

September 15, 2016

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the month of September. It has been quite a busy first half of the month here at school. It is our hope that everyone at home has settled into their new routine.

Back to School Night

I would like to thank our parents who attended the Back to School Night on Tuesday. This was an important first meeting of the school year. It gave me a chance to officially welcome you all, Fr. Kevin had the opportunity to meet parents and Peggy Young, our PTO President, was able to discuss the important ways that parents are able to build our school community through service. In the classrooms, teachers had a chance to meet parents and discuss their processes and expectations.

Office of Catholic Schools Parent Survey

Parents who attended Back to School Night received the Office of Catholic Schools Parent Survey. Your feedback is very important to me. Although new to Epiphany, I plan to put my experience to good use as we continue to grow as a school community, so I thank those of you that have already returned the surveys. Of course, I am hoping to hear from everyone, so surveys were also sent home this week in case a family did not receive one. If you have already returned your survey, please disregard. If you have not, please reply no later than Friday, Sept. 22, in the envelope provided with the packet.

Catechetical Mass

Once a year, the Diocese of Arlington, along with the Catholic parishes across the United States, acknowledges the importance of those who teach in the name of Jesus and His church by honoring them with a Catechetical Mass. We celebrated this event at our school Mass this morning, and you will experience this at the Masses on Sunday. As parents, teachers, and catechists, we all play a role in handing on our faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Let us all work to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith and devote ourselves to a deeper study and practice of prayer for our own spiritual growth and that of our children.

SAVE THE DATE!

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get
Involved
unteer

We love our volunteers! Our students love to see their moms and dads at school, too. Our PTO will be sending out information about the many opportunities you will have to be of service to our school. We ask each families to donate 20 hours and log their hours in the PTO Points for Parents binder in the office.

If you have the means and are willing to share the talents with which you are blessed, we probably have a job for you! Your contribution will help our goal to provide a safe, faith based learning environment for all of our students. Please be sure to complete and return the PTO Volunteer form at your earliest convenience next week.

THANK YOU, MR. THORNTON!

We ask families to keep Epiphany parent Michael Thornton in their prayers. On Tuesday morning, Mr. Thornton took a small crew to Florida to help those in the destructive path of Hurricane Irma. Thank you, Mr. Thornton, for sharing your time and talent to those in need. You are our Superhero!

OFFICE SIGN IN

"We are a family." When your child enters our doors, they enter our care and we take that responsibility very seriously. Thank you for your trust! Please be aware that until 4:00 p.m., all visitors must enter by the front door entrance, report to the front office, sign in, and take a visitor's pass. This will assist us in knowing who is on campus and where to find them. Parents that are bringing items for their children are asked to leave these in the school office for delivery, unless it is a student's lunch and they are already eating. We ask parents that are here for a meeting or other business inside the building to refrain from entering the classrooms, as this is disruptive to the students and instruction. We believe that by following these protocols we can better ensure a safe and healthy environment for all children at Epiphany.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT WEEK

Next week is **Child Passenger Safety Week**, and the Culpeper Town Police will be here on Monday and Tuesday from 11:45-12:15 for parents to have safety seat installation checked. Many parents take advantage of this service to ensure the safety of their children.

Cover the Cruiser

The police officers wanted us to let all of our families know that they will check safety seats at TARGET tomorrow (Saturday), from 1:00-5:00 p.m. While you are there, feel free to make a donation to Special Olympics! When you do, you will be able to write your name on a donation slip to attach to the Town Police vehicle. Their goal is to **Cover the Cruiser** to benefit this very worthy cause!

*We thank the Culpeper Police Department Community Policing Division,
and all members of the law enforcement community, for their dedication to our safety and well-being!*

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Allergy season is here, and we ask parents to make their children as comfortable as possible so that they can get the most out of their school day. If you need to, speak with your physician or pharmacist about child appropriate options.

Also, it is very common, once school begins, for various illnesses make the rounds. As a reminder, parents, if your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness, please let the office know so that we are aware. Also, students are to be fever and symptom free of a contagious illness for a full 24 hours, **without fever reducing meds**, before returning to school. If placed on antibiotics, 2 doses must be administered to attend.

PTO NEWS

As stated in the handbook, each family at Epiphany Catholic School is required to contribute at least 20 hours of volunteer service each year. **Points for Parents** is a program that is now being implemented to help track those hours. Each family has a page in the **Points for Parents** binder in the office, and one hour equals one point. Any family member or designee at least 18 years of age can volunteer to count toward a family's goal.

I am asking each family to please 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 me at PTO@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

Thank you, parents, for your gifts of time and talent to the children!

PANSY SALE- Our 20th Year!



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 Wednesday, October 11, after 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

There is starting to be a chill in the air, which means, it's time for our Fall Consignment Sale! The PTO needs YOUR help to make it a success! We appreciate anything you can do to help it go smoothly. This is what we need and when:

**Tuesday, Sept. 19th: Students may DRESS DOWN if they bring in a donation.
(We are trying to stick to our Health and Wellness Plan
of healthy food and drink options.)**

- **Preschool 3 & 4** Healthy Morning Breakfast Items (Fresh fruit, yogurt, English Muffins, cream cheese, granola)
- **Kindergarten** Mid Morning Snack Options - (Granola bars, fruit, trail mix, nuts)
- **1st -** Lunch Time Sides - (Fresh Veggies with Dip, Pretzels, Cheese Cubes)
- **2nd** Afternoon Pick-Me-Ups - (Trail Mix, Hummus with pretzels, veggies, cheese sticks)
- **3rd** Dinner Time Sides - (Whole Wheat Dinner Rolls, Raw Veggies, Dip)
- **4th** Dessert Options - (Dark Chocolate, Cookies, Brownies, Yummy Treats)
- **5th** Snack Time - (Pretzels, Popcorn, Chips, Veggie Straws)
- **6th** Paper products - plates, cups, napkins, utensils
- **7th** Drinks- Waters, juice, sodas, K-Cups
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**Epiphany Families do not need to be consignors to Volunteer--
Remember to log your hours in the Points for Parents Binder!**

▶ **Tuesday, Sept. 19th** : Help is needed to bring racks and tables up from the pavilion to the gym beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

▶ **Thursday, Sept. 21st**: Help is needed to work the check out tables for the volunteers who will be shopping from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** that evening.

▶ **Friday, Sept 22nd (9am - 7pm) and Saturday, Sept. 23rd (8:30am - 3pm)**: If you are available anytime during when the sale is open to the public please stop in. Extra hands are always appreciated.

▶ **Saturday, Sept 23rd**: We need volunteers to clean-up after the sale and move racks and tables back to the pavilion beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

We are also looking for volunteers to cook dinner for 10 people and deliver to the school at 5pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Each night counts as 1 hour towards your Points for Parents.

**It takes a lot of people to manage this sale.
Thank you in advance for your time.**

Please contact consignmentsale@epiphanycatholicschool.org if you have any questions.

Thanks again!

Jen Petrovitch and Erin Sherry
Consignment Chairs

Come join the

Precious Blood Children's Choir!

Welcoming Students in Grades 2-7



Singing in a children's choir:

- Helps kids feel a part of a group & make new friends
- Instills a sense of responsibility
- Encourages a strive for excellence
- Allows for developing poise under pressure
- Develops better speech habits
- Develops a sense of culture
- Provides an artistic balance in these days of rote learning education
- Develops a foundation for a lifetime of enjoyment in & of music

Practices are on
Sundays from 12:45 – 1:30 pm
Beginning Sunday, September 17, 2017

Children's Choir sings for Christmas Eve, First Reconciliation, Easter, First Communion, Mother's Day and Father's Day Masses.

COME SHARE YOUR GIFT!

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