

May 26, 2017

A Note from Mr. Oliver

Dear Epiphany Families,

I would like to announce the new principal chosen by Father Kevin. Austin Poole is an experienced principal in the Diocese. He has been at the helm of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna for the past 19 years. He brings his vast knowledge and operations of working with the Office of Catholic Schools to Epiphany. Please extend warm wishes and support when you have the opportunity to meet him at the PTO meeting on June 2.

I also am proud to announce that our own Josh Saibini will be named Assistant Principal for the 2017-18 school year. Josh is in his second year of his Masters program in administration at Marymount University and has done an outstanding job assuming administrative duties when I have been out of the building. I feel confident that the leadership of Epiphany is in good hands to continue in the wonderful ministry of providing a solid Catholic Education to our community.



We will be welcoming new staff, ready and eager to join us in August for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Mrs. Danielle Aylor will be our new kindergarten teacher. Many of you are already aware of Mrs. Aylor's talents. She has done an amazing job teaching in our preschool 4 program this year. With 13 years teaching experience, the transition to kindergarten will be a smooth process for Mrs. Aylor. Danielle attended the University of Delaware where she earned her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. At Walden University she received her Masters of Science. Mrs. Aylor is looking forward to this new challenge, as well as collaborating with the Epiphany staff, building connections with parents, and creating a great learning environment for her students.
- Another familiar face that will take on a new role next year is Monica Parsons, who will move from preschool 3 teacher to Preschool Director, as well as assuming the position of teacher for our four year old program. Mrs. Parsons has done an outstanding job these past two years as a teacher and we look forward to her new direction and guidance as we continue to improve our preschool program. Mrs. Terry, who has served as Preschool Director for more than 25 years, has decided to step down as Director. We are forever indebted to Mrs. Terry for her leadership, and the commitment and love she has shares with the children at Epiphany and Precious Blood over her tenure. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

We extend our blessings to this year's eighth grade Confirmation class as well as to their parents and sponsors. Tonight Alex Delettre, Lindsey Dolan, Riley Fay, Elijah Johnson, Mary Katherine McNamara, Mary Semerling, Ben Virag, Rebecca Watts and Gavin Young will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:30 pm at Precious Blood Church. Confirmation teacher Josh Saibini is commended for his commitment, time, and service to our school youth. We are grateful for his ministry of service and evangelization.



Memorial Day

All Gave Some, Some Gave All

We observe Memorial Day on Monday. Although this has become associated with the beginning of summer, it is really a solemn holiday to honor those that have paid the ultimate price in the service to our country. We also recognize all of our members of the armed forces for the gift of our freedom. We are truly grateful.

'Freedom is Never Free'

President Trump has issued a proclamation to make Memorial Day, May 29, 2017, a day of prayer for permanent peace. The proclamation goes on to state that flags are to be flown at half mast until noon, that people of the United States display the flag at their home (at half mast if possible), that at 11:00 in each locality people unite in prayer, and at 3:00 to observe a moment of remembrance.

Wax Museum

If you had the opportunity to walk in to the Middle School Wax Museum on Tuesday, we have no doubt you had an amazing experience! Each middle school student selected a special person in history, whether it was someone from ancient history (6th grade), American history (7th grade) or a Saint (8th grade). They were responsible for creating a presentation board, dressing as their character, researching their history, and creating, memorizing, and delivering a dialogue ranging from 1 1/2 minutes (6th grade) to 3 1/2 minutes (8th grade). Everyone that stopped by was very impressed! GREAT JOB, MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Dramapalooza

The Epiphany middle school students performed at the Diocesan Shakespeare Festival held at Paul VI High School on May 19th. The students worked diligently for weeks preparing for this event, and all of their hard work really paid off as they gave a performance that had all in attendance laughing and cheering in the school's auditorium. I was so proud to hear the judge praise our students for their creativity and their ability to project their voices. Several students were singled out for their animated acting, as well as for really capturing the essence of their roles. The middle school teachers could not be more proud of the efforts and composure of all of our students.

An encore performance of their interpretation of 'The Tempest', along with performances by all of our Epiphany students, will be held on June 2 at Dramapalooza, our Fine Arts Night. Please make plans to attend!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, May 26

- 8th Grade Confirmation Mass @ 7:30

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 30

- 8th Grade Field Trip - Basilica
- PS 3 Field Trip - Children's Museum
- PS 4 Field Trip - Eldon Farm
- Pizza Tuesday

Wednesday, May 31

- Bake Sale

Thursday, June 1

- Preschool 3's Dads and Donuts 9:15

Friday, June 2

- 8:30 Mass -First Friday Kg Leads
- 3rd Grade trip to Powell Wellness
- Hot Lunch - Buffalo Wild Wings
- Dramapalooza! PTO Meeting/Fine Arts Night-6:00

Monday, June 5

- **11:30 Dismissal**

Tuesday, June 6

- Preschool Graduation
- Hot Lunch: Mama Mai's

Other Important Dates/Information:

- Who Am I? June 8 (Middle School)
- Sports Banquet Pot Luck on June 8
- Kg. Graduation, 8th Gr. Lunch, & Passing On Ceremony is Friday, June 9
- Epiphany 20th Year Celebration is June 10
- Field Day is June 12
- 8th Grade Graduation is June 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- **11:30 Early Dismissal Thursday, June 15 and 8th Grade trip to Busch Gardens**
- Last day of school - June 16
Dismissal follows 8:30 Mass and distribution of Report Cards and Awards-(about 10:15)

20th Year Celebration

On June 10th, Epiphany will host a celebration to mark the end of our 20th year! Former families and alumni are invited to attend. However, many of former families have moved either within or outside of the area. Any help in contacting our families would be appreciated! To offer or receive more information, please email Ellie Johnston at

CLASS PICTURES AND YEARBOOKS

Order forms for Class Pictures and the Yearbook were sent home today in Kid Mail. Please return these by Friday, June 2. See order form for more details.

FIELD TRIPS

On Wednesday, Mrs. Fancher's kindergarten class celebrated their goal of reading 9,000 for the year. Actually, they surpassed that goal and have read more than 10,000!. With our bad weather, they were not able to take their farm trip, but had a great time baking muffins and then spent the afternoon at Mountain Run Bowling Center

Mrs. Willett's first grade class spent the day at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton. The rain held off and they all had a great day learning about the people that migrated to America and how they lived in the Shenandoah Valley.

BOOK FEES, TUITION AND FACTS PAYMENTS

If you will be paying Book Fees and Tuition in the office for the upcoming school year, those payments are due no later than June 1. If payment is not received, you will need to pay through FACTS Tuition Management.

Also, we are in the process of activating FACTS accounts for the 20172018 school year. If you did not request otherwise, families will begin payment in June. Please be advised, also, that FACTS will take the \$38.00 Fee when the agreement is activated.