

September 29, 2016

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are through with September and we will be in October when we return on Monday. I promise October will be full of great events for students and parents! Please be sure to make note in your personal calendar for these great school events. We hope to see all of our families there!

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ On **October 12th** from 6:00-7:30 P.M., Epiphany will be holding a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (**STEM**) night! During this event students will be participating in a variety of hands on STEM activities including making ice cream, measuring balloon rockets, making Ooblick, and much more. Come out and see us in the gym that night for a great time with your family! We hope to see you there!
- ◆ Just added: Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night on Monday, October 16. Flyer will be sent home with details
- ◆ 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!

Still a Priority - 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 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 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 one up or call to request that one be sent home. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students!

PowerSchool Parent Portal

As a reminder, Epiphany does not send home Interims or Progress Reports. Parents will access the Parent Portal to monitor their 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.

THANK YOU, ERIN SHERRY, JEN PETROVITCH and CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE CREW!

The annual Fall Children's Consignment Sale was a great success! We thank our Co-Chairs Erin Sherry and Jen Petrovitch for their hard work once again coordinating the sale. We also thank the legion of volunteers that helped make this a wonderful community event. The Consignment Sale brings the community to our school, and the good work that goes into the sale speaks volumes about who we are!

We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for cleaning the Pavilion basement where the consignment materials are stored. They took the opportunity when set-up was finished to sweep and vacuum that space. It was greatly needed and it also gave us a chance to dispose of items that are no longer used.

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.

PTO NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL GALA



Epiphany Families get ready for Epiphany Catholic School's 16th Annual Gala.....The Emerald City Ball. It will be held November 11th, 6pm- Midnight at Tuscany Hall. Come join us for food, fun and dancing!!!!

We will be sending home sponsor forms this weekend and invitations soon to follow. We are very excited about this event and the theme. We would love for all of our families to participate in some way. You can sponsor an item, donate an auction item and most especially buy a ticket and come to this fun and exciting night. It is our school'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 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 and going to the link in the PTO tab. If you have questions, please contact PTO President Peggy Young at PTO@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

Annual Pansy Sale - Orders Due Monday, 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 Wed., October 11, after 10:00 a.m.



Race for Education-Labels Due October 4



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**.

SPORTS NEWS

What an exciting first week for Epiphany Athletics! Our volleyball team secured their first victory this past Tuesday by defeating Highland School in a match that went to 3 games, 25-19, 22-25, and 15-4. Very strong and consistent serving provided by 8th graders, Olivia Sisk, Rachel Dillon and Sydney Mitchell helped to hand Highland their first defeat of their season.

Our serving is what propelled us to victory, but I also saw great leadership and maturity by our 8th graders. We were down by 12 points early in the second game, but players like Maeghan Stockli showed the younger or less experienced girls how to stay calm and battle back. Although it was only our first game of the season, we kept our composure and played like it was our last match of the season. That maturity led to a solid performance by everyone that carried us through to the 3rd game and helped us to dominate and win with a score of 15-4.

With 21 players on the team, there are tons of excitement on the bench, as well as some nervous jitters. All the players saw some time on the court as every effort is given during the games on our home court to play bonus games after the official match is complete. This gives the entire team a chance to play in front of the home crowd, including those players who are still learning the fundamentals of volleyball. The bonus game was also won by Epiphany with a score of 25-19, an impressive feat as some of our players have never played on a volleyball team prior to this one.

Another opportunity to learn volleyball at the next level was given to the team this past Thursday by attending a high school match at CCHS. Former alum, Kate Illemszky, made Coach Beverstock and ECS proud by making the JV squad at CCHS. "Kate is my 20th player to advance to the high school level, with 2 at the college level. Those statistics are ones that I am obviously very proud of and love to tell those new players who are just starting out!"

Don't forget to come and cheer your Epiphany Volleyball Stars to success! Their next match is this Tuesday, October 3rd, at Culpeper Christian School beginning at 4:15 pm. "CCS always has a huge and extremely loud fan base. I would love to show their school that we can be just as loud and proud of our volleyball team!"

Volleyball wasn't the only sport that had a great first game of the season. Our soccer team also battled hard this past Tuesday. Although their battle ended in a 2-5 loss against Wakefield Country Day School, Coach Darren Caprarese and Coach Eric Brown were pleased with the team's performance over all and Coach Caprarese had this to say about the team.

"Wakefield posed a great first test for our team. With only a few practices, our team was prepared and played with passion. Both our offense and defense matched up against opposing challengers at Wakefield. We saw some great passing, defense, and even a couple of beautifully assisted goals from our midfielders to Ezequiel Cano (striker). Aidan Chada kept the game close through some incredible goal tending. Evan Thorton and Meagan Fay had stand-out performances with the ability to also play multiple positions. Coach Eric and I agreed that each player had a moment of brilliance on the field so they all deserve a "clap" for their team work and strong play. We have wonderful kids on this team and big potential so stay tuned!"

Many THANKS to Mr. Poole, Mom Volunteers, Eric Brown, Jeri Beverstock, Marie Helmick, Epiphany Staff, and all that have/will make this first time COED soccer season successful!"

The Epiphany Soccer team have two opportunities this coming week for you to support and cheer them on to victory. They play away at Highland School in Warrenton on Wednesday, Oct. 4th, with a game time start of 3:30 pm. They have their first HOME game of the season versus Holy Family Academy on Thursday, Oct. 5th, at 4:00 pm.

Come out and enjoy the fun and excitement of Epiphany Soccer!