

**September 22, 2016**

## **From the Desk of Mr. Poole**

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week here at Epiphany! The big news is the Fall Children's Consignment Sale. I am amazed at the transformation of our gym, and thank all of the people that worked hard to make that happen. I would also like to thank all of the parent who volunteered to bring in dinner to the consignment workers, and to everyone else that brought in food on our dress down day. Every one of you has had a hand in the success of this fund raiser!

### **Volunteers and VIRTUS Requirements**

We love parent involvement at our school, and actually depend on your help to ensure our students receive a rich education. Parents often help teachers in the classroom, volunteer in our lunchroom, chaperone field trips and help with driving our buses or personal vehicle. Many of you are often here at Epiphany to just lend a hand and help where help is needed. We appreciate ALL of you and the work your do!

It is the policy of the Dioceses 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 VIRTUS paperwork and attending the workshop. We understand that this is often inconvenient for parents, so we have been able to schedule a session at Precious Blood on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Prior to attending the workshop, the required VIRTUS **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 on up or call to request that one be sent home. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students!

### **Office of Catholic Schools Parent Survey**

If you have already returned the Office of Catholic Schools Parent Survey, please disregard. If you have not, please be sure to send your response in the envelope provided on Monday, Sept. 25. Your input is important to me and will help with decisions as our wonderful school continues to grow.

### **PowerSchool Parent Portal**

As a reminder, Epiphany does not send home Interims or Progress Reports. Parents will access the Parent Portal to monitor thier child's progress. Parent Portal information was sent home for families new to Epiphany this school year. Families that attended K-8 at Epiphany last year have already received this information. You may use the same account login and password that you created last year. As a side note, parents of kindergarten students will not see grading information in the Parent Portal, as they are on a different report card schedule and template.

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.

Attendance may also be seen on the Portal. As always, it is important that families strive for perfect attendance. Please do all that you can to have your child at school on time, every day, and to try to make appointments after school has ended. We understand that this may be difficult, but thank you for the effort and your support.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 14!** Epiphany will be honored to host Bishop Burbidge as he celebrates 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!

## SCHOOL PICTURES NEXT WEEK!

It is that time of year again for school pictures! Order forms were sent home with a return date of **Tuesday, September 26**. Tuesday/Thursday Preschool will have their picture taken on Thursday, Sept. 28. M/W/F Preschool and students in K-8 will have pictures taken on Friday, Sept. 29. **PLEASE turn in order forms by Tuesday!** There is a great deal of confusion when picture orders are left in backpacks on picture day.

## THANK YOU, ALLISON AND MRS. ZARNOWSKI!

Would you be willing to donate your time and talent to do something that you love to do? Even though we ask for volunteers for specific events, some parents would prefer to share their special talents to enrich our environment in other ways. This past weekend, Mrs. Zarnowski and her daughter, Allison, pulled all the weeds from the Fr. Leo garden in front of the pavilion and planted some gorgeous fall flowers. It looks beautiful, and we have all noticed! Thank you, Zarnowski family, for your gift of time, talent, and treasure!

## GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Precious Blood has released their Fall schedule for Adult Faith Formation. This is a live PowerPoint and Video Series entitled **'A Pilgrim People: The Story of our Church-The First 1,000 Years'**. It will held on Sunday, Oct. 1 - 22 and Nov. 5 - Nov. 19, from 10:00-10:45 in the Parish Hall. Seven topics will be considered and presented by Steve Hemler, Fr. Kevin Walsh, Dr. Michael Watts, Bob Wiersberg and David Watson. Families are encouraged to attend following the 8:30 or prior to the 11:00 Masses. We are certain you will find our faith history fascinating and informative.

## UNIFORM REMINDERS

As we enter into our fifth week of school, all families are expected to have all uniform items needed for the beginning of the school year. However, we have noticed on Friday, when all students are to be in full dress uniforms, that some students do not have cardigans (grades K-8) or the v-neck pullover sweater (middle school).

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Allergies, sore throats, belly aches, low grade fevers, and a stomach bug have been making the rounds. Though we strive for students to be here every day, if a student has a fever or symptoms of a stomach virus (vomiting and/or diarrhea) they may not attend. In addition, students are to 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.

## BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH TIPS FOR CHILDREN

All parents are invited to attend this free seminar on Thursday, September 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Culpeper Baptist Church Community Room located at 318 West Street, Culpeper

Are my child's immunizations up-to-date? Does my child need to get a flu shot? How much sleep should my child be getting each night? Are my child's body mass index and weight appropriate for his or her age? Visits to the pediatrician when your child is sick are important. However, visits for healthy children are just as important for maintaining good childhood health. Join Adam Johnson, MD, of UVA Primary Care Locust Grove and UVA Pediatrics Culpeper to learn about developmental milestones, immunizations and other important questions to ask your child's provider. No matter what grade your child just entered, both pediatricians and parents share the goal of healthy children and families.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call [1-855-311-8538](tel:1-855-311-8538) or visit [NovantHealthUVA.org](http://NovantHealthUVA.org)

## PTO NEWS

### Children's Consignment Sale-Help Needed!

- ▶ **Friday, Sept 22nd (9am - 7pm) and Saturday, Sept. 23rd (8:30am - 3pm):** If you are available anytime during when the sale is open to the public please stop in. Extra hands are always appreciated.
- ▶ **Saturday, Sept 23rd:** We need **volunteers** to clean-up after the sale and move racks and tables back to the pavilion beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

## Points for Parents

Parents, don't forget to sign in and out in the PTO Volunteer Hours Book so you can 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)

## Race for Education-Labels Due October 4

### Race For Education



Parents, be sure to check your 'Kid Mail' today for a packet of information about the annual **Race for Education on October 25th**. The students LOVE this fundraiser! Parents, all we ask is that you fill out only **14 mailing labels and send them back with your child by Wednesday, Oct. 4**. Include friends, aunts and uncles, grandparents, Godparents, neighbors and everyone else that is crazy about your child. More labels are available in the office. This fundraiser has the potential to raise **A LOT** of money for our school, so we are striving for **100% participation**.

## Annual Pansy Sale - Orders Due October 2



It is time for our most beautiful fundraiser! Be sure to get your pansy order forms in as soon as possible, and all orders are due no later than Monday, October 2nd. Be sure to ask your family, friends and neighbors if they would like to place an order. Everyone wants a little splash of color during the winter! And in spring, these gorgeous winter hardy plants double or triple in size and usually last into June, depending on watering and high summer temperature. A great investment for over 8 months of landscaping!

**Orders are due by Monday, October 2**  
**Pick up on Wednesday, October 11, after 10:00 a.m.**

## PRECIOUS BLOOD CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Come join the  
**Precious Blood Children's Choir!**  
Welcoming Students in Grades 2-7



Singing in a children's choir:

- Helps kids feel a part of a group & make new friends
- Instills a sense of responsibility
- Encourages a strive for excellence
- Allows for developing poise under pressure
- Develops better speech habits
- Develops a sense of culture
- Provides an artistic balance in these days of rote learning education
- Develops a foundation for a lifetime of enjoyment in & of music

Practices are on  
Sundays from 12:45 – 1:30 pm  
Beginning Sunday, September 17, 2017

Children's Choir sings for Christmas Eve, First Reconciliation,  
Easter, First Communion, Mother's Day and Father's Day Masses.

**COME SHARE YOUR GIFT!**

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