



May 25, 2023



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

**"The course of true love never did
run smooth."**





A Midsummer Night's Dream

A HUGE congratulations to the 8th grade on their adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream!

As a part of the Diocesan Shakespeare festival, classes from around the Diocese put together performances and are invited to St. Paul VI High School to perform for other schools and to receive feedback from folks in the theatre department.

This performance, as well as opportunities in the middle school musical have helped launch many of our student into high school theater programs with great success.

Thank you to Mrs. Slifko and Mr. Gordon for all of the time and effort that was put into the production - we so enjoyed getting to see the dress rehearsal. There were so many laugh-out-loud scenes and the performances across the board were just so well done.

5K Spirit Run Wrap-Up!



A Joyful Morning!

Our 8th Annual 5K Spirit Run was a huge success! We had 330 registrations (the most ever) and on Saturday 219 runners, walkers, and strollers crossed the finish line. The overall winner finished at 17:05!

We want to thank Commonwealth Timing for keeping track of finishing times. If you want to check the results please go to <https://www.commonwealthtiming.net/>. There are also photos of the finish line posted there.

Saturday's success was truly a community effort. Thank you to Mrs. Nguyen and Mrs. Stitch for taking photos of the morning. Thank you to Father O'Donohue for all you do to support our 5K; Meredith from Fitness Together who made sure we all stretched; all our volunteers, participants, sponsors, on-line donors, registrants, teachers, school staff, church and our office administration, and our Resource Team! Thank you to Mrs. Bush's class who had the most registrations so they will win the afternoon with Father O'Donohue!

Mrs. Ashby was so happy with the turnout that she is going to let students and staff wear their 5K Race Shirt on Thursday, June 1st. (students should wear their regular uniform "bottom") We have some extra shirts in limited adult and children sizes to purchase for \$5. Sizes are limited, but we will try to get you a size as close as we can. Please email Sue Gibbons at sgibbons@holyspiritflames.org if you are interested.

May God Bless our Holy Spirit School Community. See you next year!

Lunch on the Lawn

Thank you to everyone for being a part of our Lunch on the Lawn tradition! We could not have asked for nicer weather!

The band was phenomenal and the 3rd grade state float parade was not to be missed!





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.

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



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HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INFORMATION

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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
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Thoughtful Moments

Why does Easter matter?
Jesus died so that we might live. In fact, He died so that we might live forever. If we truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that belief must cause us to live differently. Easter gives us confidence that the darkness in our past can be forgiven, our present has meaning, and we can have hope for the future. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history.

Come together in silence.
Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." Once a week, turn off the television, computers, video games and telephones for fifteen minutes. Sit in silence together and listen for God's voice.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but (Him) who sent me" (Mark 9:37).



Live with Easter joy throughout the year

The Church gives us a whole season to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter, ending on Pentecost (May 28). Here are five ways to spread Easter joy beyond the season.

Praise God daily together. Christ's Resurrection is a source of hope. Without it, getting to Heaven would be impossible for us. Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving together every day.

Celebrate our new life. Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Point out new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us all new life.

Tell me a story! Jesus told marvelous stories to help us understand God's love for us. Add

Jesus' stories to your regular bedtime story selection and help children fall asleep with sweet dreams of God's love.

Fast before the feast. The pain of Good Friday makes the joy at Easter more intense. Observe every Friday as a day of penance. For example, in addition to abstaining from meat, consider making Friday night a no-dessert or a no-computer game night. Then, on Sunday, treat yourselves to whatever you gave up.

Celebrate Easter every week. At every Mass, we receive the Resurrected Christ. He is as present to us as He was to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb. Don't miss a chance to celebrate "Little Easter" every Sunday.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are roses associated with Mary?

For centuries, Our Lady has been associated with roses, traditionally considered the "queen" of flowers in Europe and the Middle East for their beauty, nobility, delicacy, and fragrance. They have also been linked to royalty, in apparitions.

Mary has appeared with roses at Lourdes, Guadalupe, and La Salette. One of her titles is "Mystical Rose." This connection was so strong, people compared praying sets of Hail Marys to a "wreath of roses," called a "rosarium"—now known as the Rosary.



Please remember that tomorrow, 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.

Please keep the 8th graders in your prayers as the end of their journey with us is in sight! On Tuesday, June 6th the 8th grade parents will decorate their cars and we will celebrate their last official pickup with much fanfare and hocking of horns. The 8th grade graduation Mass will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 pm.

The Kindergarten Completion Ceremony will be Thursday, June 8th at 10:00 am. Students will leave with their parents following the ceremony.

Thursday, June 8th is also the last day for the prekindergarten students - this is a half day for ALL prek students and there is no afternoon extended day for them.

The final day for grades 1-7 is Friday, June 9th. This too is a half day dismissal with no afternoon extended day.

I encourage you to please take a look at your PSSC hours. I will be receiving a report from the PTO PSSC Chair on Monday, June 5th of those who have not met their obligation. Please also attend to any other financial obligations which may be outstanding. As textbooks are collected back from students, the teachers will be assessing them for excessive damage. If this happens to be the case with your child, there will be a fine assessed for replacement of the textbook. For the middle school students in particular, if there is damage to their assigned Chromebook or the charging cord or case is missing, that will need to be addressed.

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.

Yearbooks are scheduled to be distributed to the 8th graders on Thursday, June 1st.

Yearbooks are scheduled to be distributed to grades prek - 7 on June 5th.

The Summer Reading list will be posted to the school website next week.

IXL Summer Math work will be in your child's report card envelope.

The school office will be closed on Monday, June 12th for a final faculty/staff meeting of the year.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

Hospitality Committee - **Teacher Luncheon, Wednesday, May 31st** - sign up is posted in Connect1

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?](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

[pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09](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 PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit

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

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteering

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!



We will be participating
in service projects
throughout the
week all ending
with an adventure
day in the Shenandoah!

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

**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
SO SIGN UP SOON!**

Information and Sign up
can be found at:

<https://holyspiritchurch.us/category/middle-school-youth-ministry/>

† Memorial Day Mass †

When: Monday, May 29th

Time: 11:00am

Where: Fairfax Memorial Park
(9900 Braddock Rd)



Community Happenings!

Bishop Ireton High School SUMMER CAMPS

All camp descriptions and more information can be found online at: bishopireton.org/summer-camps

Morning sessions run from 9 am - 12 pm
Afternoon sessions run from 12:30-3:30 pm
Sign up by April 1, 2023 for an early bird discount! Prices go up \$25 per camp session after April 1.

Questions? Contact Camp Director, Kieran Mitchell at: summercamp@bishopireton.org

Early drop off and lunch are available for purchase upon registering for camp.

Registration cancellations will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

Please note that all registrations are non-refundable thirty days from the date camp begins.



ART CAMP

June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
July 24-28 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275

ATHLETIC CONDITIONING

June 20-23 Afternoon Session	\$220
June 26-30 Afternoon Session	\$275
July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
July 10-14 Afternoon Session	\$275
July 17-21 Afternoon Session	\$275

BABYSITTER TRAINING

June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
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BAND CAMP

July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
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BASEBALL CAMP - BOYS

June 26-30 Morning Session	\$275
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BASKETBALL CAMP

June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
July 17-21 Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
June 20-23 Afternoon Session - Girls Camp	\$220
July 5-7 Morning Session - Girls Camp	\$165
July 10-14 Morning and Afternoon Session - Girls Camp	\$275

CHORAL CAMP

July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
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COMPUTER CAMP - PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS

June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275
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Camps are co-ed unless otherwise indicated.

DON'T MISS OUT!

SUMMER CAMPS

AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

Digital Game Development • Sports Management
Creative Writing • Field Hockey
Entrepreneurs • Basketball • Young Debaters
Baseball • Cybersecurity • Band
Volleyball • Web Development
Video Production • Lacrosse • Theatre
Junior Veterinarians ...and more!

bishopoconnell.org/summercamps

Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

Phonics
Fluency
Comprehension
Love of Reading
Vocabulary
Textbook Skills
Writing Skills
Reading Speed

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident, fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders
In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders
In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests.

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Call 1-800-715-2808
Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-1pm and Sun. 10am-5pm



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 25, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- Partners in Faith (May) newsletter

2. EPI School Supply Ordering Program
3. School Supply List for 2023/2024

Parish Flyers:

1. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp
2. Memorial Day Mass flyer

Community Flyers:

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