

February 23, 2018

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

The votes have been counted and the results are in! Today we were notified by the Culpeper Star-Exponent that Epiphany has again been voted the **Best of our Hometown** in the following categories:

☆ **Best Preschool**

☆ **Best Elementary School**

☆ **Best Middle School**

☆ **Best Administrative Assistant**

Thank you, families, for your support and votes.

We really are the Best of Our Hometown!

We had two successful Open House events this week. Thank you, parents, for spreading the word about our school. We did something different this year by hosting an Open House in the evening for preschool, and that worked out very well! Our three year old class is filling up, and our four year old preschool program is now an all day program, with either a three or five day per week option. Please be sure to tell your family, neighbors and friends that have preschool age children to call for information and to schedule a visit.

The students in our Middle School presented their Science Fair projects yesterday. Our judges were very impressed by their work and even commented that they actually learned a thing or two! Our thanks especially to Mrs. Heelen for leading her students to do their best, along with our Science Fair Judges: Mr. Bryan Allen, Dr. Joan Depue, Dr. Roger Depue, Mr. Peter Sasso, Mr. Frank Walusek, and Mr. David Watson. Special thanks, also, to Mrs. Lorraine Lichtenberger for assisting Mrs. Heelen in compiling the scores on the judging sheets.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their Science Fair entries:

Grade 6 First Place	Leo Keddie and Drew Sadowski	Project: Digesting Proteins
Second Place	Evan Thornton and Austin Tingler	Project: Sunny Rays and Angles
Third Place	Jacob Adams, Henry Brown & Kevin Barlow	Project: Rubber Band Rovers
Grade 7: First Place	Ellie Dodson and Holly Little	Project: World in a Bottle
Second Place	Jonny Storey	Project: Investigating Soil and Drainage
Third Place	Savanna Veazey and Gigi Young	Project: Exhaling Carbon Dioxide
Grade 8: First Place	Meagan Fay (Grand Prize)	Project: Got H ₂ O?
Second Place	Rachel Dillon	Project: Seconds Matter
Third Place	Cayden Amador	Project: Do You Still Want Jell-O?

Please keep in your prayers our second grade students that will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation tomorrow. I thank Mrs. Buttenshaw as she continues to prepare the second grade students for their First Holy Communion in April.

The THIRD ANNUAL FACULTY vs. STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME TONIGHT!

Families, make plans to come out TONIGHT to see the Epiphany Boys and Girls Basketball Teams play the Faculty and Staff! This event support our Blue and Gold Organization Booster Club. We hope everyone will participate in the halftime Basketball Musical Chair for a chance to win this 50/50 return for total tickets sold. Concessions will be available.

**This great event begins at 6:30 in the gym.
We hope to see all of our families joining in the fun!**

CULPEPER TIMES - THE BEST OF THE BEST OF CULPEPER

We ask families to vote in the Culpeper Times **BEST OF THE BEST OF CULPEPER** contest! **PLEASE** go follow the link below to vote for Epiphany in the categories of Preschool and School! Tell your friends and family, too!

<http://culpepertimes.com/best2018/>



CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA at EPIPHANY

Bring your family to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday and Read Across America! Story teller and author Barb Lawson will be joining us for a fabulous and interactive performance. Students will move from room to room after the presentation and participate in activities that including a crafts, games and stories read by exciting guest readers. **Save the Date: Monday, March 5 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

REGISTRATION and TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families, please be sure to return student applications that were sent home last month by Wednesday, Feb. 28 to take advantage of the \$50.00 Registration Fee discount. Note that this discount is for **currently attending students**. On March 1, the Registration Fee will again be \$75.00 per student.

The registration envelope contains completed forms with the information we currently have on file. If any of this information has changed, please note on the application. Also included is information about required immunizations, applying for tuition assistance, and tuition payment options.

As a reminder, **applications received through February 28** from current Epiphany families and parishioners of Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, St. Isidore the Farmer and St. Peter have priority placement over applicants from the general public. It is important to return applications by this deadline, as unfilled seats 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 you will receive a \$250.00 tuition credit!

In addition to multiple tuition assistance resources through the Diocese of Arlington, Epiphany also has assistance for qualifying applicants. **Any 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 9, 2018**. Please enter this link into your browser: <https://online.factsmgt.com>

If requesting Tuition Assistance - Apply TODAY

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) with any questions.

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 your 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. **This paperwork will initiate the record for compliance.** We have found that many parent have attended the workshop, but unless paperwork is also completed, a volunteer is not compliant. Paperwork is available in the office. Please stop by or call to request that paperwork be sent home. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students!

CLASS PICTURES

Please note change of date: Lifetouch will be at Epiphany to take Class Pictures on March 15 (Tuesday/Thursday preschoolers) and March 16, 2018, for M/W/F preschool and grades K-8. Order forms will be sent home next week and need to be returned by Wednesday, March 14. Order forms will be sent home when they arrive here at school.

DENTAL HEALTH

Our thanks to Dr. Aylor for visiting Epiphany to speak with the students about dental health on Wednesday. He visited Mrs. Aylor and the kindergarten students, and James and Olivia in first grade. They were very excited that their dad came in for a visit!



The Tooth Fairy visited Epiphany today. Students in grades K,1,2 participated in some great activities with the children and they discussed the importance of good dental hygiene.

PIEDMONT PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Don't miss out on three new acting classes for ages seven and older! Jewell Tone Music on Main Street will host the Piedmont Performing Arts Academy workshop sessions. Please see the attachment for more information.

- Ages 7-11 "The Launching Pad" Drama and Theater Workshop led by Grace Catherine. This is a 12 week workshop on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$350.00
- Ages 12-18 Young Adult Actors and Performer Workshop with Stephen Sorrentino. This 12 week workshop meets on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$450.00 Space is limited. Tuition installment and scholarship plans are available.
- Ages 19+ Adult Actors and Performer Workshop with Stephen Sorrentino is offered to improve your dancing, singing, acting and overall stage performance. Cost: \$450.00 Space is limited. Tuition installment and scholarship plans are available.

If interested, please stop by Jewell Tone Music for more information.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal is open for the third grading period. We ask parents to continue to monitor student progress using the Parent Portal and communicate with teachers if there are any concerns. Use this link:

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

Mark Your Calendar

Please note correction to the February calendar:
Epiphany students lead
Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 2

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Student Holiday**
 - Monday, March 12 Diocesan Professional Development
 - Friday, March 30 - Friday, April 6 Good Friday and Easter Holiday
- **Early Dismissal**
 - Friday, March 9 at 11:30 K-8
 - Thursday, March 29 at 11:30 K-8 and 12:00 for Preschool

NO AFTERNOON CARE on Holy Thursday-All student MUST be picked up at dismissal
- **First Reconciliation Information**
 - *Sacrament of Reconciliation* Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12:00 at Precious Blood

- **Events**

- Faculty-Student Basketball Game Friday, Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- First Reconciliation at Precious Blood Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12:00 p.m.
- Closed Registration ends Wednesday, Feb. 28
- March 2 First Friday Mass - 3rd Grade leads
Epiphany leads Stations of the Cross 6:30 at Precious Blood
- March 5 Meet the Author Family Night and Read Across America 6:00-7:30
- March 7 Spirit Wear orders due
The Light is On for You - Reconciliation and Mass at Precious Blood
- March 8 Spirit Wear Dress Down Day

- **Field Trips**

- March 1 Middle School field trip to Richmond
- March 6 8th Grade to Vocations Mass at Holy Spirit
- March 15 Gr. 1 and 2 field trip to Richmond
Gr. 4 and 5 field trip to Skyline Caverns

OTHER INFORMATION

- **SCA Meetings**

- Pick up at **Main Door** at specified time. Student not picked up will be signed in to afternoon care.
 - Monday, Feb. 26

- **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

- **Hot Lunches- Current order forms DUE by NOON on THURSDAY, MARCH 1**

- Tuesday, Feb. 27 Jersey Mike's
- Friday, Mar. 2 Pizza Friday
- Tuesday, Mar. 6 Mama Mai's
- Tuesday, Mar. 13 Subway
- Friday, Mar. 16 Pizza Friday
- Tuesday, Mar. 20 Buffalo Wild Wings
- Friday, Mar. 23 Pizza Friday
- Tuesday, Mar. 27 Chick-Fil-A