

October 29, 2020



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

**"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"**

**What a week!**



We have had a **terrific Spirit Week this week** - a huge thank you to the officers and members of the Student Council and to Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Hoagland for assisting with all of the preparations. Hopefully you have seen all of the fabulous pictures that have gone out via the school's social media accounts.

As you can see from the above picture, the food drive to benefit Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project was a success. Father O'Donohue blessed all of the food following Wednesday's Mass and it has all been transported out to the facility in Manassas. A total of 2,321 pounds was collected - literally a Ton of Love!

Today was the last day of Spirit Week and oh, what a day it was! Decked out in their finery, we had fun throughout the day. In the morning Prekindergarten through Grade 5 students had their Dance Fit event in association with Boosterthon and in the afternoon a modified "trunk or treat" event. A huge thank you to the PTO and all of the families who helped to make this happen. For the Middle School students, they had their Cake Walk event in the morning - thank you to Surefire Catering for providing the festive cupcakes. The weather did not cooperate for the Color Run in the afternoon and it is postponed to Friday, November 6th; details will be provided to the students next week.

Remember that tomorrow, **Friday, October 30th is a NO school day for students** while the teachers participate in professional development.

We've also had a terrific and **successful Boosterthon campaign**. Thank you to each and every family who participated. The funds raised go to support many of the "extra" things that happen at Holy Spirit for the students.

An amazing **\$25,000.00** was raised!

As promised, for surpassing the fundraising goal, the **Thanksgiving break will be extended for everyone.**

Additionally, this past week **Bishop Burbidge** "gifted" to the elementary schools a day off from school.

**Therefore we will be putting both of those days together and will be on break for the entire week of November 23rd returning to school on Monday, November 30th** (just in time for the beginning of the Advent season!).

**Parent/Teacher conferences** are quickly approaching and will be held on November 10th and 11th. All families are expected to sign-up for a conference time 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.

The link to sign-up for a conference is below. As a reminder, you are asked to indicate if you would like an in-person or virtual conference. If you opt for an in-person conference, we are asking that students/children not be brought into the school at the time of the conference in order to minimize the number of people in the hallways.

A reminder that we will be switching over to the **Winter Uniform on Monday, November 2nd**. At that time, the younger boys must all transition over to the grey pants (no more shorts). The younger girls must be in either the plaid jumper or the grey pants (no more skorts or maroon dresses). All students must move over to the PE sweatsuit (students may wear the shorts under their sweatpants, if they choose).

The **1st Trimester will officially end on Tuesday, November 24th**. The Parent Portal for grades will close on November 19th as we prepare for the end of the marking period and report cards.

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.

Middle School parents - usually by now we have presented the opportunity for your children to participate in the Diocesan approved Gift of Human Sexuality presentations. Please know we do intend on offering those programs later this year and information will be forthcoming in the new calendar year.

Formation in Christian Chastity  
Curriculum

Formation in Christian Chastity Opt-Out  
Form

Have a terrific long weekend!

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*-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 now and Veterans Day, November 11, 2020

[Click here for Wall of Heroes flyer](#)

# 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**

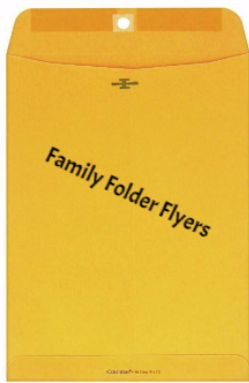


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**Yearbook Picture Retakes  
November 12th**



The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 29, 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
4. Purple Day flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Flag Collection flyer
2. Christmas Card 2020 flyer

Community Flyers: