

May 4, 2023



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

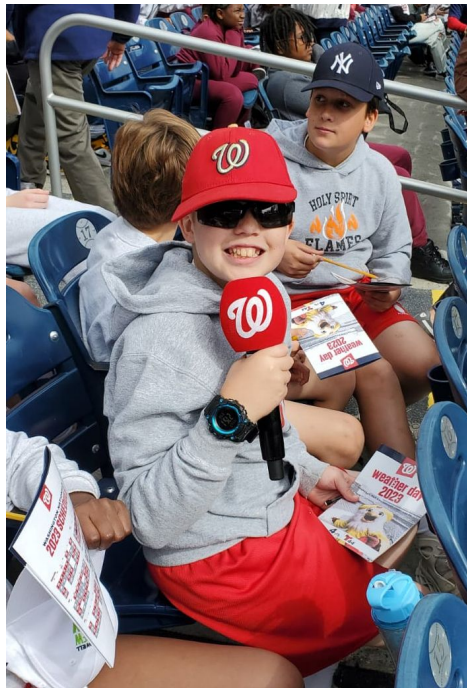
**"Take me out to the ball game..."**



The Middle School students were treated to a day at Nats Park today! The Nationals Baseball organization and NBC4 provided an interactive educational pregame experience for students to learn about the science of weather forecasting and then everyone stayed for day's game versus the Chicago Cubs.

One of our students was chosen for the special honor of assisting with the delivery of the team lineups to the coaches just prior to the first pitch.

Great weather! Great day at the ballpark! Go Nats!



**LIVE on TV!!!**



You can watch a livestream of our News4 programs every day for free on your desktop or mobile device as well as from the NBC Washington app.

**STREAMING NEWS4 SHOWS**

We also have streaming options available for you to use. You can watch News4 programs any time on our 24 hour streaming channel NBC Washington, DC News.

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## Hands on Learning



This week, as well the 6th grade students participated in a workshop on the history behind brass rubbings. The workshop complements their World History studies and students had the opportunity to make their own rubbings too.

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A HUGE "Thank you" to Joe Terpenning, Jennika Kirkbride Frith, and Casey Carney for all of the leg work that they put into this year's PTO Talent Showcase. Your children truly are splendidly talented! The baskets up for auction were great - thank you to everyone who donated items and for those who bid on the items. It was a wonderful night all the way around!

Please keep the 2nd grade students and their families in your prayers as the students joyfully receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th. I am thankful for all of the teaching that Mrs. Epperly and Mrs. Hoagland have done to so well prepare our students.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, May 5th is an early dismissal day (Extended Day is open) for teacher professional development in the afternoon.

Friday, May 12th is our annual Mothers' Day Mass and receptions; see details below. We look forward to seeing everyone!

We will go to Mass on Thursday, May 18th for the Feast of the Ascension (note this is NOT a

Spirit Gear day).

Friday, May 19th is FIELD DAY! Please take a look at the Connect 1 sign up to see where assistance may still be needed. This is a day that takes a tremendous number of parent volunteers to have it run smoothly; not to mention it is a great day of fun. Parents who are here in the morning are also welcome to stay to play volleyball against the 7th graders - a great annual tradition! Look for additional details to come!

Saturday, May 20th is the annual 5K Spirit Run in support of our Resource Department and all of the great work that is done with students across the entirety of our school community. Have you registered?

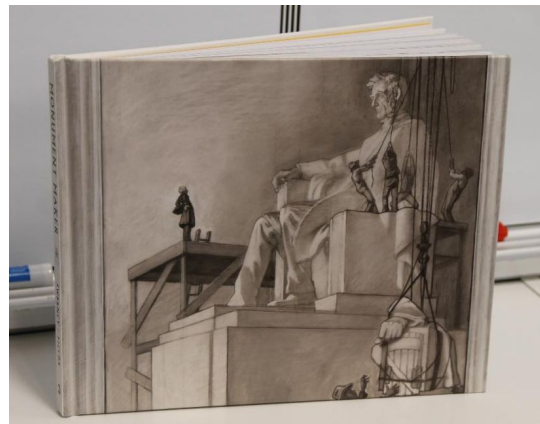
Lunch on the Lawn is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th. Come spend lunch time with your kiddos (details on lunch times are below) and listen to our fabulous band under the direction of Dr. Howell. Remember there is NO hot lunch on this day.

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 student matriculating away from Holy Spirit School will not be provided if a family has any sort of outstanding obligation to the school.



### **Sometimes the right book is all it takes to nurture a child's love of reading**

The library is looking to expand its collection and offerings to students. Parents, if you have picture, chapter, and/or fiction books that your child(ren) no longer reads please consider donating them to the library. I am working to expand our collection and offerings to the students.

Thank you!

Mrs. Coney

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*PLEASE JOIN US!*



Holy Spirit School  
Mother's Day Mass



May 12, 2023  
9:00am

Light refreshments will be served after mass in your children's classrooms.

Students should arrive at school with their guest in time for the 9:00 am Mass in the church. If students will not have a guest that day they are welcome to arrive at school at regular time.

If Moms are unable to come then Grandmas, aunts, or friends are welcome to stand in for you.



*It's right around the corner!*

# Lunch on the Lawn



**May 24, 2023**

6, 7, 8<sup>th</sup> Grades 11:15-12:00

3, 4, 5<sup>th</sup> Grades 11:50-12:35

K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**



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## **5K Spirit Run 2023!!**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Holy Spirit 5K Spirit Run on Saturday May 20th. Volunteer points and/or service hours may be earned by helping out at this exciting event.

[https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/G0gDG\\_C4w](https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/G0gDG_C4w)



Register [HERE](#) for the 5K Spirit Run!

Sponsorship Information Found [HERE!](#)

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



Save Time &amp; Money on School Supply Shopping

Exact pack items &amp; brands customized to your school lists.

## 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](http://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

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Click here for the complete supply list



 **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 (H)im who sent me" (Mark 9:37).*



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**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.

-Maureen Ashby

**Principal**

**Holy Spirit School PTO**



**Upcoming Events:**

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Field Day is coming – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please volunteer and join us in one of the most fun events of the year! Check out [Connect 1](#) for three separate sign-ups -- one for Team Coach (64 Virtus compliant parents needed); one for coolers with waters (one needed for each classroom); and one for an array of other ways to help (there are so many options!) More information will be shared closer to the event. Questions? Email the Field Day Committee at [Jessica.A.Driscoll@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.A.Driscoll@gmail.com)

**Next PTO Meeting: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org) or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Holy Spirit School Fundraiser**

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 9:00am-6:00pm

*Out of the Bubble*

**Out of the Bubble Bakery  
6230-A Rolling Rd., Springfield, VA**

Offering coffee, tea, allergy-friendly and gluten-free baked goods in many delicious flavors

10% of the day's in-store sales go to Holy Spirit School.

***Stop by after the 5K and look for the special cupcake  
in Holy Spirit colors!***



View flavors and other information at:

<https://obubblebakery.com>

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## **PTO Executive Board Nominations**

**Have you thought about serving our school community in a new way? Do you know someone who would make a great Executive Board member?**

**The nomination form for the 23/24 academic year is now open!**

**Deadline for nominations is May 1st.**

[Click here to access Nomination Form](#)

Need a bit more information? Take a look at the PSSC Handbook or contact a current Executive Board member.

## PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - [PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org)

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Secretary - Lee Conroy - [PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org)

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - [PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org)

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - [PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org)

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - [PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOHomeroomCoordinator@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.

# Parish Happenings!

Marian Homes, Inc.

## Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity  
Maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals




**May 6th**  
**10 AM - 12 Noon**  
**Upper Parking Lot**

Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.  
NO newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:  
 [Knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:Knights@holyspiritchurch.us)

*Holy Spirit Church Presents*  
*Vacation Bible School 2023*




**Who Is My Neighbor?**  
LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

*June 19 - 23*  
*9 am - 12 pm*  
*Lunch is included.*

*Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed.*  
*Children of adult volunteers attend for free.*

*Registration opening soon.*


  
**COLLEGE NIGHTS**
  
 Bridging the Gap of Faith

Student testimonials
   
 Peer connections
   
 Small groups sessions

June 28: St. Mark's
   
 July 3: St. Michael's
   
 July 12: Holy Trinity (NEW location!)
   
 July 19: Basilica of St. Mary
   
 July 26: Holy Cross Academy

All rising college freshmen and transfer students may register for FREE at [ASJB.org](http://ASJB.org).
   
 All events begin at 7PM.

Vivat  Jesus!

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


 Business/Social Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month 8PM
   
 Planning Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> 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@HolySpiritChurch.us](mailto:Knights@HolySpiritChurch.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!


  
 2023 D.C. UNITED

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MAY 13 | 7:30 PM


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JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP! EACH TICKET INCLUDES ACCESS TO A FAITH TESTIMONIAL WITH A D.C. UNITED PLAYER AND TEAM CHAPLAIN.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT
   
[HTTPS://FEVO.ME/DCUFAITH23](https://FEVO.ME/DCUFAITH23)
  
 FOR GROUPS OF TEN OR MORE, SCAN THE BARCODE OR EMAIL
   
[SMCGRATH@DCUNITED.COM](mailto:SMCGRATH@DCUNITED.COM)



# Bishop Ireton High School SUMMER CAMPS

All camp descriptions and more information can be found online at [bishopireton.org/summercamps](http://bishopireton.org/summercamps)

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, Keran Mitchell at: [summercamps@bishopireton.org](mailto:summercamps@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 20-21 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
■ July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
■ July 26-28 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275
ATHLETIC CONDITIONING	
■ June 20-21 Afternoon Session	\$220
■ June 26-30 Afternoon Session	\$275
■ July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
■ July 10-14 Afternoon Session	\$275
■ July 27-28 Afternoon Session	\$275
BABYSITTER TRAINING	
■ June 20-21 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
BAND CAMP	
■ July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
BASEBALL CAMP - BOYS	
■ June 26-30 Morning Session	\$275
BASKETBALL CAMP	
■ June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
■ July 5-7 Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$165
■ July 27-28 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
■ June 20-21 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
COMPUTER CAMP - PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS	
■ June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275




Camps are co-ed unless otherwise indicated.

# SUMMER CAMPS

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 Junior Veterinarians ...and more!

[bishopoconnell.org/summercamps](http://bishopoconnell.org/summercamps)



## Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

**Learning to Read 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 get excited about books and reading.

**Reading Skills 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.

**Reading Skills 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, develop reading fluency, and improve comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

**Reading Skills 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.

**Reading and Writing Skills Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders**  
 In these fun single-grade programs, your child will become a skilled, confident reader with strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. They become better writers who can effectively communicate their ideas. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

**Reading and Writing Skills Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Graders**  
 In these single-grade programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction and learn to read twice as fast. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes. They become stronger writers who can effectively communicate their ideas. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and build confidence as a reader.

**College Prep Program for Entering 11th, 12th, and College Freshmen**  
 In this program, students learn the skills they need to succeed in high school and college. Your son or daughter will double reading speed and improve comprehension, recall, and focus. Students become stronger writers and learn effective time management and study strategies that help them complete work efficiently, get better grades, and score higher on exams.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER  
**Call 1-800-715-2808**  
 Mon-Fri, 8am-9pm, Sat, 10am-2pm and Sun, 10am-6pm

Get A Head Start  
 Ask About Our  
 Reading Program!



## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 4, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



### School Flyers:

1. Mothers' Day Mass and Reception flyer
2. Lunch on the Lawn flyer
3. PTO Bakery Fundraiser flyer
4. Partners in Faith (May) newsletter
5. EPI School Supply Ordering Program
6. School Supply List for 2023/2024

Parish Flyers:

1. Vacation Bible School flyer
2. Document Shredding Event flyer
3. Knights of Columbus Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance
4. College Nights

Community Flyers:

1. Porto Charities 1st Annual Advocacy Awards
2. Faith and Family Night at DC United
3. BI Summer Camps flyers
4. Summer Reading Skills program flyer
5. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer