



Welcome fellow Epiphany families to the 2016-2017 school year!

The Epiphany Catholic School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is honored to serve our school community and we are excited to welcome you back to school! I enjoyed seeing everyone at orientation last week and meeting so many new families!

The PTO is organized under the authority of our Pastor, Fr. Kevin Walsh, and operates in accordance with guidelines established by our four supporting parishes as well as the Diocese of Arlington.

The primary purpose of the PTO is to provide opportunities for parents and teachers to work together for the good of the children at Epiphany Catholic School. Our goals this year are to continue raising funds to support the many activities we offer as well as to provide a link between the school, its families, and the parishes that support us. We are committed to fostering relationships between all in order to deepen our sense of community and spirit within the school. We may have come from humble beginnings, but we are growing into a strong catholic, Christ-centered community!

Because of your help during the past school year, the PTO has a solid foundation to start off this year! We are excited to say the PTO will continue to offer many fun, family-focused events for our Epiphany families, including Spirit Nights, Trunk or Treat, the Annual Gala, St. Patrick's Day Festival, and Field Day just to name a few. We also hope to add a few events done in the past, like the Mardi Gras Celebration and the golf tournament! Additionally, since this is Epiphany's 20th Anniversary, we are making plans to have a special celebration to mark this joyous event! Please see the enclosed calendar for important dates!

It is important to note, however, that none of these events can happen without you, our parent volunteers. When we commit our time and talents to Epiphany, we are rewarded with strengthened bonds between our children and each other. Most importantly, we all can develop a closer bond with Jesus when we serve as He served, and put others first. Please see the enclosed handout on volunteer opportunities. There are many ways in which to get involved and help. Many hands make light work!

Communication is key, so you will want to pay attention to the school calendar, upcoming events, weekly newsletters, and teachers' class pages that are all listed on the school website, www.epiphanycatholicschool.org. The PTO also has a tab on the school website where upcoming events and activities will be listed, as well as minutes from meetings, financial information and committee chairs will be posted. In an effort to limit our impact on the environment, Epiphany is utilizing more electronic means of communication. If you have a Facebook page, please like Epiphany's Facebook page so you can receive notifications as new items are posted. PTO meetings will be held bi-monthly to discuss events, plan fundraisers, and share ideas. This is a wonderful way to be a part of what is happening in our school!

Thank you, in advance, for supporting our programs and for helping to make Epiphany Catholic School a wonderful, faith filled environment for our children! We look forward to working with all of you and encourage you to contact us with your thoughts and ideas.

As Mr. Oliver said, the theme this year is Faith, Family, and Friendship, and the PTO intends to provide opportunities to make each one of these shine!

On behalf of the PTO Board, welcome to an awesome new school year!! Be Epiphany...SHINE brightly!

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