

October 7, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

As we are closing in on finishing our 7th week of school, it has been so gratifying to see all of the parent volunteers filtering back not just onto campus, but into the building! Truly, the Holy Spirit community is made up of exceptional families and I am so grateful for the time that you put into helping us provide programs and experiences for your children. After not having parents in the building on a daily basis in over a year, seeing the consistent stream of you who have been here to assist with roller skating, Health Screening, recess duty, Mystery Readers, and more is just wonderful. Thank you!

This week's newsletter has quite a bit of information from the PTO surrounding the upcoming fundraiser; please be sure to take a look.

Also be sure to keep scrolling through to see the information regarding Spirit Week which begins on October 25th and our annual Ton of Love Food Drive.

There is a lot happening in just a couple of short weeks! So exciting!

A reminder that there is no school this Monday, October 11th; I hope you enjoy a relaxing long weekend.

-Maureen Ashby

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Lots of excitement and fun just around the corner (don't forget the yummy pizza)! Boosterthon, Spirit Week, Trunk or Treat, and more!

Featured Vacancies:

Craft Nights Chair - Hosts monthly adult craft nights either at the school or virtually; committee comes up with different crafting ideas with DIY kits; can act as fundraisers and/or community building.

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 17** – Hershey's Ice Cream Truck from 1-3 pm.
- **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 19** – PTO Meeting
- **October 25-28** – Spirit Week
- **October 29** – Trunk or Treat!
- **November 8** – Ledo Pizza Fundraiser

Committee Vacancies:

- **Craft Nights** – Chair and Co-Chair
- **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!

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org
Treasurer - Eileen Feely - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org
Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

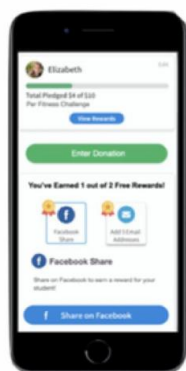
Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org

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.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT(S) ON

MYBOOSTER.COM



TODAY!



Use a phone or computer to register! Simply go to 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're only 3 weeks away from 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 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](https://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

You're Invited!

Boosterthon Launch Party

Sunday, October 17th

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 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!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**WATCH FOR SIGN-UP LINK COMING
SOON!!!**

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



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!

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 12th

- 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!



BOOK CLUB IS COMING TO HOLY SPIRIT!

Attention 1st – 3rd Grade Students,

Come read with friends,

Mrs. Barger, Mrs. Crone & Miss Garcia

WHEN: The 3rd Thursday of every month

TIME: 3:30 – 4:15

WHERE: Library

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack. Please make sure it is nut free.

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club.

Pick up will be in front of the school at 4:15.

When signing up please include your child's pick up arrangement, emergency contact, and phone number (a number other than a parent)

Please review the available slots below and click on the button below to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4FA9AB22AAFF2-book>

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Barger – kbarger@holyspiritflames.org

Click here for sign-up link



ALL GRADES &
LEVELS

MONDAYS

3:20PM-4:20PM

10/25 - 1/31

No club meeting on school
closure or early dismissal days

TUITION: \$198
FOR 12 WEEKS



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHESS CLUB

Fun is the name of the game...

...but Silver Knights also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess club!

Our great coaches teach students of all levels using a curriculum designed by our team of National Masters. Each week students do a fun but challenging lesson followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with Silver Knights!

All equipment is provided.

To register, scan the QR Code
or visit

www.skchess.com

to find out more
including financial aid information

Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **Substantial**
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.
Last updated 10/4/2021

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/community-transmission/>

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 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

Pig Roast

All are invited!

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

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

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

ARLINGTON
Diocesan 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

THE BASILICA

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



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/oconnellrd> - Deadline is Oct 12.



Book Fair Fundraiser

Dates: September 26 - October 8

Online: <https://bookshop.org/shop/blackcatholichistory>

To Benefit: 15% of all book sales will be donated to The Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans.



This virtual book fair is our first annual fundraiser supporting the causes of Catholic candidates for canonization. It's easy! Go to the website listed above and see our wonderful selection of books to purchase or donate to your student's classroom or school library.

This year we will be supporting the cause of Venerable Henriette Delille, foundress of the religious order The Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans.

Please help to support them in both their ministry and recovering from the difficulties experienced during and after Hurricane Ida. To learn more about The Sisters of the Holy Family, go to www.sistersofthehollyfamily.com.



Book fair hosted by Black Pearl Books. Black Pearl Books is a black-woman owned, Austin, TX based independent bookstore promoting - diversity, inclusion, equality, cultural awareness, and community - through literature.

FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder

labeled "October 7, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Middle School The Gift of Human Sexuality OPT-IN Form
2. Silver Knights Chess Club flyer
3. Primary Grade Book Club flyer
4. Boosterthon Launch Party flyer
5. Ton of Love Food Drive flyer
6. Spirit Week flyer

Parish Flyers:

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

Community Flyers:

1. Book Fair Flyer to benefit The Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans flyer
2. Bishop O'Connell Dance Team Clinic flyer