

October 14, 2021



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2021/2022**  
**"In work there is dignity"**

## Boosterthon set to begin!

The PTO's Fall fundraiser is set to begin this weekend with the Launch Party (ice cream truck) on Sunday, October 17th. We hope you will see you there - take a look at the particulars in the flyer below.

Just as important, please read through all of the information from the PTO regarding the Boosterthon fundraiser and register your family.

Last year's event was amazingly successful due to the wide-ranging participation of the school families. We look forward to a fun and exciting week.

Overlapping with Boosterthon is our annual Spirit Week - October 15 - 28th. Please see the information below for each of the special days of the week. Thank you to all who have already donated to the Ton of Love Food Drive, that food drive continues into next week. Keep those blue bags coming!

Spirit Week culminates with Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 29th (reminder: this is a no school day for all students). The link to sign up to decorate your trunk or to help with general set-up/clean up is with the information below.

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We will transition over to the Winter Uniform on Monday, November 1st.

During the week of November 8th, grades 1-8 will be presented the Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity program. I highly encourage parents to review the course

materials for this safe environment training via the link below. This is an Opt-Out program, which means that the material will be presented to all students unless a parent specifically opts a student out via the form provided below.

Link to Diocesan website with course materials

Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

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## Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

### ***Featured Vacancies:***

**The Science Fair** – scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th through Friday, April 1st. Consider co-chairing the event with Laura Laclede. Duties include recruiting judges, organizing the layout of exhibits, and helping Mr. Thieman as needed.

**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.

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](mailto:PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org) to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

### ***Important upcoming dates to remember:***

**October 11-18** – The PTO Spirit Gear Committee is excited to bring you Holy Spirit school gear! This year the committee has made many efforts to bring you spirit gear close to cost which means little to no additional markups as well as two new, fun designs. Shipping to the school is FREE!!! Click here to open our school store: <https://flamespiritwearstore2021.itemorder.com/sale>

**October 15** – Used Uniform Sale! From 4:30-6:30 in the Quinn Room, all uniform pieces are \$5 or \$1! What a steal!!!! Let's get you stocked and ready for the uniform switch coming up on Nov 1! P.E. shorts will be retired to the attic as the sweatpants come down! Elementary gray shorts, Pre-K/K maroon dresses, and plaid skorts are in the same boat, sadly, as they are replaced by pants and jumpers until warmer weather returns. As always, the PTO is happy to take any laundered uniforms that you no longer need. We will also take school shoes, sneakers, and spirit wear. You can give to Melanie in vanpool spot #1 or to the office! The Used Sale really helps the PTO as they continue working towards the task of making our community EVEN BETTER for our kiddos! Thank you for your donations!

**October 17** – Boosterthon Launch! Hershey's Ice Cream Truck from 1-3 pm in the upper parking lot.

**October 18-26** – Boosterthon. The PTO will be ordering "Fun Run" T-Shirts for the kids. More to come! Anyone who shows proof of online registration for Boosterthon will be entered into a prize/gift card raffle.

We are ready to begin and race toward our Flames Fun Run! Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for Outdoor Classrooms. Here is a quick [video overview of our fundraising program!](#) We want all families to get registered by October 18th! Log on to [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM) today and enter your family's details. We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!

Key dates to remember:  
**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**  
*Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM)*  
**Fundraiser Kick Off - 10/18**  
**Event Day - 10/26 SAVE THE DATE!**

**October 19** – PTO Meeting  
**October 25-28** – Spirit Week  
**October 29** – Trunk or Treat!  
**November 8** – Ledo Pizza Fundraiser

***Committee Vacancies:***

**Outdoor Classroom** – Two Positions  
**Science Fair** – Two Co-Chairs  
**Spring Fundraising (Golf/BBQ)** – Chair and Co-Chair  
**Talent Show** – Co-Chair  
**Virtual Fundraising** – Chair and Co-Chair

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,  
Your PTO Executive Board

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**PTO Board 2021/2022**

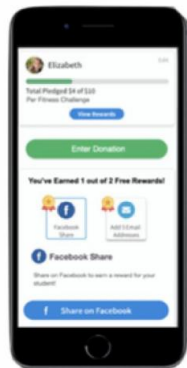
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**Volunteering**

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT(S) ON

**MYBOOSTER.COM**



**TODAY!**



Use a phone or computer to register! Simply go to [mybooster.com](http://mybooster.com), search for Flames Fun Run and enter in your family's details.

**Next week we start working to get donations to reach our goal of \$30,000 for Outdoor Classrooms!**

We are set to begin and race towards our Flames Fun Run!

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for Outdoor Classrooms and general school needs. Here is a quick [video overview of our fundraising program!](#) We are encouraging all families to get registered by October 18th! Log on to [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM) today and enter your family's details. We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!

Key dates to remember:

REGISTRATION OPENS – 10/4  
Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM)  
Fundraiser Kick Off – 10/18  
Event Day – 10/26 → SAVE THE DATE



Click the above picture for a intro video to this year's character program

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**You're Invited!**

# **Boosterthon Launch Party**

Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

1-3 PM

Holy Spirit School

Upper Parking Lot



**Ice Cream  
Truck!**

Cake Cones! Waffle Cones! Toppings!

Sundaes! Malts! Banana Splits!

Coffee, Tea, and Cider!

**10%** of all sales go to Holy Spirit School!

Register at [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM) to be entered into a prize raffle!

Help raise \$30,000 for our outdoor classroom.

Get started **TODAY** supporting Holy Spirit School!



**Raffle!**



**Holy Spirit  
Gear!**

Pick up some Holy Spirit masks and  
other fun gear for the year!

Show your Flames spirit!

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## **SPIRIT GEAR!!!**

**We are the Flames! Are you ready to show your school spirit?? Are you ready for Spirit Days, again?? Yes & Yes!**

The PTO Spirit Gear Committee is excited to bring you Holy Spirit school gear! This year the committee has made many efforts to bring you spirit gear close to cost which means little to no additional markups as well as two new, fun designs.



Our on-line school store IS OPEN and closes October 18th at 11:59pm.

(The next opportunity to purchase Spirit Gear will not be until January/February.)

Shipping to the school is FREE!!!

Click here to visit the online Spirit Gear store!

Watch for PTO Spirit Gear days to be added to the school calendar so your children can dress down while showing their school spirit.

## Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!



Sale Date- **FRIDAY, October 15** from 4:30-6:30

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

**ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!**

**DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR EMAIL - [MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com](mailto:MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com) TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS**

### Important Details-

- Masks will be required
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed

**Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!**

# TRUNK OR TREAT!

Lots of helping hands are needed to make  
this event a success!!!

A colorful poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. The background is a dark blue sky with a brown ground. In the center is a green car with its trunk open, filled with candy. A sign on the side of the car says 'Admission: Bag of Halloween candy'. To the right of the car is a black car with a sign that says 'Dinner for sale!'. There are several jack-o'-lanterns and candy scattered around the green car. The text 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is at the top in a large, orange, serif font. Below it, in a smaller white font, is 'Decorate your booth and fill it with candy!'. To the left of the green car, the text 'Prizes:' is followed by two bullet points: '-Best kids costumes!' and '-Best decorated booth!'. At the bottom, the date and time are listed in a large, orange, serif font: 'Friday, October 29th', '6:30 - 8:30 PM', and 'On the School Grounds'.

[Click here to sign up to decorate your trunk and/or to assist with setup/cleanup](#)





## PTO Christmas Tree Sales

It is that wonderful time of the year! Time to sign up for Christmas tree sales! This is a great way to meet others in the Holy Spirit community while fulfilling some of your volunteer hours.

Thank you!

(The link is also available on the school website under the Quick Links section)

Click here to sign up!

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## Spirit Week October 25 – October 29



**Monday: Mismatched Pattern Day** - Wear your craziest stripes, polka dots, etc. in as many mismatched ways as possible!

**Tuesday: Boosterthon FunRun** - Wear P.E. uniform and fun accessories!

**Wednesday: Rainforest Day!!!!** Dress up in your best rainforest costume: plants, critters, etc.!

**Thursday: School colors day & Cake Walk** - Dress down while you wear red, white and black. Get ready for the Cake Walk!

**Friday: No School!** Get ready for **Trunk-or-Treat!**



## TON of LOVE FOOD DRIVE 2021

**Tuesday, October 12- Wednesday, October 27**

As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to support Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project. Due to the increased demand, our assistance is needed to help resupply the food pantry with the following items:

\*please begin bringing items in the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>

- Pre-K: Oatmeal
- Kindergarten: side dishes (i.e. instant potatoes)
- 1st grade: side dishes (i.e. pasta)
- 2nd grade: Mac & Cheese
- 3rd grade: Pasta Noodles
- 4th grade: Jelly and Jam (no glass)
- 5th grade: Canned Green Beans
- 6th grade: Canned Chicken
- 7th grade: Baked Beans

- 8h grade: Canned Tomatoes

Blue bags will be sent home which can be used to send donations back to school. Thank you!



## **Art Club is coming to Holy Spirit!**

**Attention 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students,  
Come and take your Art skills to the next level with  
your classmates and Mrs. Liss!**

When: October 25th, October 27th, November 4th, November 17th,  
December 9th, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 3:30 to 4:30

Where: Art Room

Fee: \$25

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.  
Please note: Art Room is a Nut Free room

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. To sign up please go to:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA4A62FA6F85-artclub>

If you have any questions please contact us by email ([iliss@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:iliss@holyspiritflames.org))

Click here for  
signup

# COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **Substantial**  
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.  
Last updated 10/12/2021

<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): **2**  
Time period: October 8 - October 14, 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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@holyspiritflames.org))

**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!

**HOLY Spirit**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join Us for Our Parish



All are invited!

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and Screen *Disney Pixar's*  
**ON THE GREEN** "Coco"

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On the grass between the church and school  
**Saturday, October 16th**  
 Dinner 6:45 & Movie 7:15 pm

**Bring a side dish to Share!**  
[www.HolySpiritChurch/pigroast](http://www.HolySpiritChurch/pigroast)

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST



**ARLINGTON**  
Diocese Pilgrimage

*A Pilgrim Experience*  
for the Whole Family

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021**  
*Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate  
Conception in Washington, D.C.*

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage)



*Eucharistic Adoration*  
**Friday 7am - Saturday 9am**

"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Drop in collection basket or Return to Parish Center

**Adorer Name:** ..... **Email:** .....

Specific Hour: .....

Frequency: Weekly \_\_\_\_ Bi-Weekly \_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_

**Substitute Name** ..... **Email:** .....

Timeframe: 6am-12pm \_\_\_\_ 12pm-6pm \_\_\_\_  
 6pm-12am \_\_\_\_ 12am-6am \_\_\_\_

For more info, [adoration@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:adoration@holyspiritchurch.us)



# Community Happenings!



BISHOP O'CONNELL  
**JUNIOR ROYALETTE**  
DANCE CLINIC & HALFTIME PERFORMANCE



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM • \$65/dancer  
Open to Grades 2-8



*Registration includes: dance clinic, halftime performance, T-shirt, pom-poms, hair bow, game ticket and lunch. Game kickoff is at 12:00pm. Register at <http://linktr.ee/oconnellrdt> - Deadline is Oct 12.*

## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 14, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family  
Folder

### School Flyers:

1. Boosterthon Launch Party flyer
2. Ton of Love Food Drive flyer
3. Spirit Week flyer
4. MS Art Club flyer
5. Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form

### Parish Flyers:

1. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer
2. Pig Roast flyer
3. Eucharistic Adoration flyer

### Community Flyers:

1. Bishop O'Connell Dance Team Clinic flyer