

October 6, 2016

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

The October calendar is included with Kid Mail today. We have a busy month ahead, so I ask that you post the calendar on your refrigerator and make note of important dates on your personal calendars. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ **Monday, October 9** Columbus Day Holiday - No School
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 10** Substitute Teacher Training following dismissal
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 11** Pansy Delivery on - Pick up after 10:00 a.m.
****No Parking within the coned off areas****
- ◆ **Thursday, October 12** Spirit Wear Dress Down Day - Spirit wear **only** or regular uniform
STEM Night from 6:00-7:30 P.M. Fun for the whole family!
- ◆ **Monday, October 16** Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 17** Preschool Field Trip to Graves Mountain
- ◆ **Friday, October 20** Lions Sight and Hearing Screening
- ◆ **Saturday, October 21** Confirmation Retreat
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 25** Race for Education
- ◆ **Thursday, October 26** End of the First Quarter
11:30 Dismissal K-8
Confirmation Meeting for parents of 7th Graders (7:00 at Precious Blood)
- ◆ **Friday, October 27** Teacher In-Service Day-No school for students
Trunk or Treat
- ◆ **Sunday, October 29** Ministry/Spanish Mass @ 2:00 (Precious Blood)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **Saturday; Nov. 11** **VIRTUS Workshop** (9:00-1:00) at Precious Blood and
16th Annual Gala at Tuscany Hall 6:00-12:00 midnight
- ◆ **Thursday, Dec. 14** **Bishop Burbidge celebrates Epiphany 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!

Volunteers and VIRTUS Requirements

Thank you, parents, for coming in to the office to pick up VIRTUS compliance paperwork so that you may volunteer at Epiphany! Your commitment and willingness to help teachers in the classroom, volunteer in our lunchroom, chaperone field trips and help where help is needed is a true blessing to us all. We appreciate ALL of you and the work you do!

It is the policy of the Diocese 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 compliance paperwork and attending the VIRTUS workshop. We understand that this is often inconvenient for parents, so a session has been scheduled at **Precious Blood on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The school year is flying by, and we have only three weeks until the end of the first grading period. We ask parents to make use of the Parent Portal to monitor student progress. Parents should 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/>

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.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Many students suffer from seasonal allergies, resulting in sinus stuffiness, headaches, coughing, sore throats and nausea. We ask that parents do whatever they can so that their child is comfortable and productive during the school day. Please speak with your pediatrician or pharmacist about options that provide extended relief without drowsiness. In the folder you received at Orientation, you will find forms to authorize medication to be administered at school. If this is necessary, we ask that you **follow the instructions on the reverse side of that form** and leave in the school office. Please call if you have questions.



Though we strive for students to be at school every day, if a student has a fever or symptoms of a stomach virus (vomiting and/or diarrhea) they may not attend that day **AND MUST 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.

PTO NEWS

100% PARTICIPATION GOAL FOR RACE FOR EDUCATION



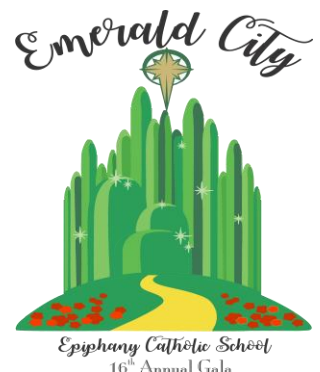
Our thanks to parents that have already returned the mailing labels for our annual **Race for Education!** In the past, when students return their full sheet of mailing labels, Epiphany averages about \$100 per child. That is why our goal is to have 100% participation by asking for everyone to help and do their share. We actually have the potential to raise nearly \$20,000! so include friends, aunts and uncles, grandparents, Godparents, neighbors and everyone else that is crazy about your child. Return by Tuesday, October 10. Students will be writing letters next week.

The annual **Race for Education** will be held on **Wednesday, October 25th**. Parent volunteers are needed, so let us know if you can help or would like to come out and cheer on our runners!

THE EMERALD CITY BALL

Invitations were sent home this week announcing **The Emerald City Ball**, our 16th Annual Gala. It will be held November 11th, 6pm- Midnight at Tuscany Hall. Come join us for food, fun and dancing!

This is Epiphany's largest and most successful fundraiser due in a large part to our parent's support. We look forward to seeing you in November! For further questions or ways you can help please contact our Gala Chairs, Rachel Glascock and Mary Laybourne, at gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org.



Points for Parents

Parents, don't forget to sign in and out in the PTO Volunteer Hours Book to 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: epiphanycatholicschool.org. and going to the link in the PTO tab. If you have questions, please contact PTO President Peggy Young at PTO@epiphanycatholicschool.org

VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAME SCHEDULES

Fall is a beautiful time of year; the days are sunny and warm, and everyone is enjoying the change in seasons. At Epiphany, our Fall sports are in full swing, and we would like to invite our families to come out to cheer on our students! Below please find the schedule of remaining games to be played, so pick a game or two to attend. It is a great way to get to know some new Epiphany families, and the athletes love to hear people making some (good) noise on the sidelines!

Also, as we begin the sports season, we need to remind parents to keep an eye on younger children, especially to keep children from running on the sidelines, climbing on or behind the bleachers, or running any time in the gym during sports games (our gym or as we visit other schools), social events, and meetings. We also need to reiterate that during extra-curricular activities and other events **children are not allowed within the fenced playground area without their parent..** This is a safety issue and guideline from the Diocese. As always, we appreciate your support.

SOCCER

- Oct. 10 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Grymes Memorial School at 4:00 pm
- **Oct. 12 (Thursday) HOME game (not yet confirmed)**
- Oct. 17 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Holy Family Academy at 3:30 pm
- **Oct. 24 (Tuesday) HOME game (not yet confirmed)**
- **Oct. 31 (Tuesday) HOME vs. Grymes Memorial School at 4:00 pm**

VOLLEYBALL

- **Oct. 10 (Tuesday) HOME vs. Culpeper Christian School at 4:30 pm**
- Oct. 14 (Saturday) AWAY at Sacred Heart Academy TOURNAMENT
- Oct. 24 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Culpeper Christian School at 4:30 pm
- **Oct. 25 (Wednesday) HOME vs. Grace Prep at 4:15 pm**
- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Powhatan School at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm