

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

I hope that you and your family had a great Thanksgiving. Many thanks to everyone who made our Denim and Diamonds Gala such a fun evening. A special thanks to Rachel Glascock, Mary Laybourne and Ellie Johnston for their leadership in organizing this event. Enrollment is, as you know, of paramount importance to us at Epiphany and we rely heavily on your support and outreach in the local community. Please know that your positive comments to other parents about our school and teachers is one of the best marketing tools we have. We would be greatly appreciative if you would take the time to write and post a testimonial about your family's experiences at Epiphany. Three great places to leave us a review are on our Facebook Page at www.Greatschools.org and at www.privateschoolreview.com - search for Epiphany Catholic School, Culpeper, VA Feel free to send a copy to me so that we can use them in our promotional materials and on our website. Our plan is to send out a parent survey in the new year so that you can let us know where we are doing a good job and inform us of ways we could be doing better. We really want your feedback as we are constantly looking for ways to improve.

Please know that Mr. Saibini continues to recover from his car crash injuries and remains in constant contact with us at school. Mrs. Johnston just had successful knee replacement surgery and is on the mend. Please keep them both in your prayers.

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs. Mary Leslie has agreed to be our new Business Manager at Epiphany Catholic School. Mrs. Leslie holds a BS in Mathematics and was most recently Vice-President of Operations and Executive Assistant to the Prince William Chamber of Commerce President and CEO. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Leslie when you get a chance. You may contact Mrs. Leslie at office@epiphanycatholic.school.org.
Austin Poole, Principal



Thank You

Hot Lunch and PTO would like to recognize all of our fantastic helpers at our special Chinese Lunch. Thank you Fidel Blanco, Hillary Wisniewski, Jaime Caprarese, Tracy Keddie, Claudia Dodson, Steve Edwards, Maggie Corradi, Diane Lee, Karen Kulivan, Fred Falgiano, Peggy Young, Mary Storey, Territa and Kevin Scott and anyone else who helped with our "controlled chaos" to give our students a fabulous lunch! And another big "Thank You" to the Scott family for our awesome Tasty Cake desserts for the whole school!

Virtue of the Month

As mentioned in the October 2018 Newsletter, each month students will be recognized who best exemplify the Virtue of the Month. We are proud to recognize the following students:

November - Generosity

Violet K., Jenna Edwards, Chloe H., Avery E., Elizabeth Peterson, Gabe Delagardelle, Courtenay Taylor, Sarang Lee, Nicole Ferlazzo, Raegan Delagardelle, Maggie Kate Chada, Landon Jobber-Spence, Abby Vlrug, Jacob Adams, Tyanna Soriano, and Juliano Winton

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\$25.00

We are open for business!

All items can be ordered and paid for online. Orders will arrive at school as they are received, and you have the option to have them shipped to your home.

Orders will be accepted until Christmas break. If you would like something to be under your tree by Christmas morning, please order by December 1.

Most of the prices are the same, but please be aware that a few have changed.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Young at spiritwear@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

Go ECS! Cheer on!

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Illness at School

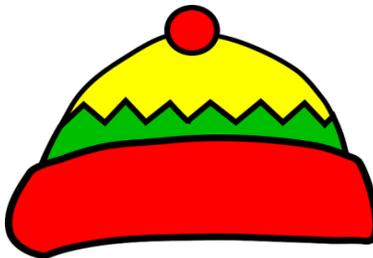
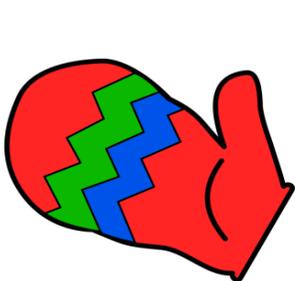
Allergies, sore throats, belly aches, low grade fevers, and other illnesses have been making the rounds. However we have had an abnormally high incidence of pneumonia this year. Children may exhibit some of these symptoms: very fast breathing and/or working hard to breath, wheezing, fever, cough, chest and stomach pain from breathing difficulty, blue or gray fingernails, lethargy, loss of appetite. As a reminder, 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. Please discuss the importance of personal space and proper handwashing.

Supporting our Community

Epiphany is participating in the Culpeper Community Christmas Basket Program by collecting food items. All non-perishable food items are welcome but please, no glass. Items can be brought in anytime through December 10th.



Let's continue to fill our annual Hat, Gloves, and Sock tree with items to keep the community's children warm. All donations go to the Department of Human Services and they tell us that their need is greater than ever. Please bring in new children's hats, gloves, and socks to place on our tree. Donations will be accepted through December 5th.



CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

November News from Kindergarten

In reading class Kindergarten has been busy writing sentences, learning how to compare and contrast two things and picking out the beginning, middle, & end of a story. The students were very proud of themselves when they compared how they wrote their name on the first day of school and then again on the 52nd day of school!

We talked a lot about being generous since it was the virtue of the month. Our religion lessons also focused on forgiveness, healing, and the importance of prayer. Almost everyone can recite "The Our Father Prayer" by themselves! We made a Patron Saint Quilt for All Saints' Day. Our Patron Saint is Mother Theresa.

In Math, Kindergarteners learned how to compare numbers and recognize a group that contains fewer, more, or an equal amount of objects. The students loved playing math games to help us learn these concepts. We practiced our teen numbers and started learning about positional words like over, under, left, right, and in between.

Our focus in Social Studies was on being good citizens and learning about our National Symbols.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving feast with Preschool and First Grade that Mrs. Ott organized. The Kindergarteners enjoyed watching the preschoolers sing their Thanksgiving songs.



First Grade Students Honor Saints



The first grade students honored the saints on November 1 during the All Saints Mass. The students dressed as a saint and shared information about the saint that they portrayed.

The first grade students also joined the preschool and kindergarten students for a Thanksgiving lunch feast. We are thankful to Mrs. Ott and all the parents who helped to make this a special event for us.



Second Grade is Making Friends!

Second Grade has been busy with making new friends and saying goodbye to old friends! We visited Belle Farm and were graciously hosted by the Tingler family for a hay ride to the cow fields, visiting the pigs and picking our own pumpkins. We had a great day, making observations in science and experimenting with our own pumpkin volcano.



We used our pumpkins to create our favorite Saint friend for All Saint's Day and then shared facts about their Saint in the classroom.

Saying goodbye to old friends, we created a prayer rocks for Mrs Schuyler which she is using in her garden. Thank You for all of your help throughout the years.

Emma Acosta was the winner of the Candy Corn Contest estimation. Emma shared her winnings with all of her friends in Second Grade! Good Job Emma!

In honor of those who presently serve our country and our Veterans we learned about the importance of service. We visited with Mr. Delagardelle who is currently overseas and he got to visit us through the magic of Mrs. Sherry's technology. We hope to visit with him again soon!

Fourth Grade



4th grade put the 50 states together for a rainy inside recess. We also labeled every state!



Music News

Congratulations to Holly Little and Nick Sadowski who just made Schola Primo. Way to go!

Schola Primo students will perform at the Emergency Room entrance of Culpeper Medical Center - Novant Health UVA Health System (formerly called Culpeper Hospital). Students will arrive at 6:15 pm and will perform a Christmas version of *Oh Shenandoah* and *Mary Did You Know?*. The official lighting of the "Lights of Love" tree will take place at the end of the music portion of the evening. Each light on the tree represents a person who has battled cancer. Students and guests will enjoy refreshments following the ceremony.

Get your voices ready for the Christmas Sing-along, **Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm**. ALL families are welcome to attend this all-school event. Students from Preschool 3 - grade 8 will perform some secular and sacred Christmas songs. Students are working hard on their presentation; PLEASE come join in the festive afternoon. There are always some giggles at the end of the program so come share in the joy and laughter. Students may wear holiday attire. Please look for the flyer in student folders.

Friday, December 14, 2018: Our 5th graders will perform a brief skit of Our Lady's appearance before Juan Diego. Many thanks to Mrs. Aixa Peterson and Ms. Rose Ciccarone for the wonderful religion lesson. More information will follow.