### From the Principal's Desk



November 5, 2020



#### Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2020/2021

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

## **Congratulations!**

#### Congratulations to the newest inductees to the Holy Spirit School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society!

The following students were invited to join the NJHS last Spring and we were just able to have the induction ceremony today. I applaud their efforts in living up to the Society's ideals with regard to scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Madelyn K Marcella F Mathias J Gabrielle P Lillian T Joseph T Marie W Justin B Andrew F

Andrew F Lucas F Samuel G Shriya G Brady J A reminder, if you have not yet signed up for a **Parent/Teacher conference** please use the link below to sign up for a timeslot with your child's homeroom teacher.

November 10th will be an early dismissal day and conferences will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. November 11th will be a no school day for students and conferences will be held from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Each year, the schools (and all parish religious education programs) in the Diocesan are expected to teach the **Formation in Christian Chastity/Safe Environment** curriculum. This curriculum will be presented to the students during the week of November 9th. Below is the link to the Diocese of Arlington website that has all of the parent information (please note when looking at the primary grades, the teaching lessons are repeated from year to year and thus will all say "1st Grade" on them).

This is an opt-out program, meaning that if you do not wish for your student to participate you must complete the attached form and return it by Friday, November 6th at the latest. I highly suggest that parents/guardians take the time to review the curriculum content prior to simply opting your child out of this program.

**Picture retakes for the Yearbook** will be held Thursday, November 12th. The order form is below.

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.

A reminder, if you are choosing to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday, please be cognizant of where you have gone and who your children may have been exposed to over that period of time. For the sake of the whole community, please consider whether it is wise to send your children directly back to school.

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.



Thank you for your continued support and for taking seriously everyone's role in keeping our community as safe and healthy as possible.

### -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

## Parent/Teacher Conferences November 10 and 11

All parents/guardians are asked to sign up for a conference with your child's homeroom teacher.

If you need/want to meet with a teacher in addition to the homeroom teacher, please contact that teacher directly and a separate day/time will be arranged.

You will need to use the following code to access the sign-up: 2020Conferences

Click here to sign up for a conference!

## Veterans Day NJHS Sponsored - Wall of Heroes

Each year the NJHS sponsors our Wall of Heroes to say "Thank you" and to honor those in our families who have, or are, serving in any branch of the military or who serve our communities as a first responder.

The requested form will be coming home with the students, but it is also attached here.

If you would like to include a "Thank you" on our wall, forms may be sent in any time between

Click here for Wall of Heroes flyer

# <u> PURPLE DAY - Nov. 16</u>

## 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.



## Yearbook Picture Retakes November 12th

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Click here for Picture Retake Form

### Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

### **SANTA'S RIDE**

Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children



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!**



## **Community Happenings!**



### **FAMILY FOLDER**

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 5, 2020" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

> Family Folder

School Flyers:

- 1. Wall of Heroes
- 2. Yearbook picture retake form
- 3. Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-out Form

- Purple Day flyer
   Santa's Ride Toy Collection flyer

Parish Flyers:

- Christmas Card 2020 flyer
   Men's Morning of Reflection flyer
   Food Collection sponsored by the Scouts flyer
   K of C Essay Contest

Community Flyers: