

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the end of the second trimester of school is March 8th! Despite the weather related interruptions our teachers and students continue to produce very impressive work. Thanks for your support through these unpredictable winter months.

You should by now have received an electronic survey via email. Please take the time to give us your candid feedback. Your input will help us develop a strategic plan for the future of Epiphany Catholic School.

As you know, enrollment continues to be a top priority for us. To that end, we have two more Open Houses planned. On Thursday, March 7, from 9:00 am – 12 noon, we will host an Open House specifically for Preschool 3 and 4 families. Then, on Sunday, March 10, from 1-3:00 pm, we have an Open House for Preschool through 8th grade. We need your help to encourage potential families to attend these events. It is vitally important that any and all families interested in tuition assistance complete the FACTS application at online.factsmgt.com/aid before **March 15, 2019**. Please contact Mary Leslie at office@epiphanycatholicschool.org or 540-825-9017 or simply stop by the school office if you need assistance.

Our Share the Love campaign is off to a good start. Through the generosity of eight donors we have already received \$3,275 which will be matched up to \$20,000. We appreciate your donation to this campaign to raise funds to enhance our math and technology programs.

Austin Poole, Principal



Virtue of the Month

Each month students will be recognized who best exemplify the Virtue of the Month.

We are proud to recognize the following students:

February – Cooperation

Parker Sherry, Drew Sadowski, Nathan Kulivan, Thomas Costamagna, Cayden McCawley, Piper Groves, Yeszidra Elliott, Lily Edwards, Alaina Taylor, Connor Storey and Matthew Lee

Illness at School

Allergies, sore throats, belly aches, low grade fevers, and other illnesses have been making the rounds. As a reminder, students are to be fever and symptom free of any illness, including any intestinal distress for a **full 24 hours, without any medication**, before returning to school. Please discuss the importance of personal space and proper hand washing. Please let us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza or other highly contagious viruses.

Supporting Our Community

The Heat Shelter needs help. Volunteers are always needed to bring food, chaperone and transport people to Powell Wellness Center for showers. You can sign up through the link provided by Precious Blood below:

www.carecalendar.org

Calendar ID: 200420

Security Code: 5365

Epiphany Spirit Wear Online Store

We are open for business!

All items can be ordered and paid for online. Orders will arrive at school as they are received, and you have the option to have them shipped to your home.

Most of the prices are the same, but please be aware that a few have changed.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Young at spiritwear@epiphanycatholicschool.org

Go ECS! Cheer on!

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to Visit the
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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

February News from Kindergarten



Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school this month! We made necklaces out of 100 Fruit Loops, tried to build using 100 red cups, and filled in 100 charts. Our classroom door was also decorated with a giant number 100. We also learned about many famous African Americans; the children were most impressed by all of the things George Washington Carver discovered he could make from peanuts!

Second Grade



Students at Epiphany PS-2nd grade were educated on the importance of dental health on February 8, including the one and only fabulous tooth fairy! The team from Dr. Eppard's office presented information on the importance of taking care of your teeth and healthy eating habits. Thanks for the visit!

Second grade made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 22, at Precious Blood Catholic Church with all of their friends from CCD. Thank you to Fr. Bruse, Fr. DeForest, Fr. Augustine and Fr. Kevin for their special prayers and patience. It was a very special day for all of us and our families.



We have been working on addition and subtraction with regrouping and also learning about dental health. Although we enjoy our snow days, we are always happy to see our second grade friends when we get back to school.

Media

Thank you for everyone who shopped Amazon using our Smile donation page. Amazon donated \$143 to Epiphany due to your support from October through December! If you would like to support Epiphany while you shop Amazon, use this link: smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1836329

Spring Children's Consignment Sale

Our Spring/Summer Children's Consignment Sale will be here soon and your help is needed! This is a great time to earn Points for Parents or Confirmation hours! We will set up the Gym Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00PM and will run through Saturday evening. Look for an email as we get closer on other ways to help. If you are interested in consigning with us, or have any questions, please email the Co-Chairs at consignmentsale@epiphanycatholicschool.org.

Race for Education

Race for Education is coming up on May 1, 2019! We are having a volunteer day on Friday, March 1 from 9:30-11:30 am with coffee and donuts to get the packets together. Join us and get some volunteer hours!

Athletics

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ATHLETICS?

The 4th Annual ECS STARS Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament took place on Feb. 15th & 16th this year and was again a huge success as a fund raiser for our Athletic Department. We raised \$1758 to help cover officials' costs and equipment for all of our sports throughout the school year. This tournament could not have been successful without the hard work and dedication of our volunteer coaches, parents, teachers, and even some alumni! It was so wonderful to see so many alumni and former players come out and support the Epiphany Stars!

Our girls' team played really well and fought extremely hard during their tournament games but couldn't pull out the win. They should still be proud of the 4th place trophy in the trophy case, though, as the teams they played were much taller and more experienced. The best part of the girls' team was how they took the coach's feedback and applied it to the next game throughout the season. From their first game to their

last, they became an entirely different team with their aggressiveness and their competitiveness. Being that 6 out of the 11 players on the team had never played on an organized level before, the girls' team showed great spirit and a winning attitude. Our school should be so proud of how they never gave up!

Our boys' team had a terrific overall season with many wins and they made it to the Championship game of the tournament on Saturday. Even though they came away with the 2nd place trophy, the dignity and grace with which they carried themselves was admirable. That lesson is a hard one to learn especially against your rival team but it is an experience that is noteworthy in my book.

Moving on to our spring sport, Lacrosse, please remember that you will need to have a sports physical done for this school year, 2018-2019, prior to beginning any practice. If you already played on the volleyball, soccer, or basketball team this school year, then I have a copy of your physical already. I will send out the exact dates later this week that lacrosse practice will begin.

The Epiphany Teacher & Staff vs. Girls & Boys Basketball Teams 4th Annual Basketball Shoot Out will take place Friday, March 8, 2019 beginning at 6:30 pm! This is such a fun game for those playing as well as for those watching! Concessions and a fun half-time event will take place so that this night will be one that you will not forget!

Thank you for supporting our ECS STARS!!!

Jeri Beverstock

ECS Athletic Director



SAVE THE DATES

ECS Girls Volleyball Summer Camp with Coach Beverstock will be held June 24-28 from 3 - 6 pm each day for rising 5th through 9th graders.

ECS Girls & Boys Basketball Summer Camp with Coach Beverstock will be held July 15-19 for two age groups this year! From 12-3 pm, the camp will be geared toward rising 3rd - 5th graders. From 3 - 6 pm, the camp will be geared toward rising 6th - 9th graders.

More information and details regarding the Volleyball and Basketball Summer Camps will be distributed within the next 2 weeks.

Science Fair

Epiphany held its annual Middle School Science Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 2019. The Fair featured projects by forty-five students covering a variety of interesting topics in Plant Sciences, Chemistry, Robotics, Environmental Sciences and more. Winning projects tackled questions such as, "How does the acidity of water affect land forms?" and "How effective is the design of a storm drain in keeping litter from entering waterways?" Nine guest judges, with backgrounds in a variety of different scientific fields and/or as experienced educators, volunteered as mentors and interviewers on the day of the Fair. Students who earned the top scores in each class will be representing Epiphany at the Piedmont Regional Science Fair in March as well as the Diocesan Fair being held in April. Judges comments regarding the student's presentations were very positive, including "very impressive," "highly scientific" and "top notch!" Great work, Middle School!

