

October 20, 2017

## From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that our first quarter of the school year ends next week! I ask that you continue to use the Parent Portal to ensure that student work is complete. Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, November 3rd.

Next week will be busy! The **Race for Education** will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, followed by an early dismissal on Thursday, a student holiday on Friday, and Trunk or Treat on Friday evening, Parent volunteers are needed for the Race for Education, so let us know if you can help or would like to come out and cheer on our runners! Thank you in advance for giving us the gift of your time!

The Lions came out today for vision/hearing screening. I was expecting 'The Van' to pull up, but instead they set up in the library. Vision screening is done in about 5 seconds using a retinal scan, and hearing is tested using more modern technology than the booth. Students for whom vision or hearing concerns were noted will be notified with documentation of the screening. Thank you, parents, for allowing your child to participate.



The Prison Ministry at Precious Blood is asking for your prayers this weekend as they participate in the October Kairos at the state prison in Augusta. Our students have made placemats and posters, and Mr. Dawley picked those up on Tuesday to take with him. He was quite touched by the messages that our students came up with.

On Sunday, October 22 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, the Kairos team is asking for prayers from our school community to support their ministry: prayers for the residents and for the team members. If willing, we ask that you take 1/2 hour to pray for all involved in the Kairos retreat. Please send an email to Scott Dawley: [sidawley@gmail.com](mailto:sidawley@gmail.com) to let him know that you are participating.

Thank you all in advance for your support of this very important ministry.

I would like to thank the following people and businesses in our community for making our **STEM Night** a great success:

Heather Glick - Eastern View ITRT

- Matt Ortman - AG Richardson/Farmington ITRT
- Brian Foster - Emerald Hill ITRT
- Sue Jenkins - CCPS Curriculum Specialist Math/Science
- Sarah Hallum - Math Specialist
- Culpeper Middle/Floyd T. Binns Middle
- Candace Stanley - Math Specialist AG Richardson
- Laywer Johnson - 5th Grade Sycamore Park
- Sara McClennan and Brad McClennan - Starbucks
- Frankie Gilmore - Soap Box Derby
- Culpeper Movie Theater -- donated popcorn.



## Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ **Saturday, October 21** Confirmation Retreat
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 25** Race for Education
- ◆ **Thursday, October 26** End of the First Quarter  
**11:30 Dismissal K-8**  
Confirmation Meeting for parents of 7th Graders (7:00 at Precious Blood)
- ◆ **Friday, October 27** **Teacher In-Service Day-No school for students**  
Trunk or Treat - Turn in your reservation!
- ◆ **Sunday, October 29** Ministry/Spanish Mass @ 2:00 (Precious Blood)
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 31** Preschool Harvest Parties
- ◆ **Wednesday, Nov. 1** All Saints Day-Holy Day of Obligation; Mass @ 1:30-Full Dress Uniforms
- ◆ **Thursday, Nov. 2** Gr. 4 and 5 Field Trip to Richmond

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **Saturday, Nov. 11** **VIRTUS Workshop** (9:00-1:00) at Precious Blood and **16th Annual Gala at Tuscany Hall** 6:00-12:00 midnight
- ◆ **Thursday, Dec. 14** **Bishop Burbidge celebrates Epiphany Mass** (9:00 a.m.), visits with students and has lunch with our teachers. Parents, please plan to join us as we welcome our Bishop to this beautiful part of his Diocese!

## Volunteers and VIRTUS Requirements

As a reminder, it is the policy of the Diocese that all volunteers, especially in a school setting where every person is in close contact with children, are required to have a background check. This involves completing the compliance paperwork and attending the VIRTUS workshop. We understand that this is often inconvenient for parents, so a session has been scheduled at **Precious Blood on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Prior to attending the workshop**, the required **paperwork** needs to be completed. This paperwork will initiate the record for compliance. Packets are available in the school office. Please stop by to pick one up or call to request that one be sent home. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students!

## PowerSchool Parent Portal

We ask parents to make use of the Parent Portal to monitor student progress and communicate with teachers if there are any concerns. Parents will use the same account login and password that they used last year. Parents of kindergarten students, please note that they are evaluated in January and June.

Copy and paste this address into your browser:

<https://arlingtondiocese.powerschool.com/public/>

By using the Parent Portal, the Epiphany website and the teachers' classroom websites, parents should be well informed of student progress, assignments and test schedules.

## 'BOOST' AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

Many students could use just a little extra help, and our teachers will be available to offer instructional assistance on the following days:

- Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on Mondays (begin on November 2, the first day of the 2nd Quarter)
- Middle School-**Notify teacher by email 24 hours ahead if attending.**
  - ✓ Ms. Gaffron on Tuesday - Reading/Language Arts
  - ✓ Mrs. Heelen on Wednesday - Science, Gr. 6 Social Studies and Gr. 6 /7 Math
  - ✓ Mr. Saibini on Friday - Religion, Gr. 7/8 Social Studies and Gr. 8 Math/Algebra

**Teachers will bring students to the Main Entrance at 4:15.**

**Please wait at doors, as office is closed at 4:00.**

## ✓ FLYNN & O'HARA - FREE SHIPPING THIS WEEKEND ONLY!

It is that time of year when we will soon be changing from warm weather uniforms to cold weather uniforms. This means long pants every day for boys and PE sweats twice a week for all students. We notice some students may even need clothing the next size up! Please be sure to check the uniform policy in the Parent/Student Handbook if you are unsure about what is permitted and what is not.

If you do need to place an order, our uniform supplier Flynn & O'Hara is offering free shipping for online orders over \$100.00. Go online to [flynnohara.com](http://flynnohara.com) and follow the prompts to our Epiphany school store.

**Orders will need to be placed between October 20-23. Use promotion code: SWEATERWEATHER**

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Though we strive for students to be at school every day, if a student has a fever or symptoms of a stomach virus (vomiting and/or diarrhea) they may not attend that day **AND MUST be fever and symptom free** of a contagious illness, **including above mentioned intestinal distress**, for a **full 24 hours, without any medication**, before returning to school. If placed on antibiotics for any contagious illness, 3 doses must be administered to attend.



## THE EMERALD CITY BALL

Early Bird RSVP are due for **The Emerald City Ball**, our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala. It will be held November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm- Midnight at Tuscany Hall. Come join us for food, fun and dancing!

This is Epiphany's largest and most successful fundraiser due in a large part to our parental support. We look forward to seeing you in November! For further questions or ways you can help please contact our Gala Chairs, Rachel Glascock and Mary Laybourne, at [gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org).



## Points for Parents

Parents, don't forget to sign in and out in the PTO Volunteer Hours Book to track the hours given to your school! **Thank you for your gift of time and talent!** You can review the program information by visiting the Epiphany website: [epiphanycatholicsschool.org](http://epiphanycatholicsschool.org) and going to the link in the PTO tab. If you have questions, please contact PTO President Peggy Young at [PTO@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:PTO@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

## VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAME SCHEDULES

We only have a few more games in our Fall sports season. We would love to hear some cheering on the sidelines, and invite our families to come out to cheer on our students! Below please find the schedule of remaining games to be played, so pick a game or two to attend. It is a great way to get to know some new Epiphany families, and the athletes love to hear people making some (good) noise on the sidelines!

### SOCCER

- Oct. 24 (Tuesday) HOME game (not yet confirmed)
- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) HOME vs. Grymes Memorial School at 4:00 pm

### VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 24 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Culpeper Christian School at 4:30 pm
- Oct. 25 (Wednesday) HOME vs. Grace Prep at 4:15 pm
- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Powhatan School at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm