## From the Principal's Desk



September 28, 2023



## Holy Spirit School Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts 2023/2024 "Faithfulness"

## **Boosterthon is coming!**

We will certainly look to the upside of all of the rain that we have had since last weekend - hopefully this will all help with the ongoing drought conditions in the Commonwealth. Right!?!

The 8th graders had the first of the high school visits this week - St. Paul VI High School and Bishop O'Connell High School. It is always exciting to see which of our alumni will return for the visit - they are all so grown-up! It is wonderful to hear how they are doing and how they affirm the good work that the teachers across the school have done and the impact that their time at Holy Spirit has had on them.

Please pray for the 8th grade class and their parents as they enter this time of decision as they visit schools, submit applications, participate in the High School Placement Test, and begin to solidify what their hopes are for the next four years of their academic career.

The start of the PTO's largest fundraiser of the year is right around the corner. Boosterthon continues to be a terrific way to engage the students and your families in a large fundraising goal. As has been told to you before, the PTO funds a significant number of the "extras" that your students get over the course of the year especially with regard to field trips (those buses are super expensive!) and some of the "perks" that we are able to offer the teachers as a thank you for their hard work and dedication to Catholic education. The Booster model is an easy way for families to engage their relatives and friends in our endeavors.

This year, the PTO is challenging our school families to raise \$40,000.00 - a lofty goal that is so very achievable for our community.

Some "save the date" information is below with an important piece being that the Booster registration site opens in just a few days - October 2nd. The link is below in the PTO section and is also available on the school website. I encourage you to support this effort.

A quick note from Mrs. Chomko in the cafeteria to say that the October lunch menu is available online.

A reminder that Friday, October 6th is a half day of school (Extended Day is open) and Monday, October 9th is a student holiday in honor of Columbus Day.

Interims for grades 3-7 will go home on Friday, October 6th for those students in need of those.

I know there are a lot of flyers (especially for the parish), but please take the time to look and see what is available and all of the amazing programs that are available for your family to participant in over the coming weeks.



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? Did you reach out and check on a friend? Sometimes the questions we need to ask in the moment do not have to be "deeper" than just "How are you?", but sometimes we need to be sure that we are really listening and not just hearing what someone is saying to us. Often those who are close to us have things going on in their lives that they try and keep hidden just a bit so as not to overburden us, but maybe you are meant to be the voice of reason for them or the provider of solace. We will never know if we don't truly engage with those in our lives.

As mentioned, each Thursday this note will contain the Matthew Kelly, Holy Moments videos that he recorded during Lent of 2023. These relate to the Holy Moments book.





# IN RECOGNITION OF CHILDHOOD CANCER

HOSTED BY NJHS

BRING IN \$1 AND DRESS DOWN IN GOLD!



Proceeds will be donated to charity!

The NJHS honors the active, retired and deceased members of out Armed Forces in advance of Veterans Day.

See the complete document and instructions via the "button below" to see how your family can help with our Wall of Heroes.

MY HERO IS:	
WHO served the United States of America	
	Place a picture here. Please not an original but a copy.
	CALLING ALL HEROES:
	1. People who have served our country as a member of the Armed Forces. This includes active, retired or deceased members of the Armed Forces.  2. People who have served our country as first responders. This includes active, retired or deceased.  3. We will accept pictures now and all the way through November 3.
	PLEASE SEND A PICTURE OF YOUR HERO SO THAT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY CAN PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.
Please write a short biography of your hero.	

Wall of Heroes information

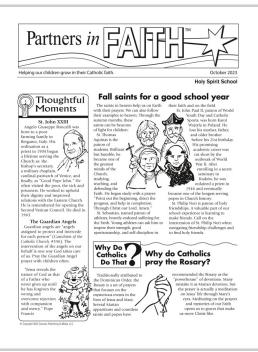
Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade:\_\_\_\_\_

The Art Room needs paper towel and toilet paper tubes! They can be dropped off in the Art Room.

Thank you! Mrs. Liss



## NEW!! October Newsletter



## -Maureen Ashby

#### **Principal**



### **Upcoming PTO Events**

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Boosterthon registration for students opens Stay tuned for more info.

#### Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer Fair 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the school gym (2 PSSC points for attending) See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

#### Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Used Uniform Sale 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the school gym

For more information, see Volunteer Opportunities below to help out and flier below to shop.

#### Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Boosterthon Week** 

#### Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

PTO Meeting 6:30pm – 8:30pm (2-4 PSSC points for attending)

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information.

#### Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Trunk or Treat

Stay tuned for more info.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### Volunteer Fair (2 PSSC points for attending)

The Volunteer Fair will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and will showcas PSSC volunteer and donation opportunities available during the school year. Our PTO Committee chairs will be available to answer questions and match your interests with an event or activity. You can sign up to volunteer at the event or via Connect 1 and plan out your family's PSSC hours commitment. Please sign up in Connect1 if you plan to attend and refer to the PSSC Handbook for a list of committees. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Lauren Schmidt PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

#### <u>Used Uniform Sale</u> (2-4 PSSC points based on time served)

Help set up, sell and/or clean up at the used uniform sale on October 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information on available opportunities and shift times, check out the details on <u>Connect1</u>.

Questions? Contact Melanie Bennett <u>melanieannebennett@gmail.com</u>

#### October PTO Meeting (2-4 PSSC points for attending)

Join us in person in the school on October 17th and hear from your PTO president, Mrs. Ploschke, your principal, Mrs. Ashby, and various committees about what is going on at Holy Spirit School this year. Have an idea to share? Want to provide feedback on events? This is a great opportunity for new, as well as returning families, to share your thoughts, stay up to date and connect with other parents and the PTO board. Can't make it in person? Join us via Zoom so you don't miss anything! Be sure to sign up in Connect1 for meeting details and to earn PSSC points for attending.

Questions? Contact Kristyn Poreba PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org



Our Holy Spirit School Fun Run fundraiser is kicking off soon! Lookout for more information in the coming weeks. For now, mark your calendars with these key dates!

**REGISTRATION OPENS - 10/02/2023** 

## Register on MYBOOSTER.COM Holy Spirit School Fun Run Kickoff - 10/16/2023 Event Day - 10/24/2023

## **Used Uniform Sale – October 4!!!**



Sale Date- Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30-7:30

Where: Holy Spirit School - Volunteer Fair in the Gymnasium

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-

- Coming Soon: please see Connect 1 to volunteer
- · Enter and exit through the gymnasium
- · Plan ahead bring a list of items and sizes needed

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!



Registering for Connect1 at Holy Spirit School

How to sign up for an account on Connect1:

1. On your computer, go to https://app.connect i.io.

2. Click the green bar that says "Sign up (School Code).

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#### **RECESS DUTY SIGN UP in Connect 1 is ready**

Once families have completed their REQUIRED DAY, they are eligible to received 4.0 PSSC points for additional RECESS DUTY days served.

Access your Connect 1 account to sign up!

Recess Duty in Connect 1

#### PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - <u>PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org</u>
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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill -<u>PTOVPDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org</u>
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet -<u>PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org</u>

#### 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 for activities where students are present.

## **Parish Happenings!**



**Mass for People with Disabilities** 

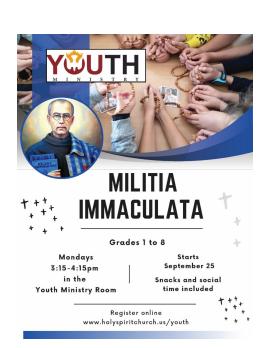
Sunday, October 8, 2023

Porto Charities, Inc. extends a very warm invitation to all to join Bishop Michael Burbidge at the Mass for People with Disabilities on Sunday, October 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale. A reception will be held immediately after Mass.

This yearly event celebrates disability awareness for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the need for us to provide opportunities for them to reach their full potential through inclusive education and meaningful employment throughout the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.

Sunday, Oct. 8 10:30 a.m.

Where: Holy Spirit Catholic Church 8800 Braddock Rd Annandale, VA 22003





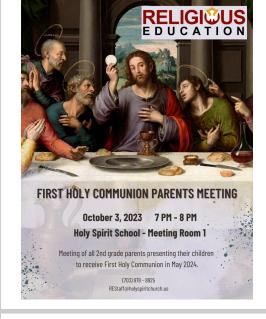
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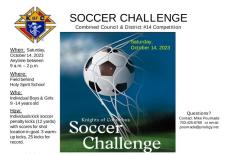
#### FIAT / Band of Brothers

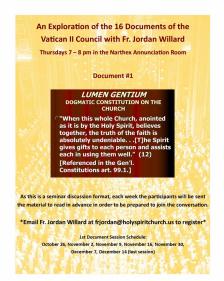




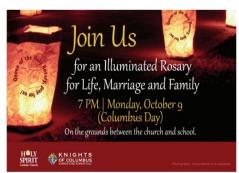
(703) 425-8778











Join fellow parishioners on a free bus to Emmitsburg, between the sites, and back! See the parish website to sign up!

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
on a pilgrimage to
the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday, October 7, 2023

 Presentation on Mother Seton and veneration of her relics

Pilgrimage

Highlights

Mass with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at

Eucharistic procession at the Lourdes Grotto

Confession available to all attendees

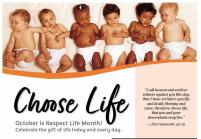
Opportunities for blessing of religious articles

For more information and full schedule, please visit: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/



The two shrines within this pligrimage are at separate locations and require a 6-minute drive. Transportation to Emmissburg is not provided, but some parishes are coordinating bases. Pleas cooract your parish for possible travel arrangements.





- REMEMBER our veterans and military personnel.







The Holy Spirit Women's Council is pleased to host Deacon Mark Arbeen on October 14 after the 9am Mass in the Quinn Room. All women and men of the parish are invited to here Deacon Mark talk about his Spiritual Journey.

Before entering college, Deacon Mark spent 8 years in the U.S. Navy on active duty, where he was a Lay Chaplain for the Episcopal Church, and then 12 years in the Naval Reserve. He then attended the University of Illinois and earned a degree in economics. In 2002 Deacon Mark begin attending Saturday Mass while still attending his Episcopal parish on Sundays. In 2009 Pope Benedic Offered Angelicans a way to enter the Catholic Church while keeping much of their liturgy and customs. For years Deacon Mark served at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church using the new Divine Worship Missal and the Anglican Patrimony as approved by Rome.

In 2018 he was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church with an active ministry in law enforcement. He serves as the Chief Chaplain for the U.S. Secret Service to provide pastoral support to Agents, Officers, employees and their famillies. In 2021 deacon Mark was elected Chaplain of American Legion Post 176 in Springfield, and in 2022 he was elected as Chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327 in Springfield.

All parishioners are invited to hear more about Deacon Mark's Spiritual Journey on October 14 after the 9am Mass in the Quinn Room. A light breakfast will be served.

HOLY SPIRIT WOMEN'S COUNCIL PRESENTS THE



2023 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



Honoring President Gerald Ford's Handcrafted Christmas ornaments



#### To Pre-Order

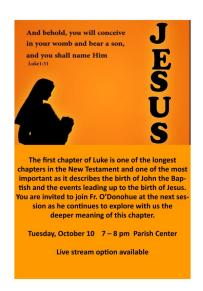
Contact Candie Poumade

cpoumade@prodigy.net

Delivery dates: Oct. 28 -29, Nov.4-5 and 11-12

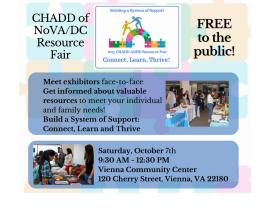
Outside all church entrances







## **Community Happenings!**







#### FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 28, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

#### School Flyers:

- 1. Wall of Heroes information
- 2. Partners in Faith (September) newsletter

#### PTO Flyers:

- 1. Mabel's Labels flyer
- 2. Used Uniform flyer
- 3. Connect 1 Registration Instructions

#### Parish Flyers:

- 1. Porto Charities Mass at Holy Spirit flyer
- 2. Militia Immaculata flyer
- 3. Youth Ministry Program announcement
- 4. Parent Meeting for 1st Communicants
- 5. Parent Meeting for 7th grade parents regarding Confirmation
- 6. K of C Youth Soccer Challenge
- 7. Illuminated Rosary
- 8. Vatican II Documents discovery with Father Willard
- 9. Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, MD
- 10. Respect Life flyer
- 11. Jazz on the Lawn
- 12. Meet Deacon Arbeen flyer
- 13. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue
- 14. Christmas White House ornaments presale
- 15. Blessing of the Pets flyer

#### Community Flyers:

- 1. CHADD ADHD Resource Fair
- 2. Cheerleading Clinic at Bishop Ireton

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