

**January 12, 2018**

**From the Desk of Mr. Poole**

Dear Parents,

Kicking the year off with an inclement weather day, two delays and afternoon cancellations is not how we wanted to begin the New Year! We hope families are receiving notifications and we apologize for these inconveniences. However, it is our policy to follow the inclement weather decisions of Culpeper County, as they have the resources necessary to make an informed decision. If you would like to modify the means by which you are notified (no home phone, text only, etc.) please call or email the office and we will work with you to make the necessary changes.

We celebrated The Epiphany of Our Lord on Sunday. At Precious Blood, students served at the 8:30 Mass, and a reception followed in the Parish Hall. Receptions were also hosted by Epiphany at Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, St. Isidore the Farmer, and St. Peter. Home Blessing Kits were handed out to parishioners at all parishes. I would like to thank all of our families for participating and representing Epiphany in such a wonderful way.

Monday arrived with students dressed in their Sunday best! Volunteers happily switched to 'Plan B' and prepared our FEAST on Monday that should have been served on Friday! Our gym was transformed into a gigantic dining space so that everyone would be able to eat together as a family. Special guests included The Three Kings (Roger Depue, Rod Royse and Phil Ferlazzo) who handed out treasures to the children, Fr. Kevin Walsh and Fr. Mark Moretti, Deacon Benyo from St. Peter, and Diane Elliott from the Office of Catholic Schools. Our thanks to everyone for your flexibility and for making our Epiphany Feast a memorable celebration! Thank you, Peggy Young, for all of your planning, ordering, coordinating and shopping, Mary Laybourne for your assistance and advice from your years of experience, and the many, many cooks, servers, and other helpers! This would not have been possible without your help. Teamwork is truly a wonderful thing.

**REGISTRATION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

Epiphany will open registration to currently enrolled families and members of Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, St. Isidore the Farmer and St. Peter on Monday, January 29. Applications received from Epiphany and parish families will have priority placement. During this closed registration period, the Registration Fee for RETURNING STUDENTS will be \$50.00 instead of \$75.00. Spaces not filled 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 will receive a \$200.00 tuition credit!

In addition to tuition assistance resources through the Diocese of Arlington, Epiphany also has assistance for qualifying applicants. **Each 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>

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](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)) with any questions.

**CHRISTMAS MATCHING PROGRAM CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY**

Once again, a very generous donor has offered to **match donations to Epiphany up to \$15,000.00**. We thank those of you that have already donated. **Our current total is \$9,650.00**. Every little bit adds up!

When we all work together, we are able to build a shining future for our children and our Church. Thank you for your consideration.

## EPIPHANY ENSEMBLE AND SCHOLA AT COUNTRY CLUB

Congratulations to Epiphany Ensemble and Schola Primo students for an outstanding performance at the Culpeper Country Club. The students provided entertainment for the Women's Club Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 12th. Many thanks to all volunteers helping to set up and break down equipment. Students enjoyed home-baked cookies compliments of the ladies.



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## EAGLE PROJECT FOR DEVON BUTTENSCHAW

Devon Buttenschaw is working towards making the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. His Eagle Scout project is to purchase an AED for Epiphany Catholic School. The approximate cost is \$1400 and he is currently fund raising for it. If you can donate to this worthy cause please send your donation to the school in an envelope with Eagle Scout Project written on the front. Any checks can be made payable to the school and please write Eagle Scout Project Devon Buttenschaw on the memo line. These donations are tax deductible. Thank you and we will keep you updated on this much needed project.



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parents, please check to make sure your children are ready for the day as they walk out the door!

- Eat breakfast and have lunch and snack. If they do not have their lunch, a parent will be called to bring it to the lunch room.
- Dress for the Weather! Coats, hats and gloves are necessary on these very cold days.
- For PE days, the uniform is sweats. Students may wear Epiphany PE shorts and t-shirt underneath.
- Spirit Wear is not considered a uniform item and is only allowed in the classroom on Spirit Wear days. Some of our students are wearing these items in the classrooms. If students are chilly, they may wear long sleeves and/or their cardigan.
- Make sure student names are in ALL articles of clothing.
- Check sweaters and sweat clothes to make sure that a uniform item hasn't been brought to your house by mistake!
- If you feel your child may need medication for occasional pain relief, cough, etc., you may send a supply in to the office with a *completed **Authorization to Administer Medication Form***. You will find this in the family folder you received at Orientation. *Please follow all instructions on the reverse side.* Forms are also available in the office.
- Students must be fever and symptom free of GI distress for a full 24 hours without medication to return to school.
- If your child will be absent, please call the office or send an email. We ask that you also send an excuse to the office upon return with information specific to the illness. **We ask that you also let us know if your child has been diagnosed with strep, influenza or viral pneumonia.**

## POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

The end of the second grading period is only two weeks away! We ask parents to continue to monitor student progress using the Parent Portal and communicate with teachers if there are any concerns. Parents will use the same account login and password that they used last year. Parents of kindergarten students, please note that they are evaluated in January and June.

Copy and paste this address into your browser:

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

## Mark Your Calendar

### EARLY DISMISSAL AND STUDENT HOLIDAYS:

- **Friday, January 12** 11:30 Dismissal for K-8
- **Monday, January 15** Dr. Martin Luther King Day - Holiday
- **Tuesday, January 16** Teacher Professional Development - Student Holiday
- **Friday, January 26** Early Dismissal - end of 2nd Grading Period

### IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS:

- **Scantron Testing Window 2** - Begins Monday, January 8. Parents, please make sure students arrive on time. Please call if your student will be absent so that teachers may stay on schedule.
- **March for Life** - Friday, January 19. Students in 8th grade will participate. More information to follow
- **Heat Shelter** - Confirmation students will participate. More information to follow
- **Catholic Schools Week** - Sunday, January 28 - Friday, Feb. 2
  - Students will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the 11:30 Mass
  - Some great activities are planned to celebrate our students, volunteers and our community
- **Report Cards** distributed on Friday, Feb. 2
- **Middle School Dance** - Friday, Feb. 2

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### • **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, Jan. 11 Ensemble P/U @ 4:00
- Tuesday, Jan. 23 Schola Primo P/U @ 4:15
- Thursday, Jan. 25 Ensemble and Schola Primo P/U @ 4:15
- Thursday, Feb. 1 Ensemble P/U @ 4:00

#### • **Hot Lunches**

***A new Hot Lunch Order Form was sent home today. It is due NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 25. Late orders will not be accepted!***

- Tuesdays Pizza Tuesdays January 9, 23 and 30
- Friday, Jan. 19 Chick-Fil-A
- Friday, Feb. 2 Subway

#### • **8th Grade School Store**

- Wednesday, January 10 and January 24

#### • **SPORTS**

##### ○ **BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE**

- January 18 Home vs. Grymes Girls @ 4:15/Boys @ 5:30
- January 22 BOYS Home vs. Holy Family 'A' & 'B' @ 4:15/5:30

o **BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE (continued)**

- January 24 Home vs. Covenant Christian Girls @ 4:15/Boys @ 5:30
- January 27 Away at Sacred Heart Academy Boys/Girls JV Tournament  
*Schedule TBD*
- January 29 BOYS Home vs. St. Patrick @ 4:15
- January 31 GIRLS Home vs. St. Patrick @ 4:15
- February 1 Home vs. Culpeper Christian Girls @ 4:30/Boys @ 5:45
- February 6 Home vs. Grymes Girls @ 4:15/Boys @ 5:30
- February 8 Away vs. Culpeper Christian Girls @ 4:30/Boys @ 5:45
- February 16/17 Home 3rd Annual ECS Basketball Tournament  
*Schedule TBD*

## CONTINUOUS FUNDRAISING

Our school needs YOUR support! Parents, please be aware that there are fundraising opportunities that won't cost families a penny. Ask your families, neighbors and friends to help us out, too!

### Martin's School Rewards

**Register your Martin's Bonus Card (and friends and neighbors, too). It is easy!**

- Visit [www.martinsfoods.com](http://www.martinsfoods.com) and click on Savings & Rewards.
- Follow the prompts to register your 11 digit card number to our school ID # 22680.
- If you don't know your bonus card number, call 888-814-4268, OPTION #1.
- Use your Bonus Card each time you shop from October 6, 2017 - March 15, 2018 at ANY Martin's store!
- Our school will receive CASH awards check by the end of the school year.
- If you registered your card last year, you may not have to register again. Check, though, to make sure!



Do you shop on Amazon? Who doesn't? What about your family members, neighbors, and friends? They can register to support Epiphany, too! Epiphany receives 0.5% of your eligible purchases because we are registered as one of their charitable organizations! There is no cost to you, the customer, or to Epiphany, the charitable organization. It is truly painless fundraising!

How easy is it to register? Copy and paste this link in to your browser: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1836329> When you have registered, it will say 'Supporting Epiphany Catholic School' under the search bar.

Help out Epiphany and shop AmazonSmile. Each quarter, funds will be transferred directly to our school. Eligible purchases are noted as "Eligible for **amazon smile** donation" on the product detail page. (Please note that only the sale price of the item is considered-other costs, such as tax, shipping, fees, service charges, returns, etc., are excluded.)

### BOX TOPS for EDUCATION!

We see them on everything-not only on food boxes, but cleaning supplies, paper products, school and office supplies, tableware and even trash bags! All you have to do is cut them out! Tape an envelope to the side of your refrigerator, look on packages, cut out the Box Top for Education and, before you know it, you have accumulated quite a few of these things. Give them to your child to drop off in the **BOX TOPS** container here at school, and start another envelope! Ask your family, friends and neighbors to collect them, too!

If every family participated, we could earn enough money throughout the year to perhaps pay for a bus for a field trip, or sponsor a presentation here at school, or even pay for some awesome activities at Field Day!

