

November 18, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Congratulations are in order!



For the first time ever, we had a three-way tie during the finals of the annual Turkey Shoot Out in support of Catholic Charities.

Out of all of the preliminary rounds held during PE class rose the top twelve buddy pairs who faced off in front of the whole school to see who could hit those free throws and amass the greatest number of combined points.

Congratulations to all of the finalist and to our winners.

Grace K and Reilly M
Andi T and Lindon T
Ian Y and Zachary V

These students' names were added to the coveted turkey trophy displayed in the front office.

Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to Catholic Charities.

A little "house keeping" before we head off to the Thanksgiving break!



The "Lost and Found" bins outside of the gym are beginning to fill to the brim with misplaced fleeces, sweatshirts, and jackets. Please be sure that your student's name is on the tag so we may help get items back to their owners. If your child is missing something, have him/her take a look!



A reminder that students are asked to have three "emergency" masks available to them. We have very quickly run through the supplies of hundreds of masks that we had at the school due to the increasing numbers of students who arrive at school without masks or who have masks that become soiled or the strings break during the day and must be replaced and they do not have extras.



VACCINATION

We continue to hear through the "grapevine" that many of our students are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with the school nurse, it may prove helpful if and when there is a need to contact trace in your child's class.



A reminder that the Parent Portal will close this afternoon in order for teachers to prepare report cards. The 1st Trimester ends on November 23rd and report cards will go home on December 3rd.



We appreciate our volunteers!

Be sure to log your PSSC service hours via the form on the school website. Go to the *Quick Links* portions and click on *PSSC Hours*.

The 1st Trimester service hours report will be generated tomorrow, Friday, November 19th.



When we return from break, we will have begun the liturgical season of Advent. This is such an exciting time of year for everyone at Holy Spirit as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. We will begin to decorate our Jesse Trees as we incorporate readings and descriptions of each ornament into daily prayer and we will have the blessing of our Advent wreath.

We have a variety of events to celebrate and participate in during the weeks leading up to Christmas; be sure to check the newsletter for information on the toy drive and annual Giving

Mass, Ugly Sweater Day, etc.

And, of course, please look at the information regarding the K-4 Christmas Musicals and the 5th grade Nativity Pageants.



We are quickly making the turn to registration for the 2022/2023 academic year. Tuition rates for the coming year are being discussed and will be forthcoming; historically rates have increased 3.0 - 3.5%. Additionally, the Diocese is moving to online enrollment (re-registration), so be on the lookout for further information regarding that process when we return in December. The re-registration fee of \$100.00/child will be charged through FACTS in January.

**Families who have additional children who are ready for attendance at Holy Spirit may begin that application process now. If you have questions regarding the process, you may contact Mrs. Laclede (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org).

For those families interested in applying for tuition assistance, the due date is March 16, 2022. (Note that for families with high school students, the application is due January 19, 2022.)

Information for applying for tuition assistance may be found on the school website under the *Quick Links* and then, *Family Resources*.

[Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance](#)

I do hope that all of our families enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving break. For those who are choosing to travel, I wish you safe and healthy travels.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

The members of the PTO board hope that everyone has a safe and blessed Thanksgiving! The upcoming Christmas season is a perfect time for us to say "thank you" to our faculty and staff for their commitment to our children. One way to do this is by giving the folks that work so hard for your children something directly from your family. The PTO recognizes that knowing all the people that make your children's school day special can be a challenge and so, as in years past, we will be collecting money to be equally divided among the faculty and staff and included in their Christmas paycheck. This is a completely voluntary effort, and no family should feel obligated to give any money to this collection. Those that do wish to contribute need to send in their donation by **December 3rd**, to meet the payroll deadline. Checks should be made out to the "Holy Spirit PTO" and can be sent through backpack mail to the school office.

Featured Vacancies:

Christmas Tree Delivery – We have our first delivery on Friday, November 19th at 7:15 am. Come and show your spirit and support by helping unload the trees just before school drop off! Show up a bit early and get some volunteer credit!

The Talent Show – a much anticipated event in the spring. Consider co-chairing the event with Joe Terpenning. Duties include organizing auditions, planning the sequence of events, and activities on the evening of the show.

Virtual Fundraising – Seeking a tech-savvy volunteer to assist in developing virtual fundraising platforms!!!

If you happen to see an event announced that you would be interested in participating in as a committee member, please send inquires to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

November 19 – First Tree Delivery, volunteer opportunity!

November 22 – Opt-Out of PTO Membership deadline. If you wish to opt-out, please complete the form at: <https://forms.gle/nLN2VDgKCMziQBqk6>

December 3 – Deadline for the Christmas season voluntary donation to the Holy Spirit Staff.

Committee Vacancies:

Spring Fundraising (Golf/BBQ) – Chair and Co-Chair

Talent Show – Co-Chair

Virtual Fundraising – Chair

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,
Your PTO Executive Board

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org
Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org
Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoorindator@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteering

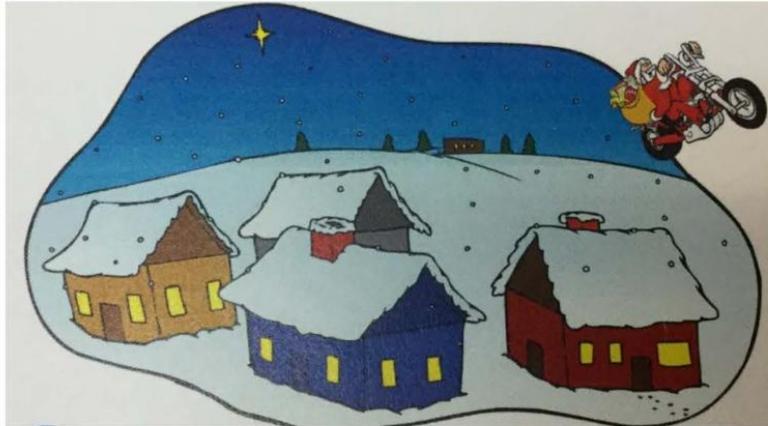
Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in order to perform recess duty and to volunteer in activities where students are present.

**When we return from break it is time for our
annual TOY DRIVE!
The goal is to collect 500 new, unwrapped toys.**

Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

SANTA'S RIDE

Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children



Monday, November 29th - Friday, December 3rd



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.

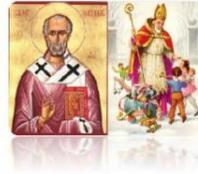
Please donate a new, unwrapped toy, game, or book.

Thank you for your generosity.

The Feast Day of



Saint Nicholas



The Student Council holds a fun celebration amongst the students each year for the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas on Monday, December 6th. Students learn how other cultures celebrate St. Nick during this holy month as well as learn the legend of the candy cane.

Students should bring in ONE EXTRA SHOE on Monday, December 6th. Throughout the day, students will be surprised that St. Nick has left a little gift for them in their shoe!

In search of volunteers!!!

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with setup and helping our young shoppers find just the right gift for their family members!

[Click here to signup to help with Santa's Boutique](#)

Santa's Secret Shop

IS COMING SOON!

**Get that special gift for
everyone on your list!**

Date: December 9th and 10th



**Get ready for some fun as we support
Catholic Charities We Care Week**

Calling all Ugly Sweaters!!



The NJHS is sponsoring a school wide dress down day on December 9th. Please bring in a one dollar (\$1.00) donation to participate.

All funds are going to benefit:

Catholic Charities We Care Week

Tis the season.... Dig out those ugly sweaters or be creative & design your own ugly sweater.

(All must be school appropriate).

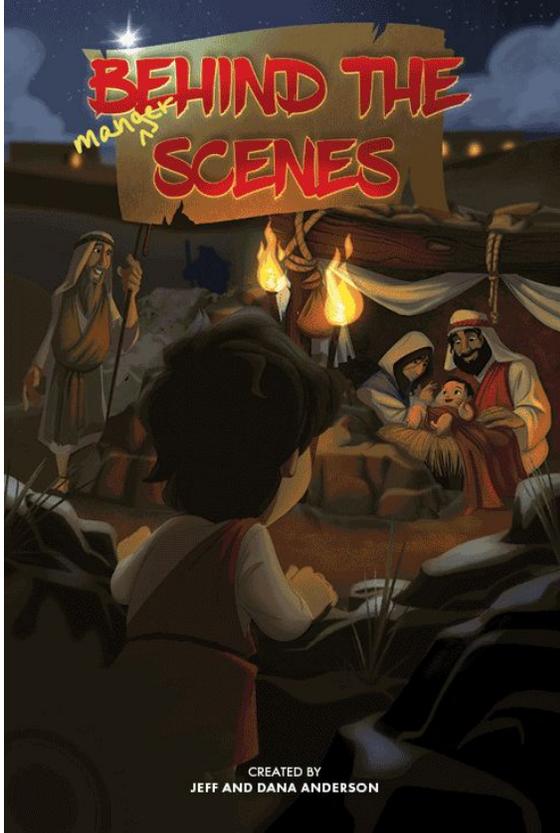
See you on December 9th with your best ugly sweater creation!

K-4 Christmas Musical

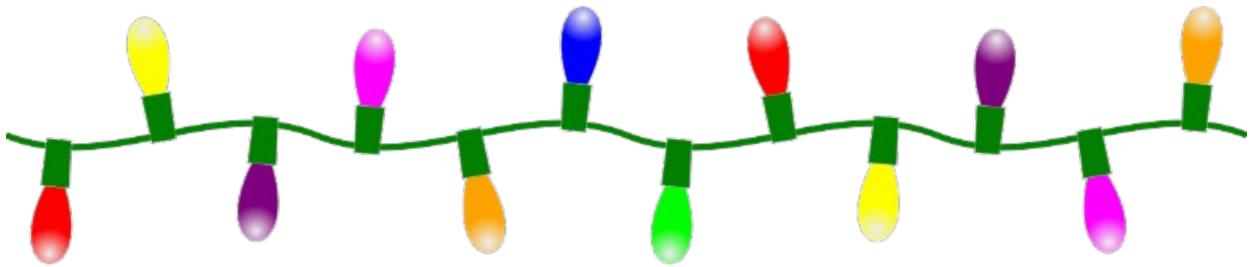
Two casts!

Two musicals!

Two audiences!



Two times the fun!



Costume & Call Sheet for the Christmas Musical: Behind The Manger Scenes

The Christmas Performances are **December 13th (Cast A) & 14th (Cast B) @ 7:00 pm.**

Grades K-3: Please bring your child to their room **NO EARLIER** than 6:15 pm, **NO LATER** than **6:30 pm.**

Grade 4: Please bring your child to their room **NO EARLIER** than 6:00 pm, **NO LATER** than **6:15 pm.**

The show begins promptly at **7:00 pm.** Doors **DO NOT** open until **6:30pm.**

Kindergarten- "Angels"

The Kindergarteners will wear their PE uniform sweatpants inside out, long-sleeve white T-Shirts, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with halos and wings.

1st Grade- "Sheep"

The 1st Graders will wear their PE uniform sweatshirts and sweatpants inside out, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears and a Christmas bow tie.

2nd Grade- "Caravan Travellers"

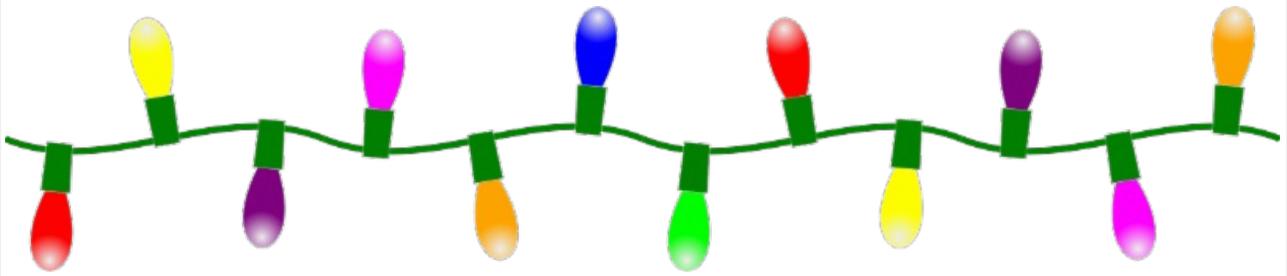
The 2nd Graders will wear long sleeve light blue shirts and black pants, black socks and black shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

3rd Grade- "Shepherds"

The 3rd Graders will wear long sleeve dark brown shirts and khaki pants, brown socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical!

4th Grade- Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Schoology Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member. Details will be posted Monday November 22.



Cast A:

Kindergarten Whetstone
1st Grade Payne
2nd Grade Hoagland
3rd Grade Case
4th Grade Lencz

Performance: Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm

Cast B:

Kindergarten Wisneski
1st Grade Barger
2nd Grade Crone
3rd Grade Magan
4th Grade Rathod

Performance: Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

Night of Nights 5th Grade Nativity Pageant

Two Casts! Two Performances!

Thursday, December 16th

10:00 am - 5FAR
2:00 pm - 5FLY

Doors open to the general audience 15 minutes before show time



COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **Moderate**
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.
Last updated 11/15/2021

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/community-transmission/>

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **0**
Time period: November 12 - November 18, 2021

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever (100.0F) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org)

If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with the school nurse, it may prove helpful if and when there is a need to contact trace in your child's class.

Parish Happenings!

Profits Support Vocations & Other Charities

Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sale

Remember family and friends and help Keep Christ in CHRISTmas! Religious Christmas Cards are available for sale after weekend Masses. See below.



Christmas Blessings

Before & After All Masses

Weekends of Oct 30/31 - Dec 4/5

To pre-order and pick-up at Church, email, knights@holyspiritchurch.us





Pro-Life Committee

ADVENT GREENS SALE

Benefits A Woman's Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27 & 28

AFTER ALL MASSES
(SATURDAY 5:30PM VIGIL THROUGH SUNDAY 6PM)

Greens at terrific savings!

Candleholders & candles also for sale

Come stop by for your Advent greens and support women in crisis pregnancies!

Wreaths: \$20 - \$25
Mixed bunch of greens: \$5

CHEER COACHES NEEDED!

DO YOU LOVE CHEERLEADING? WHY NOT SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH OUR YOUTH?!

We are in need of adult volunteer coaches so that Holy Spirit can participate in the Diocesan CYO Winter Cheer season. If you have some cheer experience please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talent with CYO Cheer.

If you have any questions or for more information on what the position entails, please email cyo@holyspiritchurch.us.



Community Happenings!

ANNANDALE BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB REGISTRATION
 4216 Annandale Rd. Annandale, VA 22003 703-941-ABGC (2242) FAX 703-941-4412
 Basketball Coordinators: Gary Wright garywright@abgc.org (boys) Juan Colon jcolon@abgc.org (girls)
 Commissioner: Juan Colon jcolon@abgc.org
 Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 3 – 7 PM, Saturday 9 – 12 Noon
 EMAIL: abgc@abgc.org
 *REGISTER ONLINE AND SAVE \$\$ @ WWW.ABGC.ORG

Basketball \$140	Wrestling \$150	Boxing
First Time \$70	Ages 5 – 14	Ages 7 – Adult
K - 12th Grade		571-436-5983

The basketball fee includes clinics for 5-12 year olds. The registration fee of \$70 is only for "First Time" basketball players with the Annandale Boys' & Girls' Club. Basketball season is from Dec., 2021 thru March 2022. The wrestling program will begin in November and run through February. Registration will close Dec. 11, 2021. Teams are formed with a neighborhood concept by grade level. *These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Fairfax County School Board, the Superintendent, or this school.*

REQUESTED COACH _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

MAIL OR DELIVER FORM AND FEE TO: ABGC, 4216 Annandale Rd., ANNANDALE, VA 22003

Player's First Name (Type or Print) _____ Last Name _____
 Boy _____ Girl _____ Date of Birth _____ School _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Grade in Sept. 2021 _____ E-mail _____
 Telephone (H) _____ (C) _____

WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

NO FEES:	\$10.00 Refund	No Refund
Coach:	Assistant Coach	Will be a spectator
	League Commissioner	

I hereby give permission for my child to play _____ (sport). I have insurance to cover all risks of injury or doctor's bills that might be incurred and accept all responsibility for my child's safety at practice and at games.

I also understand that there are no refunds. *In the event I cannot get the team of my choice, I will accept an assignment made by ABGC.*

IF YOU ARE NOT A FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENT, THERE IS A \$30 FEE Amt. Paid _____

IF YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER, THERE IS A \$55 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE Amt. Paid _____

Parent's Signature _____ Amt. Paid \$ _____

Check Cash Cr. Card

Print Parents' First & Last Names _____ Date _____



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 18, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Santa Boutique flyer
2. Santa's Ride Toy Drive flyer
3. Ugly Sweater
4. Behind the Manger Scenes Costume Call Sheet (K-4)
5. St. Nicholas Day flyer
6. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

1. Christmas Card sale flyer
2. Advent Greens Sale flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Annandale Boys and Girls Club Winter Sports Registration