

September 30, 2021



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2021/2022**  
**"In work there is dignity"**

## Please note the calendar change

Before the information gets lost in the shuffle, please note the following change to the school calendar -

School will be closed Friday, January 21st for the March for Life so that the parish has more flexibility in hosting out of town groups in the building.

I certainly encourage families to take advantage of the day to participate in the plethora of pro-life activities/opportunities that exist that day on the parish level both here and at your own home parish.

And now back to September....

What a lovely week of weather we have had - it does seem as though Fall is really upon us.

As the weather tends to be chilly in the morning and warm in the afternoon, we are finding a plethora of jackets and school fleeces being left behind. It is helpful if you can be sure that your child's name is written in these pieces so we can try and get them back to them.

We will switch over to the "Winter uniform" on Monday, November 1st, but in the meantime, please know that it is perfectly acceptable for your student to wear the school long pants or sweatpants should the temperature call for that.

The professional development that was had with the teachers and staff last Friday regarding

the ALICE program, was extremely beneficial and we learned a lot. We will be working as a faculty and staff to put new practices into place and to educate the children on the procedures that are meant to keep them safe.

A reminder that Trimester 1 interims for grades 3-8 will go home on Friday, October 8th. Paper interims are sent to parents when a student has a 75% or below in a core academic subject or a "1" or an "X" in a Special area subject. Parents are encouraged to check the parent portal to keep abreast of the progress of your children.

Enjoy the weekend!

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

## Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

With Fall setting in also comes some fun little events! Boosterthon, Spirit Week, Trunk or Treat, and more!

If anyone is looking for another opportunity to have some fun and get those PSSC hours, the school is looking for more volunteers to help with roller skating in PE classes over the next couple of weeks. You'll help with laces for the littles ones, safety equipment, and the skates, all under Coach G's expert guidance. You do have to be VIRTUS certified to help. You can help with any class; it doesn't have to be just your child's class. Come early, stay late, get some hours in! The signup is here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0449a9ae2fa4fd0-hscsfall>

### ***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](mailto:PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org) to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

### ***Important upcoming dates to remember:***

- **October 18-26** – Boosterthon. The PTO will be ordering “Fun Run” T-Shirts for the kids. More to come!
- **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** – Chair and Co-Chair
- **Talent Show** – Co-Chair
- **Virtual Fundraising** – Chair and Co-Chair

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Your PTO Executive Board

### **PTO Board 2021/2022**

President - Tom Fields - [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)  
 Vice President - Heather Howard - [PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org)  
 Treasurer - Eileen Feely - [PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org)  
 Secretary - Lee Conroy - [PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org)

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - [PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org)  
 Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - [PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org](mailto: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.



**COMING SOON!**  
**A fundraiser for our school and community!**

Registration Opens <b>10/4</b> <small>Go to MYBOOSTER.COM</small>	Donating Opens <b>10/12</b> <small>Go to MYBOOSTER.COM</small>	Kick Off Day <b>10/18</b>	Event Day <b>10/26</b>
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We are getting set to kick off our Boosterthon Flames Fun Run on October 18th! Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to continue to build out our Outdoor Classrooms and to provide funding for general school programs and improvements. We hope to build off of the excitement and success of last year and are counting on this amazing community to pitch in again this year.

We completely understand if your family is not in a position to financially support the school right now. You can still be involved by simply SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and extended family online at [mybooster.com](http://mybooster.com). Sharing IS supporting! ALL students will participate in the Flames Fun Run, regardless of financial participation. We are super excited for a fun and safe experience for everyone!

We appreciate your support more than you know. More details to come as we get closer to kickoff!

Key dates to remember:

**REGISTRATION OPENS – 10/4**  
**Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://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



**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!

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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](http://www.skchess.com)

to find out more  
including financial aid information

Questions? Email: [Info@skenrichment.com](mailto:Info@skenrichment.com) or call: 703.574.2070



## Board Game Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

Attention 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students,  
Come play fun board games with friends and  
Mrs. Marino & Mrs. Walker!

**When:** October 6, October 13, October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10 & November 17

**Time:** 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Room 14

The club will meet on Wednesdays from October 6, until November 17. 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/60B0F4AAFAC2CAAF49-holy>

If you have any questions please contact us by email ([jmarino@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:jmarino@holyspiritflames.org) or [fwalker@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:fwalker@holyspiritflames.org))

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## COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High**

Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.

Last updated 9/27/2021

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

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **2**

Time period: September 24 - September 30, 2021

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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*  
**ON THE GREEN** "Coco"

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](http://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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage)

THE BASILICA



 HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Blessing of the Animals



## October 4th

6-7pm on the Grounds between Church & School

Bring your furry friends, great and small, for a special blessing!

All are Welcome! Pets, Livestock, Reptiles, etc.

For details, visit [www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)

# 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](mailto: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.


 **BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY**

## 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 Deille, 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](http://www.sistersofthehollyfamily.com).

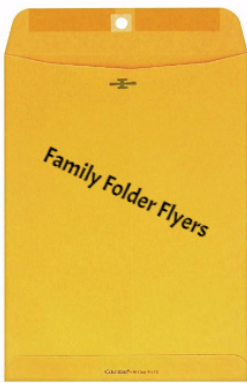


Book fair hosted by Black Pearl Books.  
 Black Pearl Books is a black-woman owned, Austin, TX based independent bookstore promoting - diversity, inclusion, equality, cultural awareness, and community - through literature.

# FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder

labeled "September 30, 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. Board Game Club flyer
3. Silver Knights Chess Club flyer

#### Parish Flyers:

1. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer
2. Blessing of the Animals flyer
3. Pig Roast flyer
4. 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