

September 1, 2017

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We are off to a great start for both our students and their teachers. We currently have 163 students registered in Preschool through 8th grade!

You will have noticed from our school calendar that we have a few more early dismissal days this year due to our Design for Excellence re-accreditation process this year.

The first day of the 2017-18 school year was a fantastic start! We had the pleasure of having Fr. Mark Moretti greet our excited youngsters, then lead us in an opening prayer and blessing. There were hugs, smiles, and pictures taken. Our Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Jennifer Bigelow, surprised us when she stopped by to drop off goodies for the teachers and toured the school with me. Mrs. Hoffman organized the BOO HOO/YAHOO breakfast for new and old families to get acquainted in the media center. It was a great first day, and the days that followed were centered on establishing positive relationships with one another in our faith filled learning environment. It is amazing to see how quickly new friendships have developed in just a few short days.

Our school celebrated First Friday with Mass this morning, and we were happy to see so many parents! Fr. Kevin celebrated and offered a beautiful homily for us, reminding us all about our Lord's grace and mercy. Following Mass we had our First Friday reception, giving our parents and parishioners a chance to have a little social time over a cup of coffee. Please join us if you have a chance in October!

I have resurrected the Enrollment Management Committee to help with our retention of current students and the recruitment of new students. It is important to remember that you, as school parents, are the best advertisement we could possibly have. All of our families are ambassadors for Epiphany Catholic School. Please join us in spreading the good news!

I look forward to a great school year and working with our wonderful students, faculty, staff, parents, priests and all who support Epiphany! new priests Fr. Kevin Walsh and Fr. Mark Moretti.

BISHOP'S MASS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Epiphany was well represented at the annual Bishop's Mass at All Saints Church last week. Faculty and staff members travelled to All Saints Church to attend. Mrs. Watson nominated three Epiphany students to participate as instrumentalists, also. Thank you, Ava Caprarese, Savanna Veazey and Gigi Young for sharing your talents with everyone! We also enjoyed Keynote Speaker Steve Angrisano, a talented composer and singer who shares his gifts and talents to spread the Good News of Christ. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his message, and each other's company, as we kicked off the beginning of another school year!



HEALTH FORMS, ORIENTATION, AND OTHER PAPERWORK

Thank you, families, for completing all of that paperwork for the beginning of the school year! We know it is a lot, but necessary for your child's file. If you have not yet returned any or all of your forms, please do so by Tuesday.

If you have a student in kindergarten or entering preschool, a School Entrance Health Form, completed by your physician's office, with documentation of immunizations. This was due no later than the first day of school. Paperwork needs to be submitted by Sept. 8th.

If you have a student entering 6th grade, proof of having received the TDap Booster is required. If you have not submitted this document, please do so by Sept. 8th.

Some families were also notified to present their child's original Birth Certificate or Baptism Certificate. Please do this as soon as possible.

The Parent/Student Handbook is available on the Epiphany website. Please be sure to read and discuss important policies with you child/ren. Once done, please return the sign off sheet that was included with your Orientation paperwork (if you have not already done so) also by Sept. 8th.

HOT LUNCHES

Our thanks to the PTO for coordinating two hot lunch days per week for our students. This provides a much needed break for parents with packing lunches. The process of coordinating an order menu with different vendors, getting order forms out to families, processing and depositing payments, compiling individual orders in to a spreadsheet, placing orders with vendors, scheduling deliveries & pick-ups for different lunch shifts, finding volunteers to help with hot lunches is all extremely time consuming. Would you be able to help? Please go to the website and sign up to join us in the lunch room!

SPIRIT WEAR

Our Epiphany PTO has some great spirit wear items available for families! We hope everyone had a chance to see what is available at Orientation. This year Mr. Poole wants everyone to get into the Epiphany Spirit and has agreed to Spirit Wear Dress Down Days on the second Thursday of each month. Our first Spirit Day will be on October 12th! Are you ready? The PTO will be sending home Spirit Wear Order Forms next week that will be due no later than Friday, September 15th. This will ensure enough time for everyone to participate!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Monday, Sept. 4

- Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 5

- Preschool Begins (T/Th, M-F Classes)
- Pizza Tuesday

Wednesday, Sept. 7

- Preschool Begins (M/W/F Classes)

Friday, Sept. 8

- 8:30 Mass - Full Dress Uniforms
- Hot Lunch-Bruster's



Tuesday, Sept. 12

- Pizza Tuesday
- Back to School Night & PTO Meeting-6:30

Friday, Sept. 15

- 8:30 Mass
- Spirit Wear Orders Due
- Hot Lunch: Subway

Monday, Sept. 18

- Child Passenger Seat Inspections: 11:45-12:15

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- Child Passenger Seat Inspections: 11:45-12:15
- Pizza Tuesday

