

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

We currently have several important initiatives underway to help strengthen Epiphany Catholic School. Our Enrollment Management Team is aggressively marketing our school in an effort to increase our student population. Please know that you are a vital part of marketing our school as well. On Sunday, February 3, from 9:30-11:00 am, we will be hosting an Open House in our gym. It would be great if you could bring a new family and introduce them to our school at this event.

After identifying several local foundations, we will be making applications for grants to support many of our program offerings at Epiphany. Please let me know of any foundations that you know of that would support Catholic education.

Lastly, I would very much like to get your feedback about your family's experiences at Epiphany Catholic School. To this end, a brief survey will soon be made available to you so that we can identify areas where we are doing a good job and other areas where we can improve. Please take the time to complete this survey when you receive it. The information you provide is important to us at Epiphany.

Austin Poole, Principal

Message from Fr. Tran

Dear All,

I would like to thank all of you who one way or another have helped to keep our youth ministry continue to grow. That said, I am happy to announce to all of you as I was soliciting, pondering, consulting and listening with both junior or middle school students, high school students and their parents that:

Beginning of February our youth group (middle school or junior high and high school students) will meet on every Friday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The format will be:

5:30- 6pm: Arrival and catching up with friends and dinner/ snack.

6:00- 7pm: Sunday Gospel of the coming week, Q&A (from the box or current issue), games and end with a decade of the Rosary with prayer intentions.

I hope in doing so, we will save time for adult volunteers and meet the needs of those who care for our program to growth.

Virtue of the Month

Each month students will be recognized who best exemplify the Virtue of the Month.

We are proud to recognize the following students:

January – Empathy and Compassion

Charlotte Coppola, Faith Tingler, Leo Keddie, Pina Young and Connor Storey

Illness at School

Allergies, sore throats, belly aches, low grade fevers, and other illnesses have been making the rounds. As a reminder, students are to be fever and symptom free of any illness, including any intestinal distress for a **full 24 hours, without any medication**, before returning to school. Please discuss the importance of personal space and proper hand washing. Please let us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza or other highly contagious viruses.

Supporting our Community

The Heat Shelter needs help. Volunteers are always needed to bring food, chaperone and transport people to Powell Wellness Center for showers. You can sign up through the link provided by Precious Blood below:

www.carecalendar.org

Calendar ID: 200420

Security Code: 5365

Epiphany Spirit Wear Online Store

We are open for business!

All items can be ordered and paid for online. Orders will arrive at school as they are received, and you have the option to have them shipped to your home.

Orders will be accepted until the end of Christmas break.

Most of the prices are the same, but please be aware that a few have changed.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Young at spiritwear@epiphanycatholicschool.org

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to Visit the
Store**

Go ECS! Cheer on!

March For Life

March for Life: On Friday, January 18, 2019, many of our Epiphany families attended the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Families rode charter buses with parishioners of Precious Blood Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Heelen for organizing the trip for the 8th grade class and Father Kevin Walsh for providing the transportation.





Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 -
February 2
#CSW19

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

SUNDAY: January 27 Celebrate Your Parish

Students will serve as lectors, choir members, altar servers, and ushers at the 11:30 Mass at Precious Blood Church. A light reception will be served at Precious Blood in the Parish Hall. Students are asked to wear their full dress uniform at Mass. A display board and school information will be available at all the parishes for interested families.

MONDAY: January 28 Celebrating Your Community

Classrooms have been collecting healthy items for their community baskets to show their appreciation for those who provide services that keep our community safe and a better place to live. Community leaders will be recognized at an assembly in the gym at 2:00.

TUESDAY: January 29 Celebrating Your Students

Epiphany will be celebrating our students today. The school will have a dress down day. Free pizza and ice cream will be provided for lunch. Students will have a game hour from 2:00-3:00 in the gym to play their favorite age appropriate game with their classmates.

WEDNESDAY: January 30 Celebrating the Nation

Students may wear red or patriotic socks with their P.E. uniforms. Classes will search online for other Epiphany Catholic School websites. Classes can locate/chart on a United States map. Classes can also email their grade level at one or more of the schools to wish them a happy Catholic Schools Week.

THURSDAY: January 31 Celebrating Vocations

Faculty and staff will provide a breakfast for the priests and volunteers to celebrate vocations. Students will create a spiritual bouquet for the priests thanking them for answering the call to serve God in the priesthood.

FRIDAY: February 1 Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

We will celebrate Mass for faculty, staff, and volunteers. The PTO has planned a luncheon for the faculty and staff. Classes will join together in the gym at 2:30 for the bulletin board contest results to end our Catholic Schools Week celebration.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

January News from Kindergarten

January finds Kindergarteners learning how to be more independent and showing that they are ready to take on more challenging assignments.

They have been busy learning about several famous Americans including Martin Luther King, Jr., Paul Revere, Betsy Ross, and Benjamin Franklin.

Students also had the opportunity to see “first hand” how blubber (or crisco) helps keep animals warm. We also learned what makes snow different than rain, and even had a chance to make “snow” and play with it at our desks. What could be more fun than snow IN school!?

Recipe for snow: 3 cups baking soda + $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hair conditioner (you may have to adjust quantities slightly to make snow less fluffy).

Second Grade

BRRRRRR! It's January! Second Grade has been working on their math and reading skills after a fun filled December! We celebrated the season with the Feast of St Nicholas, Reindeer games and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Catholic Schools Week starts off Monday and we are honoring our Community of volunteers at the Culpeper Heat Shelter! We are working with Eighth grade by making blankets for their guests and providing small gift cards and toiletries to help with their Corporal Works of Mercy to shelter the homeless. We are also preparing for our First Reconciliation with our families at Precious Blood Church on February 16 at 11 am. Looking forward to spring springing soon!



Fifth Grade

Fifth Graders followed a recipe and baked brownies to deliver to the Heat Shelter this week.



Media

The Yearbook Club is looking for awesome pictures to use in this year's copy! Have a great shot you'd like to share? Email it to: yearbook@epiphanycatholicsschool.org Thank You! ~The Yearbook Club

During Media Class, students have been working on their coding skills over the past few weeks. They have worked on various coding websites, as well as using our new coding robot, which we named, Star Dash. Students use an app on the ActivPanel to code Star Dash to move, light up and make sounds. It has been a fun, exciting, educational activity

Music

New Ensemble Member: Congratulations to 6th grader, Abby H., for becoming a member of Epiphany Ensemble. Ensemble is very excited to have another flute player in the group. Way to go, Abby!



Save the date: **Friday, March 31, 2019 - All School Showcase.**



