

**From the Desk of Mr. Poole**

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to the 16 families who have already completed our brief survey. We greatly appreciate your candid thoughts about Epiphany. With your help, we can continue to make improvements and make our school an even better place to learn.

So far, 15 families have donated \$4,885 to our Share The Love matching fund drive. Please consider making a donation so that we can fully match the \$20,000 already pledged. Every donation is very important to us and we would like to have every family participate to the extent that they feel comfortable. We have received donations ranging from \$25 to \$2,000. No amount is too small (or too large!)

Please join us on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 6-7:30 pm for our STEAM Family Night. There will be lots of fun, hands on activities. Last year this event was a great success and we anticipate another fun learning experience this time.

Plant to attend the PTO General Meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Ian Masson, M.S., LPC, who is the Clinical Director of Parenting Services at Chrysalis Counseling Centers. He will be offering a presentation on Child Centered Parenting Skills which focuses on the 5 basic parenting skills presented in Dr. Louisa Guerney's "Parenting: A Skills Training Manual". Time for questions and answers will be provided.

Austin Poole, Principal



**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:

**March – Honesty**

**Tommy Mason, T.J.Troilo, Angel Perez-Roblero, Cayden McCawley, Emma Acosta, Jasiah Myers, Miles DeRoo, Matthew Lee, Noah Parsons, Danielle Armor, Graciela Lozano, Faith Tingler and Savanna Veazey**

## **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.

## **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.

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@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:spiritwear@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

Go ECS! Cheer on!

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Store**

## **CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS**

### **March News from Kindergarten**

March was a busy month for Kindergarten! We welcomed spring with a week of learning about seeds. We watched our bean seeds germinate and then planted them in soil. We also measured our hyacinth plant sprout and observed that it grew 9 inches in 1 week! Our caterpillars arrived this month too, and we are very excited to watch them change into butterflies!

We had a lot of fun celebrating Dr. Seuss in the month of March as well! We had green eggs and ham and read many of his books, which of course led us to practice rhyming.

We are becoming experts in addition and counting coins and have had a lot of fun working with play money and participating in money games.

Kindergarteners read [If You Give a Dog a Donut](#) and we found out what happens if you Give a Kindergartener a Donut! Everyone got to eat a glazed donut from Knakal's Bakery. Some of their responses were: If you Give a Kindergartener a Donut..."he'll want another ", "she'll want sprinkles", "he'll say thank you", "they'll do a happy dance", he'll want some milk", and "they'll all shout Hooray!"

## Second Grade

Second grade has had a great month with two field trips! We visited Hale Family Dentistry and found out that education is very important when you want to be a dentist! We also learned that teeth have to last a lifetime so it is important to take care of them! We also had fun attending the premiere performance of the Wizard of Oz at Eastern View High School, which featured many of our alumni students. We are looking forward to First Communion on May 4, 2019.



## Fifth Grade

March has been a busy month for fifth graders. One of our STEM projects was to create a wind powered car and we made slime to introduce our chemistry unit in science.

Inspired by the Peeps Contest in the Washington Post, we made Peeps dioramas depicting the miracles of Jesus.





## Media

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Spring Consignment Sale a huge success! From everyone who brought in snacks, helped set up and tear down, provided meals, volunteered and shopped, Thank You! It is a fun event and we love hearing the community tell us what a great feeling they have when they are with us! ~Erin, Jayme and Meghan

Save the Date - The Spring Book Fair is coming Monday, April 8th through Friday, April 12th. Be on the lookout for more information coming home soon. Interested in helping? Contact Erin Sherry at [sherrye@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:sherrye@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)

First Grade worked on St. Patrick STEM centers during Media class. Using the App EPIC, students read a book about St. Patrick and then used Building Blocks to create St. Patrick themed creations.



## Race for Education

Race for Education is coming up on May 1, 2019! If every child turns in a sheet of labels, this can be a huge fundraiser for the school.

## Athletics

### SAVE THE DATES

ECS Girls Volleyball Summer Camp with Coach Beverstock will be held June 24-28 from 3 - 6 pm each day for rising 5th through 9th graders.

ECS Girls & Boys Basketball Summer Camp with Coach Beverstock will be held July 15-19 for two age groups this year! From 12-3 pm, the camp will be geared toward rising 3rd - 5th graders. From 3 - 6 pm, the camp will be geared toward rising 6th - 9th graders.

More information and details regarding the Volleyball and Basketball Summer Camps will be coming soon.

## Music

Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10:15 am: the Passion of Christ presented by grades 4 and 5. Families are welcome to attend the performance.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019: Middle School students will present their "Who Am I" musicians during the day. Parents are welcome to attend.

Friday, May 31, 2019: Fine Arts Showcase. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a PTO meeting; Preschool 3 to grade 8 performances will begin following the meeting. We are looking forward to this once a year All-School Showcase.

On Friday, March 15, 2019, students and staff were treated to Irish dancing after Mass. Many thanks to dancers, Abby and Kathleen, for their exquisite performance.



On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Schola Primo and Ensemble students participated in the 2nd Annual Music Festival with Linton Hall Catholic School. Students participated in a Meet and Greet, Scavenger Hunt, rehearsals, and lunch. The Festival culminated at 12:45 pm with a Prayer Service and dessert. Schola Primo and Ensemble students played handbells, bells, xylophone as well as their band instruments. It was a fun-filled day. Many thanks to all who made it a success:

- Mrs. Deborah Fancher, Linton Hall Music Teacher and her choir
- Mr. Poole and all school personnel for your help
- All parents who donated food, beverages and plasticware for lunch/dessert
- Father Augustine Tran who joined us for lunch
- Mrs. Jami Williams, Mrs. Jamie Caprarese and Mr. Travis Delagardelle who assisted with lunch.



**On Tuesday, March 21, 2019, Schola Primo students performed at the Culpeper Rehabilitation Center for residents, donors, employees, and guests. Their 90 minute performance was well received by all. Many thanks to Mrs. Linda Williams for accompanying students on harp and piano. Special thanks to Mrs. Hatfield for inviting us to perform and all parents for your support. The students did a fabulous job!**



**Congratulations to our newest Ensemble Member: Mackenzie Young. Mackenzie is in 6th grade and plays the trumpet. She also serves at Mass as an Altar Server and is in Schola Primo. Way to go and welcome aboard, Mackenzie.**



Students in grade 3 are practicing “mirroring” in preparation for their play with kindergarten, first and second grades on May 31, 2019.



Students in grades K-3 have been learning about Instrumental Families.

