

October 27, 2017

## From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

We have officially ended the first grading period of the 2017-2018 school year! I will be handing out Report Cards on Friday, November 3rd.

The **Race for Education** was FANTASTIC! I would like to thank all of our volunteers for making this a great FUNdraiser! Here are some pictures of a great day at Epiphany:



## LIFETOUCH PICTURE RETAKES FRIDAY, NOV. 3

Lifetouch will be at Epiphany on Friday, Nov. 3, to for picture retakes and to take pictures of students that were absent on Picture Day. Parents, we ask that you follow these instructions if your child will need their picture taken:

- If your child was absent, please send an email or note to the office to let us know that your child will need their picture taken. Lifetouch should also have printed slips for children that were absent.
- **IF A STUDENT NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR PICTURE RETAKEN**
  - ➔ Return the full picture package that you purchased to the office by **WEDNESDAY, Nov. 1.**
  - ➔ Send an email to the office verifying that you are returning a photo package.

***Please do not wait until Friday to send this in. It is best that we know ahead of time to avoid confusion and we will be able to notify the teacher.***

## Mark Your Calendar

◆ Friday, October 27	<b>Teacher In-Service Day-No school for students</b> Trunk or Treat - 6:30-8:00. <b>SEE SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION</b>
◆ Sunday, October 29	Ministry/Spanish Mass @ 2:00 (Precious Blood)
◆ Tuesday, October 31	Preschool Harvest Parties
◆ Wednesday, Nov. 1	All Saints Day-Holy Day of Obligation; Mass @ 1:30-Full Dress Uniforms WINTER uniforms from Nov. 1 - April 1
◆ Thursday, Nov. 2	Gr. 4 and 5 Field Trip to Richmond
◆ Friday, Nov. 3	Picture Retakes Report Cards Distributed

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Saturday, Nov. 11 **VIRTUS Workshop** (9:00-1:00) at Precious Blood and  
**16th Annual Gala at Tuscany Hall** 6:00-12:00 midnight
- ◆ Thursday, Dec. 14 **Bishop Burbidge celebrates Epiphany 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 and VIRTUS Requirements

As a reminder, 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. A session has been scheduled at **Precious Blood on Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Prior to attending the workshop**, the required **paperwork** needs to be completed. This paperwork will initiate the record for compliance. Packets are available in the school office. Please stop by to pick one up or call to request that one be sent home. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students!

## IMPORTANT UNIFORM INFORMATION

Students will be required to wear their winter uniform options beginning on Nov. 1. This means long pants (NO SHORTS), sweats on PE days (uniform sweats required-can wear PE shorts & t-shirts under sweats; NO Spirit Wear), and knee socks or tights for girls.

The office has received a lot of 'Lost and Found' items. A table will be set up next week so that parents may come in to see if any items belong to them. Parents, please help us out by putting the STUDENT name in all clothing items. It is the best way for us to return an item to the right child. If an item has a name that no longer attends, your item may not be returned.

We also ask that families check uniform items at home to make sure that someone else's item hasn't found its way to your house.

## PowerSchool Parent Portal

The Parent Portal will not be available until Monday, Nov. 6.

This gives the teachers time to prepare report cards that will be distributed on Friday, Nov. 3.

## 'BOOST' AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE

Many students could use just a little extra help, and our teachers will be available to offer instructional assistance on the following days:

- Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on **THURSDAY** (begin on November 9)
- Middle School-**Notify teacher by email 24 hours ahead if attending.**
  - ✓ Ms. Gaffron on Tuesday - Reading/Language Arts
  - ✓ Mrs. Heelen on Wednesday - Science, Gr. 6 Social Studies and Gr. 6 /7 Math
  - ✓ Mr. Saibini on Friday - Religion, Gr. 7/8 Social Studies and Gr. 8 Math/Algebra

**Teachers will bring students to the Main Entrance at 4:15.**

**Please wait at doors, as office is closed at 4:00.**

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Though we strive for students to be at school every day, if a student has a fever or symptoms of a stomach virus (vomiting and/or diarrhea) they may not attend that day **AND MUST 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, 3 doses must be administered to attend.



## THE EMERALD CITY BALL

Make plans to join us at **The Emerald City Ball**, our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala. It will be held November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm- Midnight at Tuscany Hall. It's a great evening full of food, fun and dancing!

This is Epiphany's largest and most successful fundraiser due in a large part to our parental support. We look forward to seeing you in November! For further questions or ways you can help please contact our Gala Chairs, Rachel Glascock and Mary Laybourne, at [gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org).



## CHRISTMAS PLAY AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



**DATE CHANGE!** Do you want to be in the Christmas play? Rehearsals are Saturday nights at 6:00, in the Church, beginning **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Questions: contact Leslie Jones at [lesliefowler9@hotmail.com](mailto:lesliefowler9@hotmail.com).

## VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAME SCHEDULES

The final games of the season are next week.  
Please make plans to stop in and see our students in action!

### SOCCER

- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) HOME vs. Grymes Memorial School at 4:00 pm

### VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Powhatan School at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm