 11th is an early dismissal for everyone (Extended Day is open) and Monday, March 14th is no school for the students while the teachers have professional development.

The deadline for applying for tuition assistance for 2022/2023 academic year is Wednesday, March 16th.

The next PTO Spirit Gear Day is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School Presents



Thursday | March 10

Doors Open at 6:30PM Show Begins at 7:00PM

Free Admission & Open to the Public!



It is Christmas in March!!!!

Don't miss this year's Middle School Musical!

**Middle School students who are involved with the Elf Jr Production - Please check your Schoology Elective page for important information regarding costumes and call times.

5K Spirit Run benefiting the Holy Spirit School Resource Department

Saturday, May 21, 2022

IN WORK THERE IS DIGNITY



2022 Holy Spirit 5K SPIRIT RUN

Congratulations to Lucy B on winning this year's t-shirt design contest!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's run on May 21, 2022 right here at Holy Spirit School!

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.

Look for more information soon and keep checking the school website for too!



Please join the Holy Spirit School Community for a

Mass in Celebration of Fathers March 18, 2022 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.

Stock and Investment Club

Open to any Middle School Students

Where: In Middle School Science Lab

When: Meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month from 3:30 - 4:15pm

What is covered:

- Savings and Investment basics focusing on the "Long View" (stocks, bonds, funds, savings accounts, checking accounts, and putting earned income in Roth IRAs to reduce future taxes and eliminate mandatory drawdowns)
- Basic stock analysis
- The Club will create a paper trading account to model investments in a brokerage account
 modeling and tracking potential investment returns

Upcoming meeting calendar dates:

- March 4 & 18
- April 1 & 15
- May 6 & 20
- June 3



It's Recorder Time!!

All students in 3rd & 4th Grade will need to bring a soprano recorder, a two pocket folder and a pencil to school for music class starting in Trimester 3!

Your first day of recorder will be: 3rd Grade:

3C- Tuesday, March 15 **3M**- Monday, March 21

4th Grade:

4L- Thursday, March 17

4R- Friday, March 18

Where to Get a Recorder: The recommended brand is Yamaha, which you can find at the following locations:

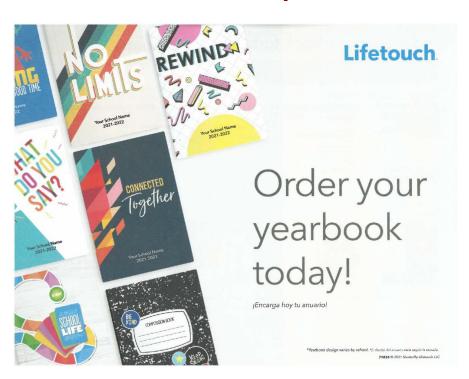
Music and Arts Center- Locations include Springfield, Oakton, Burke, Mclean and more. Please visit musicarts.com for inquiries.

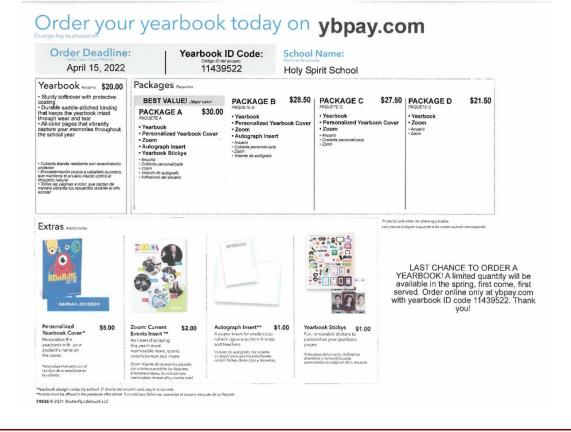
Twinbrooke Music- Located in the Twinbrooke Shopping Center. Please visit Themusicstores.com for inquiries.

Amazon.com- Search "Yamaha soprano recorder."

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Toussaint. atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? Order deadline is April 15, 2022







Hello, Holy Spirit Families! The information keeps coming!

Features:

PTO Board: Please continue to think about serving the school as a member of the PTO! If you are interested please sign up at <u>PTO Executive Board Nominations 2022/2023 (google.com)</u> or contact the PTO President at ptopresident@holyspiritflames.org.

Volunteer Coordinator Contact: If you see an event that you are interested in participating, please send inquires to Mary Sonnen -<u>PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org</u> to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

2022 Talent Showcase Dinner & Dance: Tickets are now on sale for the dinner and show. Please see the attached flyer and reserve your spot early. Space is limited and tickets sell out fast. Any questions, please contact Joe Terpenning via iterpenning@infinitetech.org

2022 Annual Talent Showcase Art Show: Now accepting submissions. Please review the flyer below and submit your piece to Ms. Liss by April 4.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser: It's a great time to make sure your children's belongings aren't nameless and living in the lost and found! Order some new name labels through the **MabelsLabels.com** fundraiser. Holy Spirit School will receive 20% of each order, and the lost and found will thank you! See attached flyer for details.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

 Several Dates – Connect1.io Training Session (see information below and sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4badab2da1f94-connect1io)

March 26 – Spring Fundraiser 12:00-3:00 PM

March 31 – Science FairApril 9 – Talent Show

April 24 — Out of the Bubble Bakery Fundraiser

April 30 – Spring Fling

May 1 – May 7 – Teachers Appreciation Week

May 14 – Field Day

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels: https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/

Amazon Smile: https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F; look for

Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Questions: kosborne1023@yahoo.com)

BoxTops: Download App, scan your receipt; Referral code: A7RD91XB

Amplifying Information:

Talent Show Auditions The Talent Show will be on April 9, 2022, and the PTO is looking for singers, actors, jugglers, magicians, musicians, comedians, dancers, and clowns - to name a few. Please see attached sign-up form due on February 16th. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with the show, please contact Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinitetech.org.

Science Fair Judges are needed to interview students and score projects. Judging will take place from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 31st in the gym. A catered lunch will be served. If you would like to help, please contact Laura Laclede at SCIENCEFAIR@HOLYSPIRITFLAMES.ORG

Talent Showcase!!!

See the links below in the Family Folder section for sign ups to volunteer

Holy Spirit School's Talent Showcase

Dinner & Dance



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

RESERVATION FORM



TAIENT * 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

Seared 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 Broccoli - Cake - Beverages

adult meals (\$18.00 ea) _____ (indicate quantity) # student meals (\$8.00 ea) _____ __ (indicate quantity) ____ (indicate quantity) Under 4 (free) Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _ retum form and payment (check made out to Holy spirit PTO) by April 14 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 6 Tucker

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



Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Show Case & Dance



Saturday, April 9th, 2022

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!!

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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 limit submissions to one work per person.

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

Deadline for submission: March 29th. Please submit all works to Mrs. Liss by April 4th.

NAME_ grade/teacher_



Type of work:



Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase



When: April 9, 2022



WENED VOLUNTERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! We are currently planning a live event and need a lot of help. All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Jobs and openings may change if the event format changes. Updates to the signup and notifications will be sent as they become available. Please

click the signup link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A9A92EA31-holy9



Connect 1 School Engagement App

Make Community Engagement SIMPLE, FUN, and Full of HEART





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- 1. Volunteering
- 2. Community Directory and Talent Center
- Prayer Board



Volunteering



- Secure and Only Accessible by School Community
- ✓ Digital Volunteering Board with all Events in One Place
- ✓ Talent Linking to Volunteer Roles
- ✓ Track Virtus Training Status for Volunteers
- ✓ Define Volunteer Points NO MORE HOURS TRACKING
- ✓ Gaming Earn Points, Advance in Levels, Attain Status
- New Award Center to Recognize Volunteers

Community Directory and Talent Center

- ✓ Community Contact Information at Your Fingertips
- ✓ Easily Filter by Grade, Teacher, Talent or More
- ✓ NewTalent Center See Talents / Skills of Parents
- ✓ Automatically Get Directions Through Google Maps
- ✓ Separate Faculty vs. Family Contact Pages



Prayer Board



- Saint Avatars to Represent Your Family in the App
- ✓ Request Prayers from Your Community
- ✓ See Prayers of Community on "Prayer Board"
- ✓ Answer Prayers with a Single Click
- ✓ Gaming Achieve Increasing Status to Sainthood by Answering More Prayers

Visit www.connect1.io or download the app by searching for "Connect1 Mobile" in your AppStore or PlayStore

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoorindator@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.



COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - COVID-19 Community Level: **Low** Last updated 2/24/2022

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): ${\bf 0}$

Time period: February 25 - March 3, 2022

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

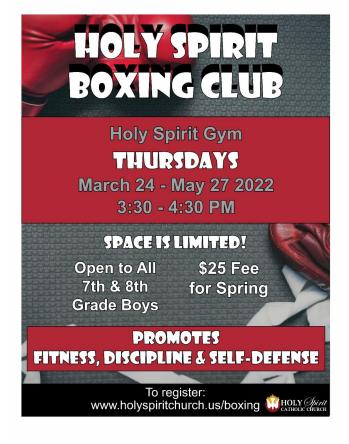
Fever (100.0F) or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

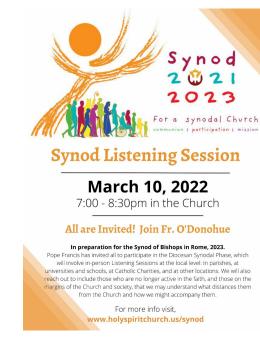
If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

Parish Happenings!









This Lent, try a new approach to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

he Walking with Purpose Group (Catholic women's Bible oudy group) of our parish invites you to ADD SILENCE to and UBTRACT NOISE from your daily life for forty days. In additio

SUBTRACT NOISE from your daily life for forty days. In addition to whatever traditional practices you consider this Lent, try turning off your TV, radio, podacas, video game, cell phone, or other device for a set amount of time every day. Obviously, this a great time to talk and listen to God. too.

Cut this out and put it on your fridge or desk as a reminder!

My Lenten Commitment:

I will add ___ minutes of silence to my day, every day, during Len by subtracting __ minutes of the following from my day:

'There is one great question: how can man really be in the image of God? He must enter into silence." —Cardinal Robert Sarah







Community Happenings!





FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "March 3, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- 1. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer flyer
- 2. PTO Talent Showcase Ticket Reservation flyer
- 3. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show flyer
- 4. PTO Connect One App flyer
- 5. Mabels Labels fundraiser flyer
- 6. Yearbook Order Form flyer
- 7. Father's Day Mass flyer
- 8. Recorder Information flyer
- 9. Stock and Investment Club flyer
- 10. PSA Soccer flyer
- 11. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Car Raffle flyer
- 2. Men's Retreat flyer
- 3. Boxing Club flyer
- 4. Silent Lent flyer
- 5. Synod Listening Session flyer
- 6. That Man is You flyer
- 7. Mulch Sale flyer

Community Flyers:

1. John Paul the Great Spring Open House flyer