# From the Principal's Desk



March 7, 2024



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

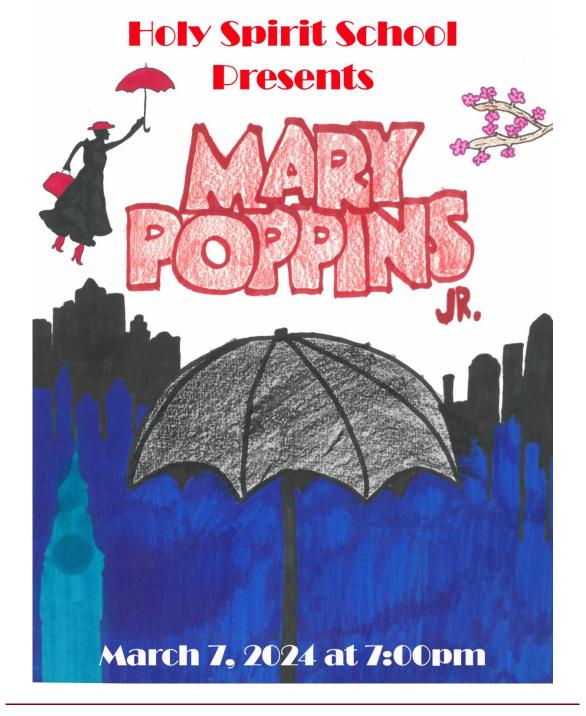
# From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere." - Dr. Seuss

Add to that a "spoonful of sugar" and that about sums up our week!

The Prek - Grade 5 students had fun with all of the Dr. Suess activities! Thank you to Mrs. Guthrie and her team for putting all of that together and to all of the parents who came in to volunteer.

This morning the Middle School students entertained everyone with their production of Mary Poppins, Jr. A HUGE congratulations to all of the students who contributed their talents to the show. And of course we are so grateful for the creativity and passion that Ms. Sanborn, Mrs. Liss, and Mr. Lazaruk bring to their teaching as they mentored the students through it all.

If you have a chance, all are welcome to attend this evening's 7:00pm performance!



The 2nd Trimester officially closed today. It is hard to believe we are in the last third of the academic year! Report cards for T2 for grades kindergarten through 8 will go home on March 15. Included will be the NWEA Winter testing scores for grades 3-7.

The Student Council is sponsoring a mini Spirit Week, March 13 - 15th - see the flyer below.

A reminder that FACTS applications for tuition assistance for the 24/25 academic year are due March 13th.

The next PTO Spirit Gear Day is scheduled for March 21st. This will NOT apply to the 7th and 8th grade students who will participate in the annual Science Fair that day.

In addition to wearing your Spirit Gear - we will also celebrate National Down Syndrome Awareness Day on March 21st by wearing our craziest socks!

Our annual Father's Day Mass will be held on 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.

Beginning this week and extending over the next two, students are having the opportunity to participate in Stations of the Cross and go to Confession. These are both wonderful opportunities for families to share during this season of Lent. The Holy Spirit Parish has a tremendous number of opportunities for prayer over the next several weeks - be sure to look at the church calendar.

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.



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? Did you start a project that you have been putting off? And did you do it without complaining or crumbling? What a great learning opportunity for our children as we teach them that procrastination can sometimes be worse than just "getting it done!" And that although we may not want to have to complete a waiting project, that we are often better off for having completed it.





March 13-15

Wednesday: FUTURE DAY!!

Dress as your future dream job!



Thursday: PEP RALLY!!!!

Dress down in red and black gear!



Friday: Early ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Wear your regular uniform and green accessories!



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# 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 hildren are welcome to meet us there. If Dads are unable to ttend, children are welcome to invite uncles, big brothers, or nother special guest. If students will not have a guest that ay, we will be glad to receive the children at the regular 8:00 chool time. Receptions will follow mass in your children's lassrooms.



# 2024 5K Spirit Run

# Why We Race

This will be our 9th year holding the 5k Spirit Run. We hold this race 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 by leading school activities, after-school programs, and volunteer opportunities for our middle school students.

There are many ways to support the 5K and our contributions to the Holy Spirit School Community.

- Register for the 5K register early to save \$5 per registration
- Become a business sponsor or pass along our sponsorship form
- Buy a 2004 t-shirt from our race website "Store"
- Volunteer for the morning or come cheer on the runners and walkers
- Like us on our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Holyspiritschoolspiritrun/">https://www.facebook.com/Holyspiritschoolspiritrun/</a>

By supporting the 5K Spirit Run you are saying that you support a Catholic inclusive education for all students.

"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."

Pope Benedict XVI

Sincerely,

Sue Gibbons, Race Director sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org

Click Here to Register!

Race Sponsorship Information



# **NEW! March's Partners in Faith Newsletter!**





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

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Holy Spirit School

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18	19	20	21	22 St. Peter's Chair	23	24
"Bury the Allekiah." Write the word, "afelkiah," on a piece of seper. Put it in a bag and bury it in the ground until Easter.	Resolve to only use kind words today	Pick a person or situation in the news and pray for them at dimer.	Put out an empty "Donations" box. Fill it with unused clothes or toys in good condition throughout Lent.	Offer extra prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.	Attend a Stations of the Cross service or pray through the Stations together at home. Find them here: www.uscob.org.	Set out a "Lenten good deed jar and add a jelly bean every time someone does a good deed. Enjoy at Easter.
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After Mass, stay and light a candle for someone who passed away recently.	At dinner, have everyone name one thing for which they're grantial.	Check out Catholic Relief Services and see if you can help support any of their projects at https://www.ors.org.	Practice patience a-much- needed form of almogiving.	Enjoy pretzels — a traditional Lenten snack because they were originally shaped into crossed 'prayer' arms.	Attend daily Mass together or make time later today to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.	Pray a family Rosary together in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart.
3 After Mess, go over the homily with children. Discuss practical ways to "clean the temple" of your hearts.	4 Stop by the parish office and ask. If there are any spooning events you can solunteer to help with.	5 Encourage children to give up a favorite toy or game – just for today just for God.	6 Tonight, have everyone think of sorreone they don't get along with and share three good things about them.	Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together for souls in need. See details here: www. thedwinervercy.org.	Attend a parish fish try logather.	9 Show Jesus you're trustworthy and work on a project you've been putting off.
10 Lacture Sunday  Go out for a small treat to celebrate the midpoint of Lent.	11 Encourage everyone to refresh any Lenten committents.	12 Look for eigns of God's love and presence today. Have everyone share two of them at dinner.	Prepare souls for Easterf Do an examination of conscience, using the Ten Consmendments or Eight Beetitudes as a guide.	14 Encourage everyone to do an exito chore-and offer it for the couls in Purgatory.	15 Family Night  Take the phone off the hook and turn off the TV. Play board games and spend time together.	16 Go to Confession as a family and experience God's mercy.
17	18	19 St. Joseph's Day	20	21	22	23
Offer special prayers for catechists and anyone else who teaches the Faith.	Go for a walk together and look for signs of Spring.	Today is a solemnity! See if your parish has a "St. Joseph's Table" or only pastries at home to calebrate.	Holy Whek and Easter are busy times for parishes. Offer prayers for the pricets and perish staff.	Bring your donations box to its destination.	Here a some fast from recreational use; from noon to 3, honoring the time Josus hung on the Cross.	The King is coming! Tidy up the house to prepare for the holiest week of the year.
24 Palm Sunday Display pain branches – signs of victory – around the images of Jassas in your home to mark the start of Holy Week.	25 At dimer, offer extra prayers for everyone coming into the Church at Easter.	26 Go on a water fast today. Drink only water and proxy for those for whom accessible chinking water is difficult.	27 Get up 15 minutes early to pray as a family.	28 Holy Thursday Atland a Holy Thursday liurgy or reed John 13:1-11. What would you say if Jeaus offered to week your feet?	29 Good Friday  Pray the Stations of the Cross logether, recalling Jesus' greatest act of love for us.	30 Holy Saturday Light a cardle and renew your baptisms yows together as a family.

# -Maureen Ashby

# **Principal**



# **Upcoming PTO Events**

# Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Used Uniform Sale 2:30pm – 5:00pm

See Volunteer Opportunities and flier below for more information.

# Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

PSSC Reports to be sent home with report cards

# Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

PTO Meeting 6:30 – 7:30pm in person and via Zoom

Meeting ID: 895 9844 5225 Passcode: 268985

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

# Thursday, March 21st

Middle School Science Fair 12:00pm – 3:00pm in the Gym

Judges are needed! See Volunteer Opportunities and flier below for more information.

# 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<sup>th</sup>** 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>

### **Used Uniform Sale**

Our Spring Used Uniform Sale is now on the calendar for **Wednesday, March 13th**. The sale will run in its entirety from 2:30 to 5:00. If you would like to help, please sign up for one or more slots. Earn some hours while getting a great deal!

Questions? Contact Melanie Bennett melanieannebennett@gmail.com

### March PTO Meeting - Zoom and In-person option

Join us at the school or via Zoom on March 19th 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. Connect1 sign up will be posted soon. For meeting details and to earn PSSC points for attending, please be sure to sign up.

Questions? Contact Kristyn Poreba PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.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 <u>Connect1</u> for all opportunities available.

Questions? Contact Joe Terpenning <a href="mailto:iterpenning@infinitetech.org">iterpenning@infinitetech.org</a>

## **Science Fair Judges**

Still looking to complete your service hours? Then please consider judging the middle school science fair. The event will take place on Thursday March 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in the school gym (with an 11:00 am optional project preview). No special math or science experience is required. You will earn 4 hours toward your school service commitment. Lunch will also be provided. You do not need to be child protection compliant to participate. If interested, please SIGN UP NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> as judges will be assigned to projects on this day. See <u>Connect1</u> to sign up.

Questions? Contact Laura Laclede sciencefair@holyspiritschool.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 SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Wednesday, March 6, 2024

ALL DAY, DINE IN OR CARRYOUT
BRING IN THIS FLYER, SHOW US ON
YOUR SMART PHONE, OR TELL US YOUR SUPPORTING
THE CAUSE TO MAKE SURE THAT PROCEEDS WILL BE
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Come and support the PTO as you score some gently used Holy Spirit uniform pieces for the remainder of the 2024 school year and beyond!

We will hold the Spring Used Uniform Sale on March 13 from 2:30 to 5:00. Our intention is to invite you to shop while parked in vanpool and carline before the end of the day. If you cannot make it that early, then we will be set up until 5:00 for your shopping needs. Come at your convenience.

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room (please use the side door entrance)

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

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

\*\*\*\*WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for March 13 if you'd like to earn early shopping privileges and/or to obtain extra volunteer hours. Please see Connect 1 to sign up for setup/customer service/cleanup etc.

ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALES ON AN ON-GOING BASIS!!!

DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS, SCHOOL SHOES, OR SPIRIT WEAR THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!

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

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!** 

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

### Important Details-

- Coming Soon: please see Connect 1 to volunteer
- . Enter and exit through the side door (directly into the Quinn Room)
- Plan ahead bring a list of items and sizes needed

**Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!** 

# We Need Science Fair Judges!

No STEM experience necessary!

Judging will take place on Thursday, March 21st from 12:00 to 3:00 pm in the gym. Lunch will be served. VIRTUS training is not required.

Please sign up through Connect1.

# Questions?

Please contact <u>Laura Laclede</u> at <u>sciencefair@holyspiritflames.org</u>



# 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 funfilled 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 loe Terpenning (jterpenning@infinitetech.org) with questions and training.



# 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**

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

Name:		
# adult meals (\$22.50 ea) _	# student meals (\$12.50 ea)	
Under 4 (free)	Total Amount Enclosed: \$	_ 3

\*\*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 (<u>iterpenning@infinitetech.org</u>)





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.

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

NAME	*
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# PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
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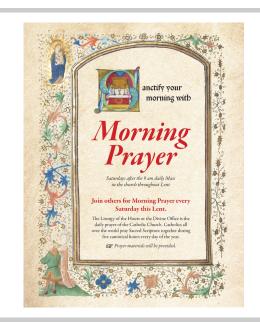
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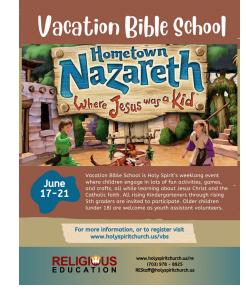
Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in order to perform recess duty and to volunteer for activities where students are present.

# Parish Happenings!

















# **Community Happenings!**









# **FAMILY FOLDER**

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "March 7, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

# School Flyers:

- 1. Diocesan Tuition Assistance Programs Overview
- 2. Yearbook Sale flyer
- 3. Fathers Day Mass flyer
- 4. Mini-Spirit Week flyer
- 5. Partners in Faith (March) newsletter
- 6. Family Lent Calendar

# 5K Spirit Run

1. Sponsorship Information

# PTO Flyers:

- 1. PTO Fundraiser at Spartans
- 2. Science Fair Judges
- 3. PTO Talentshow Sign Up
- 4. PTO Talentshow Volunteer flyer
- 5. Used Uniform Sale flyer
- 6. PTO Talent Showcase Reserviation form
- 7. PTO Talent Showcase Art Show Participation form

# Parish Flyers:

- 1. Parish Lenten Brochure
- 2. Lenton Soup Suppers
- 3. 2024 Women's Conference
- 4. Vacation Bible School
- 5. Bedding for Babies Collection
- 6. Morning Pray during Lent flyer
- 7. Eucharistc Adoration Lenten Challenge
- 8. 2024 Car Raffle
- 9. Lenten Food Drive

# Community Flyers:

- 1. Diocesan Job Fair flyer
- 2. John Paul the Great Open House flyer
- 3. BI's production of Into the Woods flyer

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