

October 21, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Did someone say, "Day off from school!"?

Yes, that is correct. Bishop Burbidge graciously granted all of the elementary schools a day off from school. We will use our day to extend the Thanksgiving holiday. At this point, you should officially plan to be off from school beginning Tuesday, November 23rd.

"But, wait...", you say..."Didn't my child come home and say we would get an extra day off from school if the Boosterthon fundraiser successfully raises \$30,000.00?"

Yes, you heard correctly, that is what your children came home and said, and it is true.

IF the Boosterthon fundraiser is successful in raising \$30,000.00, then Father O'Donohue has agreed to give us Monday, November 22nd off from school as well. What a totally terrific Thanksgiving break that would be!

For those who have already registered and pledged to the campaign - THANK YOU! As of this morning 88% of our students have registered and 66% have pledged - that is amazing!

As of this morning the school has profited over \$22,500.00! We are soooooo close!

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to do so, I encourage you to take a look at the information below and help support the largest PTO fundraiser of the year.

Don't forget, next week is SPIRIT WEEK! 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.

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Annual Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 10th (this is an early dismissal day from school) and November 11th (this is a no school day for students).

It is expected that all parents will sign up for a conference with your child's homeroom teacher.

As we did last year, we are offering both in-person and virtual meeting options. Please be sure to indicate on the sign-up which you prefer. I am asking that you do not bring your children with you while attending the conference.

The link for signing up is below. The Access Code is: 2021Conferences

Thank you!

Parent/Teacher Signup

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

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 to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- **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.
- **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

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

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.

BOOSTER THON

And we are off and racing towards our Flames Fun Run!

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for Outdoor Classrooms and general school needs. If you haven't yet registered your family - it is not too late! Log on to MYBOOSTER.COM today and enter your family's details.

Thank you to everyone who has already registered and pledged. We can't do it without you!

Fun Run Day Schedule Tuesday, October 26th

Come out and cheer on your children!

Prekindergarten/Kindergarten 8:45 - 9:15
1st Grade/2nd Grade 9:30 - 10:00
3rd Grade/4th Grade 10:15 - 10:45
5th Grade 11:00 - 11:30
6th Grade 1:30 - 2:00
7th Grade/8th Grade 2:15 - 2:45

TRUNK OR TREAT!

**Please consider signing up to decorate your
trunk - the more the merrier!**

TRUNK OR TREAT

Decorate your booth and fill it with candy!

Prizes:

- Best kids costumes!
- Best decorated booth!



Friday, October 29th
6:30 - 8:30 PM
On the School Grounds

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

HOLY SPIRIT TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29th 6:30-8:30

Bring your ghouls and ghosts to
enjoy a night of fun and treats.

Please bring a bag of candy as a
donation to attend this event.

The Roaming Coyote, Two
Smooth Dudes and Smallcakes
food trucks will be
at this event.



Pre-ordering will be available.

**Treat yourself and your family to dinner at the
Trunk or Treat!**

Dinner food, snacks, and treats available for pre-order!

Use this link to pre-order from
Smallcakes: <https://smallcakesnova.com/pre-order-for-holy-spirit-school>

The Roaming Coyote and Two Smooth Dudes will have menus and pre-order links available early next week.

NEXT WEEK!!!

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:

Donations are still being accepted!

- 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
- 8th grade: Canned Tomatoes

**Yearbook Picture Retakes
November 4th**



Lifetouch.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING



Order your school pictures
today on mylifetouch.com

Thursday, November 04, 2021
Holy Spirit School Retake Day!



- ① Visit mylifetouch.com
- ② Enter your Picture Day ID
EVTBKXBPD
- ③ Order your perfect package—
and don't worry about returning
anything on Picture Day!

Lifetouch
REWARDS™

Earn exclusive offers for your
online picture purchases.

Join us for Battle of the Books!



Battle of the Books is a club for 5th and 6th Graders. We read and discuss 12 books of various genres every year, selected by librarians and teachers from across the Diocese. At the end of the year, all club members attend the Diocesan Battle of the Books competition.

We will meet Tuesday mornings from 7:15-8:00. The full schedule of dates will be sent home at the first meeting. Please communicate with Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Sansaver if your child will be arriving later than 7:15.

Join us for our first meeting, Tuesday November 9th to discuss *A Wolf Called Wander*.

In order for students to participate, they will be responsible for getting access to each book. Each member needs to turn in a signed permission slip prior to coming to the meeting.

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I give permission for my child _____, to attend the Battle of the Books club meetings for the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Art Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

**Attention 6th, 7th, 8th 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 16th.

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)

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 10/18/2021

<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): **3**
Time period: October 15 - October 21, 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!

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



SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

ARLINGTON
Diocese of Arlington 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

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

FATIMA and the Fall of Communism

Come hear author Craig Turner tell the amazing story of the Fatima apparitions and the consecration of Russia to Mary that lead to the fall of Communism.

WHAT: A one-hour talk on Fatima

WHEN: Saturday, October 23
7:30 - 9pm

WHERE: Holy Spirit Church

SUN MIRACLE OF FATIMA
OCTOBER 1917: 70,000 PEOPLE

- ✓ What was the "consecration" that Mary asked for at Fatima, and what exactly is a "consecration"?
- ✓ What did 70,000 people see at Fatima when they witnessed the Miracle of the Sun?
- ✓ What amazing event related to Fatima occurred on Christmas Day, 1991?
- ✓ Which major Fatima event happened at the same time that Vladimir Lenin was entering Russia to establish the first communist state?

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAMILY BINGO

ALL HALLOWS EVE THEME

Prize for Best costumed child and family

Come dressed as your favorite saint or in your favorite costume.

Saturday, October 23
Holy Spirit School
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

Snacks Sold	Admission	Prizes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Includes Book of 3 Cards) • All proceeds will support Holy Spirit seminarians and religious. • Players 12 Years and Older: \$5 • Players Under 12 Years: \$3 • Extra Cards \$1 • Free for children under 5 years who are not playing. Costumes are optional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Bingo Prizes - Grand Prize \$100 • Other Games At Least \$30 • All children will receive a prize.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH**

A great ministry for teens and families this winter

Good Samaritan Society
Snow Angels Program

Each fall, we collect the names of parishioners who cannot shovel their own driveways and do not have neighbors who can do it for them. Then we pair volunteers with those parishioners—typically within a few blocks of one another—to shovel their driveways free of charge by the end of the day. This is a perfect way for teens and families to be Good Samaritans to our community. Sign up by November 1 to help!

Before you go sledding this winter — help a friend in need

Want to volunteer? Email gss@holyspiritparish.us

Vote...

so she will have a chance to

General Election Day
November 2, 2021

Early In-Person
Voting Began
September 17th

Community Happenings!

discover **you**



Prospective Teacher Information Sessions

In Person **November 15, 2021 7:00 PM**

Virtual November 17, 2021 7:00 PM

Virtual November 18, 2021 1:00 PM

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the 37 elementary schools, 4 high schools and 3 stand-alone preschools serving 18,000 students in the 13 cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.

Explore

website

[https://arlingtondiocese.org/
catholicschools](https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools)

job openings

[https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-
schools/careers/](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/)

application process

[https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/
careers/application/](https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/)

Register



[https://forms.office.com/r/
qWU5LzKH43](https://forms.office.com/r/qWU5LzKH43)

YOUTH DAY

AT THE FOOTBALL GAME

Oct. 30 at Noon

Students in grades K-8 are invited to attend the Knights home football game vs. St. John Paul the Great HS. Register in advance to receive a free ticket to the game and an O'Connell spirit gift.



Visit bishopoconnell.org/event or scan the QR code to register.



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/oconnellrtd> - Deadline is Oct 12.

FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 21, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

1. Ton of Love Food Drive flyer
2. Spirit Week flyer
3. MS Art Club flyer
4. Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out Form
5. Yearbook Picture Retake flyer
6. Battle of the Books flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer
2. Eucharistic Adoration flyer
3. Fatima and the Fall of Communism flyer
4. BINGO flyer
5. Snow Angels program flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Bishop O'Connell Dance Team Clinic flyer
2. Bishop O'Connell Youth Day flyer
3. Diocese of Arlington Prospective Teacher Information Sessions flyer