

November 12, 2020



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

**Thank you to all who
serve!**



Although we were not in school yesterday and were unable to manage our traditional Veterans Day ceremony, the Holy Spirit School community thanks all those in our community, including parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents and other family members who have served our country. We would not be the country we are without your service and dedication.

November 12, 2020

Dear Holy Spirit Families,

We have quickly reached the time in the year when I turn attention to the next academic year and the opening of a new enrollment season. This will have its own challenges this year as we have zero indication as to what the next academic year may bring and the restrictions that may or may not be in place.

Typically, we begin the re-registration process for current families in late January; this process is being moved up this year. **We will consider your children to be automatically re-enrolled for the 2021/2022 academic year and the \$100.00 non-refundable re-registration fee per child will be assessed as of January 1, 2021 via FACTS. If you know for certain that your child will not be returning please complete and return the Intent Not to Return prior to leaving for the Christmas break (December 18, 2020).**

For your planning purposes, I am hopeful that we will be able to keep the tuition increase in line with what we have done historically, 3-4%, but the new tuition rates will be posted in the first week or so of December.

As we begin to get a sense of whether our current families will be returning for the 2021/2022 academic year, we will begin to develop a picture of where we may have openings in particular grade levels. As you can well imagine the mandate to physically distance students requires us to limit our enrollment in order to have in-person instruction so we will be walking the fine line of accepting new students while being cognizant that in the long run there may not be space if the mandates are not amended.

We will begin to accept applications from new families this month. We will conditionally accept qualified students up to the traditional 25 spaces per homeroom that we have always done. After that a wait pool of candidates will be created.

Certainly, the intent of this letter is not to create undo stress or complication in an already chaotic time, but I simply wanted to give you an insight into the direction we are going over the coming weeks and months.

Blessings always,

Letter to current families regarding
registration

Intent NOT to Return
Form

A few reminders:

The NJHS will sponsor a **dress down day** on Monday, November 16th. Please see the information below if your child would like to participate.

The next **PTO sponsored SPIRIT DAY** is Thursday, November 19th.

The **1st Trimester will officially end on Tuesday, November 24th**. The Parent Portal for grades will close on November 19th and report cards will go home on Friday, December 4th.

The Thanksgiving break will begin Monday, November 23rd and we will return to school on Monday, November 30th.

When we return from the break, we will have begun the season of **Advent!** Immediately that week we will begin our annual toy drive in support of **Santa's Ride**; please see the flyer below for more information.

Please watch for information in the coming weeks regarding the **K-4 Christmas Program and the 5th grade Nativity Pageant**. We continue to adapt and change how all of that may be presented in order to be mindful of physical distancing and other safety measures.

The weeks leading up to the Christmas break are full of excitement and activity and lots of learning. All of the fun and memories are best when in-person, so I cannot reiterate enough to please be mindful of your choices over the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the sake of the whole community, please consider whether it is wise to send your children directly back to school if you have been traveling. And of course, it is always best to err on the side of caution and keep children at home if they or someone in your home is feeling unwell.

Thank you!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Required Symptom Screening

Questionnaire

We continue to work on an App for the daily health screening. Students must continue to arrive at school each day with a paper copy of the completed form. We are asking for the paper copy for now as trying to manage emails from families at the start of each day is not workable or practical for the staff.

Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire - 8.27.2020

PURPLE DAY - Nov. 16

BRING IN A DOLLAR TO DRESS DOWN
IN PURPLE CLOTHES (MILITARY
FAMILIES). ALL FUNDS WILL BE
DONATED TO THE K9S FOR WARRIORS
TO SUPPORT VETERANS.

PROUD SUPPORTER OF

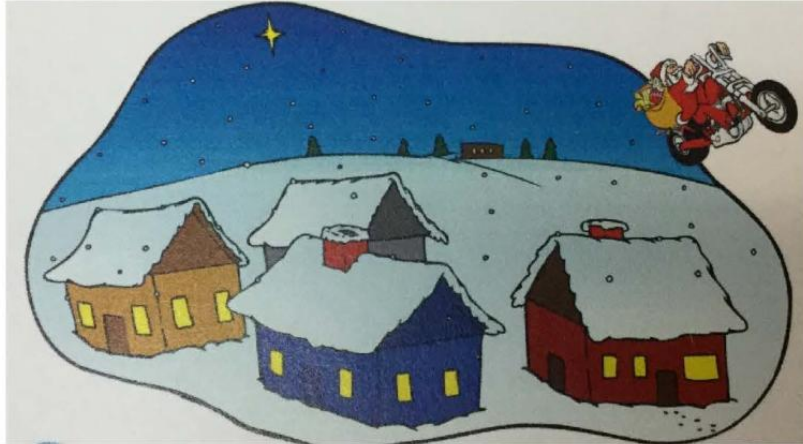


K9S FOR WARRIORS

Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

SANTA'S RIDE

Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children



Monday, November 30th - Friday, December 4th



Make a difference in the lives of the many sick children who are unable to return home for the holidays.

The Fairfax County Police Department motorcycle squad is collaborating with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and others to collect and distribute toys to children at Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center.

Please donate a new, unwrapped toy, game, or book.

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Happenings!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to:

Men's Morning of Recollection

Join other men from Holy Spirit Parish for a morning of spiritual recollection.

Saturday, December 12th
10:00am-12:00pm
Quinn Room
(School Building)

Deepen your faith and prayer life this Advent

- That Man is You at 7:30am
- Mass at 9:00am
- Confessions available at 3:30pm

For details, contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us



Food Drive

Hosted by BSA Troop 50 & Cub Scout Pack 50

Saturday, November 14 9am-12pm

Drive Through Drop Off - the Upper Parking Lot of Holy Spirit Church

5121 Woodland Way, Annandale

All items will be donated to ACCA - Annandale Christian Community for Action



All non-perishable, non-expired food items and items such as toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, and toiletries are welcome

ACCA supports the Annandale community in many ways, including emergency food assistance.

The need is great- please be generous!

ACCA
Annandale Christian Community for Action
A coalition of churches serving those in need

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Catholic Citizenship Youth Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

SUBMISSIONS
OCT.31 - DEC.13

cash prize! \$25

For details,
www.holyspiritchurch.us

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 12, 2020" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Purple Day flyer
2. Santa's Ride Toy Collection flyer
3. Registration Letter for Current Families

4. Intent Not to Return Form

Parish Flyers:

1. Christmas Card 2020 flyer
2. Men's Morning of Reflection flyer
3. Food Collection sponsored by the Scouts flyer
4. K of C Essay Contest

Community Flyers: