From the Principal's Desk



October 6, 2022



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2022/2023
"Joy"

Talented Students

As a part of the 7th & 8th Grade Sculpture Elective, the students created religious themed tile reliefs. If you happen to be in the bulding, be sure to take a look at all of the wonderful projects they created.











Battle of the Books

Led by Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Coney, Holy Spirit students in the 5th & 6th grades have the opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Battle of the Books competition. Teams from different schools will read fifteen books over the course of the year and then compete against one another at the end of the year answering questions about various literary techniques. The book selections are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction works and introduce students to a great variety of writing styles and genres. It is a true test of reading comprehension!

Our team is on their second book selection already this year and meets early in the morning to practice and discuss. Kudos to these students!







Challenge Discovery

The Middle School students are having the opportunity to push themselves as a team while at the Challenge Discovery course at the University of Richmond. Each grade level is having a day at the course and working through challenges both on the ground and "in the air"! The entire day is about is communication, working together, and leaving no one behind - such great skills to develop.















PARENTS IN STEM NEEDED!

MISS STEVENSON INVITES PARENTS
WITH CAREERS IN STEM TO SPEAK
TO HER TECHNOLOGY CLASSES
ABOUT THEIR CAREER AND THEIR
JOURNEY.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE TIMES:

OCT 31 9:45-11:15 (2 CONSECUTIVE CLASS PERIODS) OCT 31 12:00-12:45 (1 CLASS PERIOD)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE DATES IN TRIMESTER 2&3!

For interested volunteers, please go to Connect1 to register for a time slot.

Email Miss Stevenson with any questions:

estevenson@holyspiritflames.org





Spirit Week!!

Oct. 24th -28th

Get ready for lots of fun!

Monday: Manic Monday (wild colors, tacky clothes)

Tuesday: Boosterthon Day (PE uniform, crazy accessories)





Wednesday:

PreK-5th= Disney Day (Dress as your favorite Disney character)

Middle School= Favorite Teacher Day (Dress as your favorite

teacher)

Thursday: Throwback Thursday (Dress as any decade you want)

Friday: Trunk-or-Treat, No School

TON of LYVE 2022

High grocery prices are hurting our less fortunate neighbors. As part of our annual Spirit Week, the Holy Spirit Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide food drive to help Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project feed families for the holidays.

Please donate the following items from Oct 24-27th

Pre-K - Cereal

Kindergarten - Side Dishes (i.e. instant potatoes, stuffing, rice packets)

1st - Mac & Cheese Boxes

2nd - Canned Chef Boyardee Pasta

3rd - Canned or Individual Fruit Cups

4th - Canned Chicken or Tuna

5th - Canned Green Beans or Corn

6th - Jelly/Jam (no glass please)

7th – Chunky Soups

8th - Canned Tomatoes





Interims for Trimester 1 are scheduled to go home tomorrow, October 7th for students in grades 3-7. Not all students receive interims, please check the Parent/Student Handbook for details.

Monday, October 10th is a no school day!

The Parish Knights of Columbus Order is reminding us all that October is Rosary Month. The Council will host an Illuminated Rosary outside the church on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10 at 7 pm. The intentions are for Life and to strengthen families. Refreshments provided at the conclusion. All are invited.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



Upcoming Events:

October 17 – Boosterthon October 18, 6:30pm – PTO Meeting

https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?

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Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

October 28 - Trunk or Treat

PTO Meeting: The October PTO meeting will be held virtually (link above). It is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet fellow parents, and to get involved. The meeting attendance counts towards the PSSC hours.

Homeroom Parent Volunteers: We have a GREAT opportunity to earn all 20 PSSC hours and spend quality time with your child. The following classes are looking for Home Room Parents to assist the teacher in making this school year the best yet. Planning parties, communicating important information, and working closely with your child's teacher are just a few of the benefits. If you do not see your child's teacher on this list and are interested, please contact ptohomeroomcoordinator@holyspiritflames.org.

4th - Rathod – 1 6th - Ferguson – 1 7th - Del Canto – 1

Recess Duty: Sign up for recess duty opportunities is now available through: https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3.

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Mabels Labels https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/
BoxTops Download App, scan your receipt; Referral code: A7RD91XB

Connect1:

Parents, please update your child's grade in Connect1 so the PTO can finish setting up homerooms. Also, please match all names with the school registration information and use the nicknames block for your students' nicknames. If you signed up last year you still must update your child's grade. All Pre-K should be listed at Pre-K4. If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit

BOOSTERTHON!!



Holy Spirit School families,

The day is here! You can now register for our Holy Spirit Flames Fun Run! Our goal is to raise \$40,000 for facility modernization projects and student and teacher services which will enhance the joy of learning and serving at Holy Spirit School. Registering is easy and free!

Register Now On MYBOOSTER.COM

Be sure to check out the easy sharing functions on <u>MYBOOSTER.COM</u> to let others know how they can help support our school.

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

It's almost here!!!! Time sure is flying by!!!!

The winter uniform switch is headed straight for us this month on October 31! At that time, we will say goodbye to our skorts and shorts until spring! Come shop for all of your winter uniform needs as your children transition into pants, fleeces, and jumpers.

As always, we are accepting donations until the sale date. They can be given to the office or please contact MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com to set up a time to meet. Thank you for supporting the PTO!

Used Uniform Sale





Sale Date-Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30-5:30

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, SCHOOL SHOES, OR SPIRIT WEAR THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED, TO THE OFFICE OR EMAIL - MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com
TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

Important Details-

- . Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR (outside stairwell/follow sign)
- Plan ahead bring a list of items and sizes needed

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Vice President - <u>Vacant</u> - <u>PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - <u>PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org</u>
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Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVPDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@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.

Parish Happenings!





Join the Squire Roses Today!

We meet the second Sunday of each month from 1:15pm-2:30pm in meeting room 1 starting 10/9/22

A youth organization sponsored by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus for girls ages 10-18.

What do Squire Roses Do?

With appropriate guidance, the girls will develop their own ideas on how to participate in parish and live out their Catholic faith through charitable contributions. The adults involved will be available to provide guidance and assist the girls in learning the skills needed to bring about the successful completion of their projects. Some past projects and activities include: Helping to decorate the church for Christmas and Easter, hosting an Advent event for children, helping to sort and stock food for the poor at the St. Lucy Project warehouse, the Crowning of Mary Ceremony in May, movie nights and a Father/Daughter luncheon.

For information contact: Kristin Gorak – squireroses@holyspiritchurch.us



SOCCER CHALLENGE

Combined Council & District #14 Competition

When: Saturday, October 15, 2022 Anytime between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where:

Field behind Holy Spirit School

Who:

Individual Boys & Girls 9 -14 years old

How:

Individuals kick soccer penalty kicks (12 yards) with scores for shot location in goal. 3 warmup kicks, 25 kicks for record.



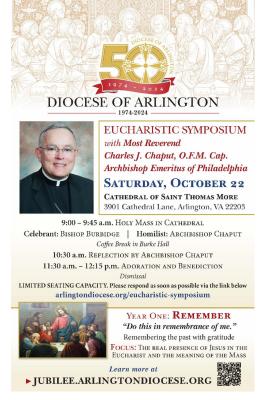
Questions? Contact Mike Poumade 703-425-8769 or email poumade@prodigy.net

More rule info at:

https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/soccer-challenge/4576-soccer-challenge-playbook.pdf

Community Happenings!

ANNANDALE BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB REGISTRATION 216 Ammadale Rd. Armadale, VA 2003 703-911-ABG (2242) FAX 703-911-412 ksekthalf Coordinators: Garry Wright gavrrjathfänel.com (keys) Juan Colon (getklsbänel.com (girls) Commissioner: Juan Colon (getklsbänel.com) Office Hours: Mendy thur Hardys 3 – PD, Saundray 9 – 12 Noon EMAIL: abscräther carg *REGISTER ONLINE AND DAVE SSE Ø WWW.ABGC.ORG First Time \$75 K - 12th Grade The basketball fee includes clinics for 8-13 year olds. The registration fee of \$75 is only for "First Time" basketball players with the Annandale Boys' & Gifts' Club. Basketball season is from Dec, 2022 thru March 2023. The verstling program will begin in November and run through February Registration will close Dec. 1, 2022. 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) Boy Girl Date of Birth School NO FES: WE RELY ON VOLUNTEERS, FLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: No Beform Coston Coston Will be a very expense of the control of the cost of the c 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 assign IF YOU ARE NOT A FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENT, THERE IS A \$30 FEE IF YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER, THERE IS A \$55 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE Amt. Paid Amt. Paid \$ Check Cash Cr. Card Print Parents' First & Last Names____





FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "October 6, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

- 1. Parents with STEM Careers flyer
- 2. Partners in Faith (October) newsletter
- 3. Used Uniform Sale flyer
- 4. Spirit Week flyer
- 5. Ton of Love Food Drive flyer

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Oktoberfest flyer
- 2. Squire Roses flyer
- 3. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. Diocese of Arlington Eucharistic Symposium flyer
- 2. Annandale Boys and Girls Club Winter Registration flyer