From the Principal's Desk



Holy Spirit | Inspiring Minds CATHOLIC SCHOOL | Igniting Hearts

September 22, 2022



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

Praying for Peace













On Wednesday, we participated in the annual International Day of Prayer for Peace. Earlier in the week, students met with their buddy classes and created pinwheels with representations of peace on them. Father and the 8th grade led us in a beautiful prayer service and after, students had time with their buddies to place their pinwheels out on the front lawn.

Next week, on Tuesday, September 27th, we will have a second "Lockdown Drill". During this drill we will practice having everyone evacuate the building. Students will be led to the edge of the property by their teachers and instructed that if it were a true emergency they would be taken, by their teachers, to sites that have been pre-planned as a part of our emergency plans. Students will know ahead of time about the drill.

Today you should have received several emergency TEST messages from the school via

School Messenger. This program pulls phone numbers and emails from PowerSchool that are listed as primary contacts. If you have a need to change those numbers or emails, you may contact Mrs. Laclede (llaclede@holyspiritflames.org).

As you may have heard "through the grapevine", Ms. Maggie Flynn is leaving the school to take a teaching position in the Fairfax County Public Schools system. We are now in search of a 5th grade teacher. If you know of anyone interested in stepping into the classroom either as a long-term substitute or to finish the year as a permanent employee, please send them my way!

We are also beginning a search for a 1st grade aide as Mrs. Kirsten Kovack has agreed to advance to the lead teacher role (allowing Mrs. Stich to return to her assistant principal duties). I am grateful to Mrs. Kovack and am confident the students will continue to have a wonderful year in 1st grade!

A reminder that next Friday, September 30 is a professional development day for teachers and thus a NO school day for students. Extended Day is NOT open.

If you have received a promotional email from Lifetouch Photography, please disregard it. Last Spring the school made the switch to Legacy Studios. Fall picture day information is below.

Fall Yearbook Picture Day with Legacy Studios!!!

Monday, September 26, 2022

ALL students should be in their regular school uniform (even if they have P.E. that day)

A printable copy of the order form is available below in the Family Folder section.





Board Game Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

Attention 1st & 2nd grade students, Come play fun board games with friends and Mrs. Marino and Miss Cahill!

When: October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16 Time: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. Where: Room 14

The club will meet on Wednesdays from October 5, until November 16. Students may bring a favorite board game or use the available club board games. Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

Please note: Room 14 is a Nut Free zone.

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. To sign up please go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48A5AC2DA0F58-board

If you have any questions please contact us by email (<u>imarino@holyspiritflames.org</u>) or <u>ccahill@holyspiritflames.org</u>)

Click here to sign up for Board Game Club!



-Maureen Ashby

Principal





Upcoming Events:

October 3 – Health Screenings October 17 – Boosterthon begins! October 18 - Used Uniform Sale October 18, 6:30pm – PTO Meeting. <u>https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?</u> <u>pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09</u> Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688 October 28 – Trunk or Treat

PTO Meeting: More information to come on whether there will be a hybrid meeting or solely virtual. Tentatively, the October PTO meeting will be a hybrid meeting, held virtually (linked above) and at the school in Room 14. 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 childs teacher on this list and are interested, please reach out. If you have any questions please contact ptohomeroomcoordinator@holyspiritflames.org.

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

Ongoing Fundraisers:

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

Connect1: This application can be accessed on a smartphone or computer.

• It will provide a central location for families to see all the volunteer opportunities available to them, both school-wide and for their children's classes (replacing the need for individual signup genius accounts).

 $\cdot\,$ It will provide a way to automatically track PSSC hours based on event signups (and adjust that time as needed).

• It will provide an electronic version of the school directory, including class lists and parent contact information. Information can be updated in real-time, ensuring information for students who join school mid-year is readily available, and information for families who move during the school year is quickly available as well.

· It provides a prayer board to request and answer prayers for our community.

You can sign up at: https://app.connect1.io School Code: L41VP6

NOTE: One parent/guardian signs up first, adds the other guardian in the app. The second (and any other guardians - aunts, uncles, grandparents, adult children, etc.) will use the link they get to sign up. If you don't do this the family account will not be linked and you may not get proper credit for your PSSC hours.

The point of contact for Connect1 is PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org

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> Secretary - Lee Conroy - <u>PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org</u>

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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!





Community Happenings!









FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 22, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

> Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Fall Yearbook Picture order form

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November 12: JP5K

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May: Shadow a Wolf for a Day!

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October 7: Homecoming Football Game

October 1: Application Season for the 2023-2024 School Year Begins!

2. Board Game Club flyer

3. 8th Grade Luncheons with Youth Ministry flyer

Parish Flyers:

- 1. Walking With Purpose flyer
- 2. Oktoberfest flyer

Community Flyers:

- 1. O'Connell Dance Clinic flyer
- 2. Diocese of Arlington Eucharistic Symposium flyer
- JPG Fall programming flyer
 BI Cheer Clinic flyer