

January 19, 2018

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

**The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is
'Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.'
It is only a week away, and this is how Epiphany will be celebrating!**

SUNDAY: January 28 Celebrate Your Parish

Students will serve as lectors, choir members, altar servers, and ushers at the 11:30 Mass at Precious Blood Church. A display board and school information will be available for interested families. Information will also be available at St. Peter's, Saint Isidore, and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge parishes. A light reception will be available for Epiphany students and families to mingle with interested families.

MONDAY: January 29 Celebrating Your Community

Classrooms will create a basket for community leaders to show their appreciation for those who provide services that keep our community safe and a better place to live. Baskets will be filled with healthy snack items along with a card of appreciation. Community leaders to be recognized will be selected by each grade level. Possible leaders are: Police Dept., Sheriff Dept., Fire and Rescue Depts., Animal Shelter, Heat Shelter, Safe House. Letters to families for basket items will be sent home with students. An assembly to present these baskets will take place in the gym at 2:30.

TUESDAY: January 30 Celebrating Your Students

We thank you, parents, for choosing Epiphany School for your children! SCA students will have a special gift for you as you drop off your students during arrival! Students will have a dress down day, wearing their favorite college or professional sports team jersey or team colors. Free pizza and ice cream will be provided for lunch. Students will have a game hour from 2:00-3:00 to play their favorite age appropriate game with their classmates. Students will try to match up baby pictures of faculty and staff and results will be announced on Friday!

WEDNESDAY: January 31 Celebrating the Nation

Students may wear red or patriotic socks with their P.E. uniforms. We will all gather in the gym at 8:15 for prayer and a flag ceremony with the Boy Scouts and pledge. Students will search online for other Epiphany Catholic School websites. Classes may locate/chart where they are on a United States map and can also email their grade level at one or more of the schools to wish them a happy Catholic Schools Week.

THURSDAY: February 1 Celebrating Vocations

Faculty and staff will provide a breakfast for the priests and volunteers to celebrate vocations. Priests will receive special cards from students. Priests may visit the classrooms if their schedules allow. The whole school will recite a prayer for vocations in the gym at the end of the day.

FRIDAY: February 2 Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

We will celebrate Mass for faculty, staff, and volunteers. The PTO will provide a luncheon for the faculty and staff. Parent volunteers will cover all classroom so all faculty and staff can eat together.

REGISTRATION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Epiphany will open registration to currently enrolled families and members of Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge, St. Isidore the Farmer and St. Peter on Monday, January 29. Applications received from Epiphany and parish families will have priority placement. During this closed registration period, the Registration Fee for RETURNING STUDENTS will be \$50.00 instead of \$75.00. Spaces not filled 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 will receive a \$200.00 tuition credit!

In addition to tuition assistance resources through the Diocese of Arlington, Epiphany also has assistance for qualifying applicants. **Each 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 5, 2018.** Please enter this link into your browser: <https://online.factsmgt.com>

This is open now! Please don't delay!

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.

CHRISTMAS MATCHING PROGRAM CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY

Once again, a very generous donor has offered to **match donations to Epiphany up to \$15,000.00.** We thank those of you that have already donated. **Our current total is \$9,650.00.** Every little bit adds up!

When we all work together, we are able to build a shining future for our children and our Church. Thank you for your consideration.

EAGLE PROJECT FOR DEVON BUTTENSCHAW

Devon Buttenschaw is working towards making the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. His Eagle Scout project is to purchase an AED for Epiphany Catholic School. The approximate cost is \$1400 and he is currently fund raising for it. If you can donate to this worthy cause please send your donation to the school in an envelope with Eagle Scout Project written on the front. Any checks can be made payable to the school and please write Eagle Scout Project Devon Buttenschaw on the memo line. These donations are tax deductible. Thank you and we will keep you updated on this much needed project.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parents, please check to make sure your children are ready for the day as they walk out the door!

- Eat breakfast and have lunch and snack. If they do not have their lunch, a parent will be called to bring it to the lunch room.
- Dress for the Weather! Coats, hats and gloves are necessary on these very cold days. This week we had many students without coats when the temperatures were 24 degrees!
- For PE days, the uniform is sweats. Students may wear Epiphany PE shorts and t-shirt underneath.
- Spirit Wear is not considered a uniform item and is only allowed in the classroom on Spirit Wear days. Some of our students are wearing these items in the classrooms. If students are chilly, they may wear long sleeves and/or their cardigan.
- Make sure student names are in ALL articles of clothing.
- Check sweaters and sweat clothes to make sure that a uniform item hasn't been brought to your house by mistake! If you find an item that is not yours, please send it in to the office.
- If you feel your child may need medication for occasional pain relief, cough, etc., you may send a supply in to the office with a **completed Authorization to Administer Medication Form**. You will find this in the family folder you received at Orientation. *Please follow all instructions on the reverse side.* Forms are also available in the office.
- Students must be fever free and symptom free of GI distress, for a **full 24 hours without medication** to return to school.
- If your child will be absent, please call the office or send an email. We ask that you also send an excuse to the office upon return with information specific to the illness. **We ask that you also let us know if your child has been diagnosed with strep, influenza or viral pneumonia.**

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

The end of the second grading period is **FRIDAY, Jan. 26!** We ask parents to check the Parent Portal to make sure all work is complete. Please 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/>

Mark Your Calendar

EARLY DISMISSAL AND STUDENT HOLIDAYS:

- **Friday, January 26** Early Dismissal - end of 2nd grading Period

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS:

- **Scantron Testing Window 2** - Begins Monday, January 8. Parents, please make sure students arrive on time. Please call if your student will be absent so that teachers may stay on schedule.
- **March for Life** - Friday, January 19. Students in 8th grade will participate.
- **Heat Shelter** - NOTE CHANGE: Donations will be accepted for heat shelter residents
- **Catholic Schools Week** - Sunday, January 28 - Friday, Feb. 2
 - Students will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the 11:30 Mass
 - *Activities are outlined above*
- **Report Cards** distributed on Friday, Feb. 2
- **Middle School Dance** - Friday, Feb. 2

OTHER INFORMATION

• **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

• **Ensemble and/or Schola Rehearsals**

Pick up at **Main Door**. *Students not picked up at main door will be brought to the Pavilion and signed in to afternoon care.*

- Tuesday, Jan. 23 Schola Primo P/U @ 4:15
- Thursday, Jan. 25 Ensemble and Schola Primo P/U @ 4:15
- Thursday, Feb. 1 Ensemble P/U @ 4:00

• **Hot Lunches-**

See your email for important information about Hot Lunch on Jan. 23!

Hot Lunch Order Forms are due NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 25.

Late orders will not be accepted!

- Tuesdays Pizza Tuesdays January 23 and 30
- Friday, Feb. 2 Subway

• **8th Grade School Store**

- Wednesday, January 24

• SPORTS

○ **BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE**

- January 22 BOYS Home vs. Holy Family 'A' & 'B' @ 4:15/5:30
- January 24 Home vs. Covenant Christian Girls @ 4:15/Boys @ 5:30
- January 27 Away at Sacred Heart Academy Boys/Girls JV Tournament
Schedule TBD
- January 29 BOYS Home vs. St. Patrick @ 4:15
- January 31 GIRLS Home vs. St. Patrick @ 4:15
- February 1 Home vs. Culpeper Christian Girls @ 4:30/Boys @ 5:45
- February 6 Home vs. Grymes Girls @ 4:15/Boys @ 5:30
- February 8 Away vs. Culpeper Christian Girls @ 4:30/Boys @ 5:45
- February 16/17 Home 3rd Annual ECS Basketball Tournament
Schedule TBD

CONTINUOUS FUNDRAISING

Our school needs YOUR support! Parents, please be aware that there are fundraising opportunities that won't cost families a penny. Ask your families, neighbors and friends to help us out, too!

Martin's School Rewards

Register your Martin's Bonus Card (and friends and neighbors, too). It is easy!

- Visit www.martinsfoods.com and click on Savings & Rewards.
- Follow the prompts to register your 11 digit card number to our school ID # 22680.
- If you don't know your bonus card number, call 888-814-4268, OPTION #1.
- Use your Bonus Card each time you shop from October 6, 2017 - March 15, 2018 at ANY Martin's store!
- Our school will receive CASH awards check by the end of the school year.
- If you registered your card last year, you may not have to register again. Check, though, to make sure!



Do you shop on Amazon? Who doesn't? What about your family members, neighbors, and friends? They can register to support Epiphany, too! Epiphany receives 0.5% of your eligible purchases because we are registered as one of their charitable organizations! There is no cost to you, the customer, or to Epiphany, the charitable organization. It is truly painless fundraising!

How easy is it to register? Copy and paste this link in to your browser:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1836329> When you have registered, it will say 'Supporting Epiphany Catholic School' under the search bar.

Help out Epiphany and shop AmazonSmile. Each quarter, funds will be transferred directly to our school. Eligible purchases are noted as "Eligible for [amazon smile](#) donation" on the product detail page. (Please note that only the sale price of the item is considered-other costs, such as tax, shipping, fees, service charges, returns, etc., are excluded.)

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION!

We see them on everything-not only on food boxes, but cleaning supplies, paper products, school and office supplies, tableware and even trash bags! All you have to do is cut them out! Tape an envelope to the side of your refrigerator, look on packages, cut out the Box Top for Education and, before you know it, you have accumulated quite a few of these things. Give them to your child to drop off in the **BOX TOPS** container here at school, and start another envelope! Ask your family, friends and neighbors to collect them, too!

If every family participated, we could earn enough money throughout the year to perhaps pay for a bus for a field trip, or sponsor a presentation here at school, or even pay for some awesome activities at Field Day!



Earn Cash for Our School!