

Welcome Back from Mr. Poole

I can't believe September is almost over. Our first five weeks of school have flown by. There are so many great things happening at Epiphany each day seems to pass by so quickly.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We greatly enjoy helping our students grow and develop on a daily basis. Please continue to support your students and their teachers as we continue this educational journey together. We will all experience challenges and some missteps. Let's be patient and supportive of each other along the way.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Kindergarten



Kindergarten has been very busy during the month of September. We celebrated Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday with cake. We also practiced saying a decade of the Rosary this

In math we learned our shapes and practiced creating pictures and designs using a variety of shapes.



We learned all about communities in social studies and even "built" a paper one. Learning about community and school rules was also an important part of social studies for us.



In reading we have learned about nouns, adjectives, and verbs and are beginning to read using our sight words and decoding skills. Our class has read 332 books so far this school year!

Fifth Grade



Fifth Graders dissected owl pellets as part of their Life Science Unit. The students were able to determine what the owls had eaten by finding and classifying different bones in the pellets.

Music

**Congratulations to our 2018-2019
Schola Primo singers!**

- Grade 8:** Elie Dodson, Eliza Sisk, Savanna V. and Gianna Young
- Grade 7:** Bethany Rivera and Abby Virag
- Grade 6:** Jaelyn Butler, Savannah Fitzgerald, Abby H., Graciela Lozano, Eliana Williams and Mackenzie Young
- Grade 5:** Danielle Armor, Joel Baca, Tatum Caprarese, John Chada, Raegan Delagardelle, Drew Sadowski, and Alaine Sisk



This is a photo of our new baby, Josephine. Our baby grand piano (parlor grand piano), that is... Many thanks to Mrs. Cris Sallada-McCarty who donated the piano to the school!



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 in past years 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's progress, assignments and test schedules.

WE VOLUNTEERS

We love parent involvement at our school, and actually depend on you 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 Compliance paperwork and attending the workshop. Please be aware that the paperwork initiates the record. If someone attends the workshop only, that information will not appear on any report.

Compliance packages are available in the school office. Please stop by or call to request that one be sent home. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students and our school.

Is My Child Too Sick to Go to School?

Allergies, sore throats, belly aches, low grade fevers, pneumonia and other illness have been making the rounds. Though we strive for students to be here every day, if a student has a fever (100+) 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, 2 doses must be administered to return.



Virtue of the Month

September	Respect / Responsibility
October	Self Discipline
November	Generosity
December	Gratitude
January	Empathy/Compassion
February	Cooperation
March	Honesty
April	Stewardship
May	Peacemaking
June	Friendship

"A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself" (CCC, no. 1803).

This year, Epiphany will be recognizing a student in each grade that best exemplifies our Virtue of the Month. Mrs. Aylor will decorate a bulletin board as a reminder of the virtue we will focus on for that month, and a student from each class will be recognized for best exemplifying that quality. Our students receiving awards will be mentioned in the monthly newsletter that will be distributed on the fourth Friday of each month.

The Epiphany Website

Parents, please be aware that most general information about Epiphany can be found on our website: epiphanycatholicsschool.org. You will find PTO calendars, sports schedules, PTO information, the Parent Handbook, etc. You can also like us on Facebook. We post a lot of general information and some great school happenings!

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

Epiphany School has been thoroughly inspected by the Office of Construction Management at the Diocese of Arlington. Our school buildings are all asbestos free.

October Calendar

The October calendar is included with today's Kid Mail. Please be sure to make note of important happenings to your personal calendar. The calendar may also be found on the website. Highlights include: Early dismissal on Oct. 5, Student holidays on Oct. 8 (Columbus Day) and Oct. 26 (Teacher In-Service), Pansy orders due Oct. 2 and delivery Oct. 10, Preschool field trip Oct. 9, Parent Meeting for First Communion Oct. 9, Math & Movement Night on Oct. 16, Lions Sight/Hearing Screening on Oct. 19 (volunteers needed!), Confirmation Retreat (Gr. 8) Oct. 20, Middle School trip on Oct. 25 and All Saints Day on Nov. 1 (Thursday - Full Dress uniforms).

PTO NEWS



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Children's Consignment Sale a success. It takes a lot of people to make it run smoothly. Thanks to our students who donated food, parents who cooked food and volunteered their time, middle school students who wrapped hangers and ate all of Mrs. Sherry's Oreos. A huge thank you to our setup and clean up crews! We were able to send a box truck packed full of donations back to Full Circle Thrift to help Culpeper, as well as support the Police Department, Young Life, the Pregnancy Center and Hurricane Relief.

Pansy Sale!

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 Tuesday, October 2

Pick up Wednesday, October 12, after 10:00 a.m.



Annual Gala

Mark your calendar for annual Epiphany Gala! Join us at Rock Hill Farm on Saturday, November 17. The theme this year is **Denim and Diamonds**, so bling out your jeans, grab a great top, and join the fun! Information was sent home with details. You may also visit the Epiphany website for more information.

Points for Parents

Parents, don't forget to track the volunteer hours that you give to Epiphany! **Thank you for your gift of time and talent!** You can review the program information on the PTO tab on the Epiphany website.