From the Principal's Desk



May 18, 2023



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

Quite possibly the BEST day of the year!

Tomorrow is FIELD DAY! And, yes, it is quite possibly the BEST day of the year!

A tremendous thank you to Coach Gregas, Mrs. Driscoll, Ms. Mulhern, and Mrs. Howard for all of the work that has already been done to prepare for this annual event.

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to assist in some capacity or another - this is a true team event!

And thank you, in advance, to the 8th grade students for running the games and helping to keep the spirit high throughout the day.

For those unfamiliar with our Field Day event, the school is divided into two large teams FLAMES and SPIRIT, and then within each of those there are smaller teams who compete together throughout the morning. Throughout the events, the 8th grade students will be scoring teams as they come through their station on sportsmanship and team spirit. At the end of the day, an overall spirit winner will be announced.

A few reminders from the Field Day PTO Committee:

Field Day T-Shirts will be distributed to students (Kindergarten – † grade) on Field Day morning in their homerooms. Pre-K does not participate in Field Day except for pizza lunch and ice cream sandwiches.

Students should wear their gym uniforms and comfortable running shoes. Keep in mind they may get wet and dirty.

Students may bring **labeled** hats and sunglasses.

We will have water stations and cups. However, students may bring appropriately sized, labeled water bottles. Please do not bring any other drinks besides water, as they may attract bees.

Apply sunscreen to your students **before they come to school!** Sunscreen containers are not allowed at school.

Please ensure that your children eat an appropriate breakfast to prepare them for a day of physical activity.

Food: We will provide popsicles during morning break, Domino's Pizza and water for lunch, and ice cream sandwiches during the afternoon. Students who are allergic to any of these items should bring their own snacks/lunches.

Medical Conditions: In the event that any children are currently suffering from some type of temporary physical disability or injury, or are currently wearing or using any assistive device, they will not compete in Field Day for their safety. Other accommodations will be made for these students. For those who suffer from allergies, please take into consideration that we will be outside most of the day.

Field Day goes on rain or shine (hopefully shine)! We're looking forward to a day of fun!

Let the games begin!

Congratulations all around!!

National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the most recent inductees to the Holy Spirit Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

The NJHS is based on the pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. The newest inductees have already shown themselves to be scholars and servant-leaders and we look forward to watching them continue to grow during their middle school years.

Thank you to this year's NJHS officers for all of their leadership.

President - Andi T.
Vice President - Martine G.
Secretary - Ashley D.
Treasurer - Monica B.
Historian - Emma N.

Student Council

Thank you, as well to the officers of the Student Council who have led their team of representatives well throughout the year and speerheaded great activities for the school community.

President - Brendan B. Vice President - Maeve M. Secretary - Angelica T. Treasurer - Colman F.

Congratulations to the newest slate of Student Council officers. I am sure they will lead the student body well during the 2023/2024 academic year.

President - Angelica T. Vice President - Leah E. Secretary - Annie P. Treasurer - Leandra S.

Battle of the Books

Congratulations, as well to the members of our Battle of the Books team who competed in the annual Diocesan competition yesterday.

The members of the team read 15 books over the course of the year and then competed in a series of question and answer rounds on a variety of topics and themes from the books against teams from across the Diocese. It takes a lot of quick thinking and perserverance to excel in this arena and our 5th and 6th graders represented our school so very well!

A job well done and a round of applause to:

Bellatrix D.

Leah E. Andrew L.

Nora A.

Lucy B.

Becket C.

Parker C.

Joseph H.

Annie P.

Betsy T.

Nico V.

Ready to Run?

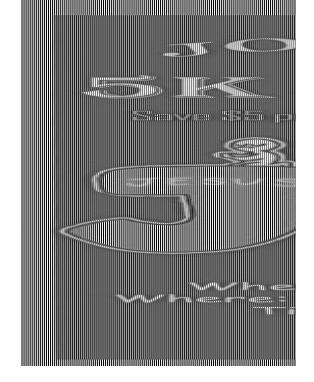
There are conflicting forecasts for Saturday's weather, but we are #holyspiritstrong and we will all join as a community and experience the 2023 5K Spirit Run together!

This is the best year of registrations in our 8

years of hosting this 5K! Thank you for registering! I had to raise the cap for the 5K so even if you registered for the Virtual 5K, just come Saturday morning, rain or shine!

Packet pick-up will start on Friday at 2:00 and will continue until 6:00 p.m. in front of the school.

We will continue packet pick up at 7:00 am on Saturday morning. We hope to start the 5K right at 8:00 a.m., so please allow enough time to warm up.



Holy Spirit Virtual Art Show 2023



When: Monday May 22nd-May 26th Link will be posted on Schoology pages

Where to view: Visit your child's Power learning page for Art and social media.

It's right around the corner!



May 24, 2023

6, 7, 8th Grades 11:15-12:00 3, 4, 5th Grades 11:50-12:35 K, 1st, 2nd Grades 12:25-1:10

Prek - watch for information from your teacher as to the time

Students should bring a bag lunch and a towel/blanket on which to sit. We will eat on the parish lawn and enjoy the great outdoors!

Parents are highly encouraged to join us!

Please do not forget there is NO hot lunch served this day.



Yup....2023/2024 School Supply Ordering!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INFORMATION

It's guaranteed to save you money, time and the hassle of finding that correct item!

These kits match our school requirements for each grade.

Grade Level 2023-2024	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$93.00
Kindergarten	\$110.00
Grade 1	\$79.00
Grade 2	\$68.00
Grade 3	\$82.00
Grade 4	\$107.00
Grade 5	\$84.00
Grade 6 & New Middle School	\$101.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$96.00

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

Order Securely Online

Starting Now through June 25th!

- 1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
- 2. Enter the school ID, HOL134 (3 letters/3 numbers)
- 3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
- 4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

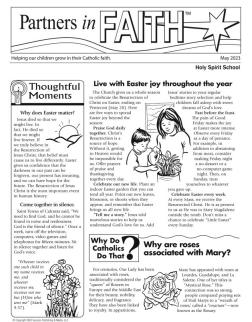
Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Supply kits will be delivered to the school and available at open house.

For questions, please contact the school office at 703.978.7117

Teacher Approved • No Crowds • No Guesswork • School-Year Product Quality Guarantee

Click here for the complete supply list



Lunch on the Lawn is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th. Come spend lunch time with your kiddos (details on lunch times are below) and listen to our fabulous band under the direction of Dr. Howell. Remember there is NO hot lunch on this day.

Friday, May 26th is a half day with NO afternoon Extended Day as we head into the Memorial Day weekend. And Monday, May 29th is a NO school day for everyone.

The parent portal closes on Friday, May 26th as we prepare for final exams for the middle school students and end of year report cards.

As we near the closing of the academic year, please be certain that all financial obligations to the school have been satisfied including tuition, Morning Care, Extended Day, library fines, lost/damaged textbook fines, etc. Now would be a great time to double and triple check your PSSC hours to be sure you are on track for completion.

Reports cards and transcripts for students matriculating away from Holy Spirit School will not be provided if a family has any sort of outstanding obligation to the school.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Upcoming Events:

May 20th - Out of the Bubble Fundraiser. See flyer below. 9:00am-6:00pm

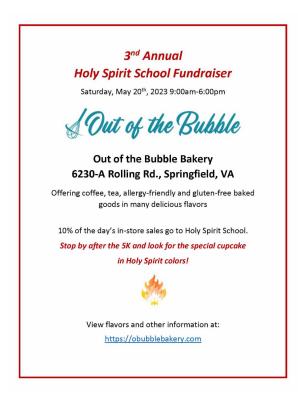
Next PTO Meeting: 20th, 6:30 pm. This meeting can be found at the following link (more information to follow):

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723? pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09 Meeting ID: 821 0184 5095 Passcode: 896019

Connect1:

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at <u>PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org</u> or visit

https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp





President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Vice President - Trevor Lowing - <u>PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - <u>PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Secretary - Lee Conroy - <u>PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org</u>

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - <u>PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - <u>PTOVPDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - <u>PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org</u>

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!



MSYM BOOTCAMP

July 24-28 8:30-2:30 AM

ALL RISING 6TH - 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!

Join us to participate in the sacraments, learn about our faith, and of course have some fun!



Cost: \$100 for the week including all lunches, snacks, work supplies, and the adventure day!

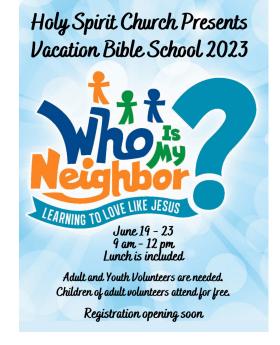
LIMITED SPOTS AVAIABLE SO SIGN UP SOON!

Information and Sign up can be found at: https://holyspiritchurch.us/category/middle-school-youth-ministry/











Jesus!

Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 11922 Wishes Holy Spirit's Priests, Deacons, and Parishioners Happy Easter And a Joyful Easter Season!



siness/Social Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month 8PM Planning Meeting 3st Tuesday of the Month 8PM Rosary before meetings start time 7:40PM Holy Spirit School Quinn Room



Mark your Calendars | Save the Date

Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance

May 20, 2023 | 6:30 PM Start | Holy Spirit Cafeteria and Gym

K of C Holy Spirit Council Thanks Holy Spirit Parish for over 25 years of Support, especially Charter GK Chuck Bennett and charter members

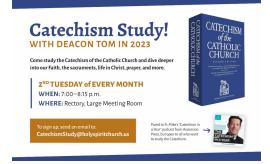
Everyone is welcome to join this celebration with Dinner and Dancing.

Brother Knight & DJ Deacon Malcom will be leading the dance in the gym.

RSVP (required by May 10): \$25/person 12 and up, \$12 kids 5-12, Kids 0-4 free Family Max \$100, Price includes Dinner, Drinks, Dessert, and Dancing. To RSVP email GK Tom at Knights@HolvSpiritChurch.us

Make checks payable to K of C Holy Spirit Council #11922 and mail check to: K of C Holy Spirit Council, P.O. Box 225, Burke, VA 22009





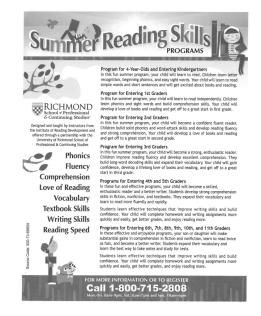




Community Happenings!









FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 18, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Lunch on the Lawn flyer
- 2. PTO Bakery Fundraiser flyer
- 3. Partners in Faith (May) newsletter
- 4. EPI School Supply Ordering Program
- 5. School Supply List for 2023/2024

Parish Flyers:

- 1. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp
- 2. Pentecost Novena
- 3. Vacation Bible School flyer
- 4. Knights of Columbus Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance
- 5. College Nights
- 6. Retired Diocesan Priests
- 7. Euchartistic Adoration
- 8. Our Lady of Fatima presentation
- 9. Cateschism in a Year
- 10. Memorial Day Mass flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. BI Summer Camps flyers
- 2. Summer Reading Skills program flyer
- 3. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer