

May 30, 2024



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

Goodbyes are never easy

As we edge ever closer to the end of the year, we've reached the point where we begin to say "goodbye" to those who will not be returning next year.

To the families of the 8th graders for whom this is your youngest or only child graduating this year, "Thank you" for all of the time and dedication you have given to Holy Spirit over your time here!

To the families of those who for many reasons will not be returning next year, "Thank you" as well to you. It is the totality of families that makes our school community what it is with each family and student bringing their individual gifts and talents to the table.

As well, to the faculty and staff who will be off on new adventures next year both in and out of the field of education, "Thank you" to Mrs. Shannon Long, Mrs. Karen Bush, Mrs. Taylor Webb, Mr. Greg Gordon, Ms. Kalyani Rathod, Ms. Heather Dewar, and Mrs. Cathi Vosburg. It certainly will not be the same without you here! Your dedication to the students and the school is more than can be summed up in simple appreciation; you are what makes Catholic education so very special.

I encourage you to please take a look at your PSSC hours. I will be receiving a report from the PTO PSSC Chair of those who have not met their obligation. Please also attend to any other financial obligations which may be outstanding (tuition, library fines, etc.). As textbooks are collected back from students, the teachers will be assessing them for excessive damage. If this happens to be the case with your child, there will be a fine

assessed for replacement of the textbook. For the middle school students in particular, if there is damage to their assigned Chromebook or the charging cord or case is missing, that will need to be addressed. Report cards will be held until all financial obligations are met.

Reports cards and transcripts for students matriculating away from Holy Spirit School will not be provided if a family has any sort of outstanding obligation to the school.

Yearbooks are scheduled to be distributed to the 8th grade on Friday, May 31st.

Yearbooks are scheduled to be distributed to grades prek - 7 on June 3rd.

The Summer Reading list will be posted to the school website next week.

IXL Summer Math work will be in your child's report card envelope.

The school office will be closed on Wednesday, June 12th for the final faculty/staff meeting of the year.

Student Council

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council Officers for the 2024/2025 academic year.

**Lucy B. - President
Allison C. - Vice President
Hannah P - Secretary
Milania F - Treasurer**

Thank you to this year's officers for all you did over the year representing the student body.

Congratulations to Simone M. and Damian L., two of our 8th graders, who were accepted to participate in James Madison University's orchestra camp last weekend. They stayed on campus for three days, learned new music, rehearsed each day, and shared their talent with about 400 students from all over Commonwealth of Virginia!

Well done!





Our rolling list of reminders!

The **Virtual Art Show** link will be available beginning May 27th; see the flyer below.

Final exams for Grades 6-8 will run from May 28 - May 31st.

The **Algebra and Geometry High School Exemption exams** will be held Saturday, June 1st.

8th Grade Mass and Graduation Awards Ceremony is Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 pm.

Students from across the Middle School Music electives will perform on the afternoon of June 6th. Come check out **"Variations"** at 1:30 pm.

The **last day of school for the Prekindergarten students** is Friday, June 7th.

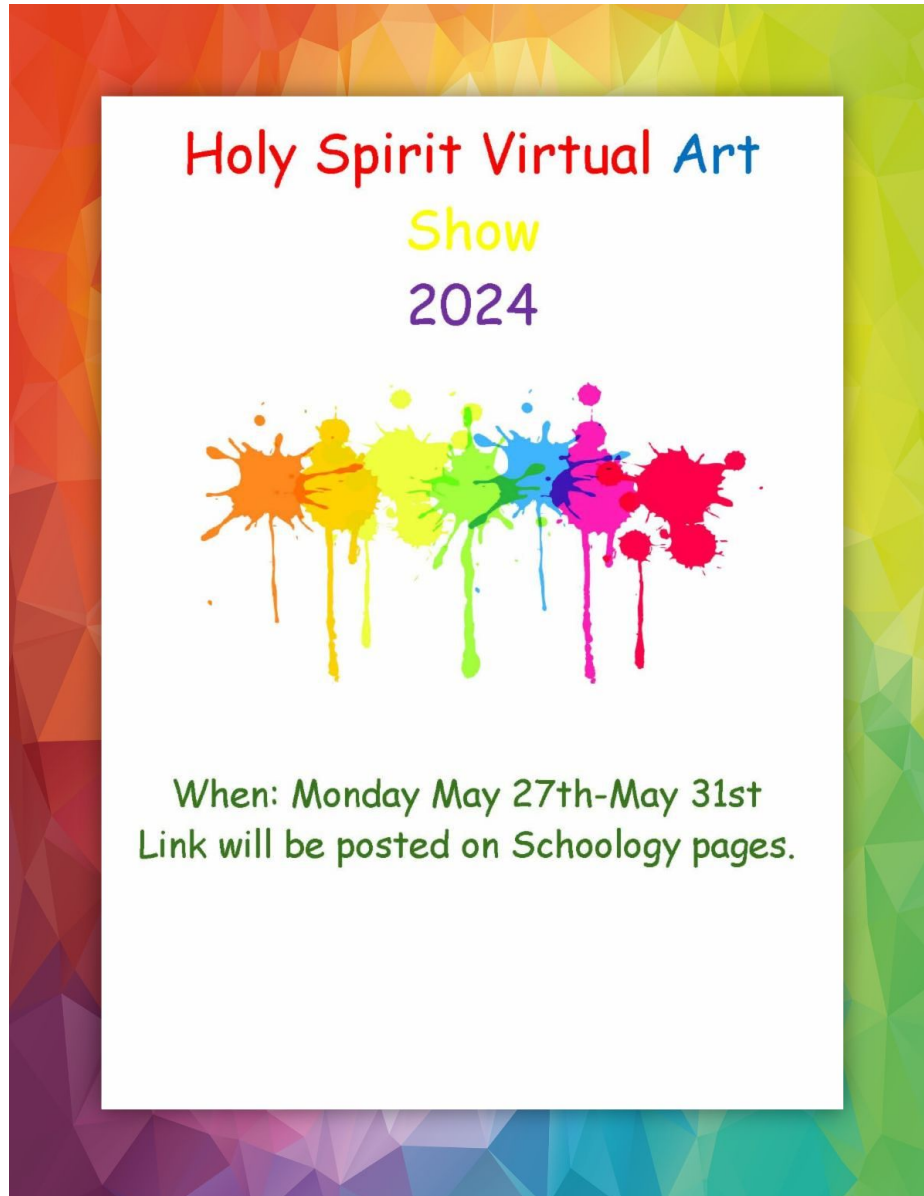
The **Kindergarten Completion Ceremony** is Monday, June 10th at 10:00 am (students will go home with parents following the ceremony).

The **last day of school for Grades 1-7** is Tuesday, June 11th. This is an 11:30am dismissal day with no afternoon Extended Day.

Please be sure to watch the Schoology pages for items particular to your child.



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? Did you bring a positive attitude to an unhappy circumstance? Definitely a challenge for all of us as it is certainly easy to mire ourselves in the "grim" parts of life and to find frustration around every corner. We so often coach our children to be positive and to find the good in situations, hopefully we have all practiced that ourselves this week.



Please join us
for

Variations

Of a Traditional Christian Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

and other selections

Featuring: Keyboard, Ukulele, Handbells and Chorus

Thursday June 6, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

June's Partners in Faith Newsletter!



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

June 2024

Holy Spirit School

Thoughtful Moments

St. Anthony of Padua
Born Fernando de Bulthom in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, St. Anthony was originally an Augustinian monk. He was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon and inspired everyone with his knowledge of the divine. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.

Open your eyes
Parents know that children thrive when they feel loved. However, God knows this need for love doesn't stop when we grow up. Even when we are adults, our heavenly Father is always ready to listen to us, help us, and forgive us. Today, when you look at your children with love, know that you are beloved, too.

"Praise the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).



Celebrate the summer with saints

Embrace the Communion of Saints by integrating saints into your summer activities and dedicating each adventure to one. Let them inspire and protect your family as you enjoy your warm-weather pursuits. Seek their intercession for your family's well-being.

Traveling adventures: Invoke St. Christopher, the patron of travelers, who according to legend safely carried the Christ Child across a river. For air-bound journeys, turn to St. Joseph of Cupertino. Celebrated for his humility and piety, he is said to have levitated due to spiritual ecstasy.

Outdoor activities: Immerse yourself in the natural world with St. Francis of Assisi. His love for all creation shines through in his "Canticle of the Sun."

Patron of animals, he famously brokered peace between a menacing wolf and a terrified town.

Barbecues and campfires: Celebrate with the spirit of St. Lawrence, a third-century Roman deacon who humorously faced martyrdom. As he was roasted alive, he remarked, "I am well done. Turn me over." His courage and wit make him a fitting patron for grill enthusiasts.

Water fun: When swimming or sailing, remember St. Adjuitor of Vernon, the patron saint of swimmers, who swam to freedom to avoid capture. Or, set sail with St. Brendan the Navigator, a fifth-century Irish abbot renowned for his reported journey to the "Promised Land of the Saints" and his safe return.



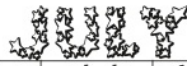
Why Do Catholics Do That?




















Referring to priests as "Father" signifies that we belong to a spiritual family guided by a father figure. This honorific was given to leaders of the early Church. "Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have

Why do Catholics call priests, "Father?"

many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15). As a father guides, nurtures, instructs, and cares for his children, so a priest does the same for his parish family.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
★ 	1 Let one person choose a favorite prayer for the whole family to say together.	2  Recite the Guardian Angel prayer before bedtime.	3 Bless the television set and ask for help in using it in God's service.	★  Make a paper flag and hang it in the window to celebrate our country.	 Attend First Friday Mass or benediction as a family.	6 Pledge to someone you love that you are trustworthy. Make a promise and keep it.
7 Ask each person to listen carefully to the homily at Mass today for one idea to implement this week.	8 Gather as a family and take turns sharing something good that happened to you today.	9  Share the joy of being a child of God. Tell a joke and make someone laugh.	10 Make cookies together using a recipe. Talk about how following God's recipe for our lives will make something wonderful, too.	11  Talk about what you would say to Jesus if he came to visit you.	12  Observe a meatless Friday today. Order a vegetarian pizza and relax.	13  Donate canned goods to a soup kitchen.
14 Pray close attention at Mass today and find something cool you hadn't previously noticed.	15  Select a person or situation in the news and devote a family prayer to it.	16 Write down all the kind and loving phrases you can think of. See how many you can use today.	17  Sing a song that tells God how much you love him.	18 As a family, pick one of the seven virtues and practice it all day. (Faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.)	19 Take a day off from TV, phones, and computers and ask each person to share a favorite family memory.	20  Say, "I'm sorry" to someone you've injured and go to Confession to celebrate God's unending mercy.
21 Attend Mass as a family and pray for peace. 	22  In honor of St. Joseph, do something nice for your father.	23 Pick one person and have everyone else list five things they like about that person. Continue until everyone has had a turn.	24 Light a candle and confess a sin. Promise God you'll try never to do it again.	25  Take every opportunity today to say, "I love you."	26  Celebrate the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Ann, Jesus' grandparents.	27 Bring a meal to someone who is homebound.
28 Eat ice-cream sundaes after Mass today to celebrate the Lord's Day. 	29  In honor of St. Martha today, clean house and share a special meal.	30 Help make your family more loving and patient. Resolve to only use kind words toward each other.	31 Ask St. Francis to watch over our Pope. 			

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Grade Level 2024-2025	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$81.00
Kindergarten	\$118.00
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Grade 3	\$99.00
Grade 4	\$134.00
Grade 5	\$109.00
Grade 6 & New Middle School	\$106.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$97.00

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Starting Now through June 25th!

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Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Supply kits will be delivered to the school and available at open house.

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-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming PTO Events

Volunteer Opportunities (1 point/30 mins volunteered)

2024 Boosterthon Committee Chairs (2 needed)

Join the fun and help us run our next **Boosterthon** in **September/October 2024!**

We are looking for two committee chairs to work collaboratively on our biggest fundraising event of the school year - Boosterthon! This role enables us to deliver a fun week of activities resulting in a big event that all the children love to participate in. The role includes overall planning, working with Booster Enterprises and engaging families to participate on the day. This role is worth 40 points per committee chair.

If you're interested in this role, please reach out to Lauren Schmidt

ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org

Reminders

In order to volunteer with any youth in the Arlington Diocese, you must be [Child Protection Compliant](#).

Parents or legal guardians of each student(s) registered at Holy Spirit School are required to earn a minimum of 20 hours (40 PSSC points) per family or 10 hours (20 PSSC points) for single parent families (single parent families also include families with a deployed spouse) of combined volunteer service during the current school year. For more information, reference the [PSSC Handbook](#).



The New Family Team is looking for current Holy Spirit School families to serve as “buddies” to new families enrolling in the school this fall. A buddy family is a point of contact and friendly face for new families. You can answer their questions and help them navigate those first few months of school! You’ll also be asked to attend the new family social at the end of the summer.

Please email ptonewfamilycoordinator@holyspiritflames.org if you'd like to help out.

PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDevelopment@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 for activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!



Construction Schedule and Parish Impact

MONDAY, JUNE 10 UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST

Building access from June 10 until the end of August:

- The church will be closed with no access for any purpose.
- The narthex will remain open.

WHAT IS BEING DONE:

- ✓ All existing floor tile and carpet are being removed
- ✓ All existing pews are being removed
- ✓ New floor tile and carpet are being laid
- ✓ Distance between pews will be increased
- ✓ Long pews in balcony are being divided in two with new aisles and pews

PARISH IMPACT

Parish activities will be held at the following locations during construction:

MASS

McGivney Hall
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays
School Gym
Saturday mornings, Saturday evening vigils, & Sundays

HOLY HOUR (NO ADORATION)

McGivney Hall
Fridays, June 22 through August 30
7:00-8:00 p.m.

* NOTE: No Holy Hour on June 15

BAPTISMS

Narthex
Sundays, 1:15 p.m.

CONFESSION

Pentecost and Annunciation Rooms (in the Narthex)
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, Thursdays 6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

FUNERALS

Will be held at another nearby Catholic Church with our clergy officiating.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

McGivney Hall will be available when not being used for Mass or Holy Hour.

School space will be on a "space available" basis.

Community Happenings!

✕ DYSLEXIC EDGE

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

DYSLEXIC EDGE IS EXCITED TO EXPAND ITS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

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KRISTA@SDSQUARED.ORG



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GRADES 5-8

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Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

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Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Program for Entering 2nd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident, fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills, develop reading fluency, and improve comprehension. Your child will develop a love of reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, confident reader. Children improve fluency and comprehension, build long-word decoding skills, and expand vocabulary. Your child will develop a lifelong love of reading and get off to a great start in third grade.

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders
In these fun single-grade programs, your child will become a skilled, confident reader with strong comprehension in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders
In these single-grade programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension and reading speed in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. Students expand vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes. As a result, your child will complete homework more quickly and easily, get better grades, and build confidence as a reader.

Programs for Entering 9th and 10th Graders
In these single-grade programs, students learn the skills they need to succeed in high school. Your child will double reading speed and improve comprehension and focus in fiction, textbooks, and nonfiction. Students expand their academic vocabulary and learn study strategies to complete work efficiently, get better grades, and score higher on exams.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Call 1-800-903-0162
Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm, Sat. 8am-7pm, and Sun. 10am-6pm

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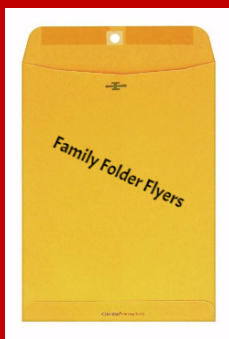


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FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 30, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Virtual Art Show flyer
2. End of Year Music Performance flyer
3. Partners in Faith (June) newsletter
4. Partners in Faith July and August Summer Calendars
5. EPI School Supply Ordering flyer
6. School Supply List for 24/25

PTO Flyers:

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Summer Mass Schedule

Community Flyers:

1. Dyslexic Edge After School Program flyer
2. Bishop O'Connell Summer Camps flyer
3. University of Richmond Summer Reading Skills program flyer
4. John Paul the Great High School Summer Camps flyer

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