

February 9, 2018

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

Another busy week here at Epiphany! If you look at the calendar, you will see that there is something happening every day!

Tonight is our annual Mardi Gras Party! The PTO has decorated the gym and will provide chicken tenders and hot dogs for everyone. A flyer was sent home earlier this week with a list by grade of what families will bring for the Pot Luck. I hear it was a great time last year! I do hope to see you tonight.



EPIPHANY - THE BEST OF YOUR HOMETOWN



Show your school spirit and VOTE for Epiphany in the Culpeper Star-Exponent BEST OF YOUR HOMETOWN Reader's Choice Awards for 2018. Epiphany has nominations in the categories of **Best Preschool, Elementary School, Middle School and Place to Work.** Under Community VIPs we have nominations in the **Best Teacher and Best Administrative Assistant** categories. You can vote once PER DAY for every email address you have. We appreciate your support. Voting has begun and runs through 2/18/2018. Go to: starexponent.com/bestof to cast your vote.

CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA

**Save the date! Save the date! Don't be late! Author Night and Guest Readers Await!
Please don't hesitate! Save the date!**

Please join us on Monday March 5, 2018 at 6:00 to enjoy a night of reading and fun at Epiphany. Celebrated author Barb Lawson will be joining us for a fabulous, exciting and interactive performance. Student will move from room to room after the presentation and participate in exciting activities and meeting special guest readers!.

Bring your whole family to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR HOT LUNCH

Some adjustments were needed on the next round of Hot Lunch Order Forms, so they are included with Kid Mail today. An order form is also attached to the School Messenger email for this weekly Newsletter, so if you don't receive yours or misplace it, you will have a copy.

- **Hot Lunch Orders are due by Noon on Thursday, Feb. 15.**
- Some students had credits issued for the Pizza Tuesday during Catholic Schools Week. If you received a credit, it will show on your child's order form AND you will have received an email from Mary Laybourne, our new Hot Lunch Coordinator.

Thank you, Mary, for taking on this project!

Here are also some reminders when completing the Hot Lunch Order Form:.

- Parents, please review order forms for accuracy before submitting. (especially if completed by a child)
- Check the money math. Many orders are coming in with math errors and not enough funds included for what was actually ordered.
- Payment MUST be included or the order will be put into a 'hold' status. If payment is not received, the order will be cancelled.
- ALWAYS fill out and KEEP the reminder stubs at the bottom of the order form. Many children are showing up thinking they have ordered something for lunch, but in fact have not. Parents will be called to bring lunch to students that did not order and do not have a lunch.

CORRECTION TO HONOR ROLL LIST

We apologize for the omission of Faith Tingler from our list of students receiving Honors in the Second Quarter. We appreciate the hard work that Faith and that all of our students who achieved Honors and High Honors at Epiphany. Keep up the good work!

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

We have been very fortunate with illness here at Epiphany. Many schools in the area are experiencing high absences due to the influenza outbreak. We thank you for your awareness and for informing us when your child has been diagnosed. We ask that you continue to be aware of how your children are feeling. Again, flu symptoms include an abrupt onset of symptoms, fever lasting 3-4 days, chills, body aches, fatigue/weakness/lethargy, cough, runny nose, sore throat. Vomiting and diarrhea is more common in children. Symptom usually last a few days. Complications include sinus and ear infections, bronchitis and pneumonia. For more information visit the CDC website.

More information about REGISTRATION and TUITION ASSISTANCE

All families have now received their **Registration Packages** for their currently enrolled students for the 2018-2019 school year. If you need another application for a sibling or two, please call the school office. In the envelope you will find forms completed with the information we currently have on file, and information about required immunizations, applying for tuition assistance, and tuition payment options. Also note that the Registration Fee for currently attending students is \$50.00 instead of \$75.00. On March 1, the Registration Fee will again be \$75.00 per student.

Please be reminded that applications received through February 28 from current Epiphany families and parishioners of Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, St. Isidore the Farmer and St. Peter have priority placement over applicants from the general public. It is important to return applications as soon as possible, as unfilled seats will be open to the general public on March 1.

Word of mouth is our best advertisement! Do you have a family member, neighbor, friend or acquaintance that may be considering a Catholic school education, or even an option to public school? Please ask them to call the school office to discuss the registration process and to schedule a tour. Parents, if you refer a family that attends Epiphany for the 2018/2019 school year you will receive a \$250.00 tuition credit!

In addition to multiple tuition assistance resources through the Diocese of Arlington, Epiphany also has assistance for qualifying applicants. **Any family that will request financial assistance of any sort must complete an application and provide the required documents annually through FACTS Grant and Assessment**. This is an online application and may be completed in either English or Spanish. We ask families to complete the application process, including submission of supporting paperwork, as soon as possible, but **not later than Friday, March 5, 2018**. Please enter this link into your browser: <https://online.factsmgt.com>

This is open now! Please don't delay!

Please note that an **Application for Admission must be also submitted** to Epiphany Catholic School to be considered for financial assistance. Please call the office (825-9017) or email (office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org) with any questions.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal is open for the third grading period. We ask parents to continue to monitor student progress using the Parent Portal and communicate with teachers if there are any concerns. Use this link:

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

Mark Your Calendar

**Please note correction to the February calendar:
Epiphany students lead
Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 2**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Ash Wednesday** *Day of Fast and Abstinence*
 - Wednesday, Feb. 14
 - Mass at 1:30
 - Students in full dress uniforms
- **Early Dismissal Days**
 - Friday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 K-8
- **Student Holiday**
 - Monday, Feb. 19 - Presidents' Day
- **First Reconciliation Information**
 - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 at Precious Blood
 - *Sacrament of Reconciliation* Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12:00 at Precious Blood
- **Due Dates**
 - Thursday, Feb. 15 Hot Lunch Orders due
- **Events**
 - Mardi Gras Pot Luck Family Night **TONIGHT!** 6:00-8:30 p.m.
 - Open House for our Hispanic Community Sunday, Feb. 11 Hours: 3:30 - 5:00
 - **\$1.00 Dress Down - Wear RED Day** **Monday, Feb. 12**
 - **Mardi Gras Dress Down Day** **Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Mardi Gras colors**
 - 3rd Annual Stars Basketball Tournament Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17
 - Open House (Culp. Co. School Holiday) Tuesday, Feb. 20 9:00-2:00
 - Preschool Open House Wednesday, Feb. 21 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Science Fair (Middle School) Thursday, Feb. 22
 - First Reconciliation at Precious Blood Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12:00 p.m.
 - Closed Registration ends Wednesday, Feb. 28

OTHER INFORMATION

- **SCA Meetings**

Pick up at **Main Door** at specified time. Student not picked up will be signed in to afternoon care.

 - Monday, Feb. 12 Pick up at 5:00
 - Monday, Feb. 26 Pick up at 4:15
- **Boost and After School Help**

Pick up at 4:15 at **Main Door**. *Students not picked up at main door at 4:15 will be brought to the Pavilion and signed in to afternoon care.*

 - Monday: 3rd Grade
 - Tuesday: Ms. Gaffron
 - Wednesday: Mrs. Heelen
 - Thursday: 4th and 5th Grade
 - Friday: Mr. Saibini
- **Ensemble and/or Schola Rehearsals**

Pick up at **Main Door**. *Students not picked up at main door will be brought to the Pavilion and signed in to afternoon care.*

 - Thursday, Feb. 8 Ensemble P/U @ 4:00
 - Thursday, Feb. 15 Ensemble P/U @ 4:00
- **Hot Lunches-**
 - Tuesday, Feb. 13 Pizza
 - Tuesday, Feb. 20 Chick Fil A
 - Friday, Feb. 23 Pizza
 - Tuesday, Feb. 27 Jersey Mike's
- **SPORTS**
 - **BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE**
 - February 16/17 Home 3rd Annual ECS Basketball Tournament