

**November 3, 2017**

**From the Desk of Mr. Poole**

Dear Parents,

Our first week of the second grading period is off to a great start! Mrs. Willett's first grade students dressed up as their favorite Saint on Wednesday afternoon. During our Mass for the Feast of All Saints, they each told us all about themselves. They did a fantastic job and we all appreciate the work of our students, their parents, Mrs. Willett and Mrs. Mott.

I would like to encourage all of our families to join us at the **The Emerald City Ball**, Epiphany's 16 Annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 11. This is a wonderful event for our parents and an evening with delicious food, fun, and dancing. There will also be both a silent and live auction, with some great gift ideas. Would you like for your child to be Principal for a half day and enjoy lunch with Mr. Poole? How about Vet for a Day? What about Dinner with Fr. Kevin? There will also be some great silent auction items for yourself or for Christmas giving. Please be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible or email [gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:gala@epiphanycatholicsschool.org).

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

**Report Cards and awards were distributed today.**

**I would like to recognize the following students for their achievement:**

**HIGH HONORS**

**All grades 93%-100%**

- **Grade 3:** Marvin Duarte Amador, Natalie Ferlazzo, Thaddeus Keddie, Jacob Storey
- **Grade 4:** Tatum Caprarese, Madelyn Corradi, Raegan Delagardelle, David Glascock, Alaine Sisk, Brandon Valdez-Perez
- **Grade 6:** Jacob Adams, Natalie Allen, Martina Borgia, Sofia Pross, Bethany Rivera
- **Grade 7:** Nicholas Feaganes
- **Grade 8:** Brady Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Meagan Fay

**HONORS**

**All grades 85%-100%**

- **Grade 3** Natalie Costamagna, John Laybourne, Declan McCarton, Parker Sherry
- **Grade 4** Danielle Armor, Joel Baca, Anthony Blanco, John Chada, Christopher Perry, Andrew Sadowski
- **Grade 5** Savannah Fitzgerald, Carlos Rivera, Mackenzie Young
- **Grade 6** Yelizsa Elliott, Leo Keddie, Rosemary Petrovitch, Evan Thornton
- **Grade 7** Charles Adams, Elizabeth Dodson, Holly Little, Grey Myers, Jairo Rivera, Nour Saadeh, Jonathon Storey, Savana Veazey
- **Grade 8** Ava Caprarese, Rachel Dillon, Olivia Sisk, Maeghan Stockli

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

**No AbsenceS, No Tardies, No Early Dismissals**

Jacob Adams, Brady Allen, Natalie Allen, Cayden Amador, James Aylor, Joel Baca, Lajoya Banks, Miles Bennett, Samantha Bennett, Anthony Blanco, Estefany Blanco, Martina Borgia, Cooper Byberg, Madelyn Corradi, Gabe Delagardelle, Raegan Delagardelle, Marvin Duarte Amador, Avery Edwards, Yezsidra Elliott, Nicholas Feaganes, David Glascock, Michael Glascock, Abigail Heelen, Chloe Hunchuck, Bradley Jenkins, Declan McCarton, Violet Misner, Sydney Mitchell, Grey Myers, Noah Parsons, Christopher Perry III, Jairo Rivera, Brandon Valdez-Perez, Andrea Vargas-Garcia, Juliano Winton

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 (afternoon) and on Friday, Nov. 10.**

As we all know, education is a team effort and is most successful when there is a partnership between the teacher, parent, and student. Parent-Teacher Conferences provide an excellent opportunity to cultivate this partnership and to demonstrate to your child the importance that you place on the educational/religious process. All of our teachers are working hard preparing for a productive meeting with each family.

Parents, afternoon care is available on Thursday, but there is no child care available on Friday. Please make arrangements for your child care. Children are not to be left unsupervised inside or outside the building. Leaving them in the office is not an option. Please work together if necessary.

Parents, the conference schedules are tight, so please **be on time and end on time**. It's a good idea to ask your most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all.

**Be sure to ask the teacher for specific suggestions on ways to help your child do better.** This is the most important part of the meeting. It will become your action plan. If the teacher says something you don't quite understand, don't be shy about asking for an explanation.

It's a good idea to end the conference by summing up decisions you've made together. **If needed, ask to meet again.**

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The **School Directory** arrived this week. Our thanks to you, families, for your patience. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to get the directory ready for the printer. We would like to thank those businesses that sponsored the directory: **Battlefield Automotive** (Culpeper), **Clevenger Corner Veterinary Care**, **The Ducket-Corbin Realty Team** (Kelly Ducket-Corbin), **Virginia Orthopaedic and Spine Center**, **Griffin & Errera Orthodontics**, and **FACTS Management** (Topher Russo). **Please support those that support our school!**

## Mark Your Calendar

The November calendar went home this week. Be sure to post it for easy reference, and make note on your personal calendar of important dates, including:

- ◆ **Sunday, Nov. 5**                      Set clocks back!
- ◆ **Tuesday, Nov. 7**                    Election Day  
Altar Service Training at Precious Blood- 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday, Nov. 8**                **Begin Book Worm Central Book Fair**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
- ◆ **Thursday, Nov. 9**                    **11:30 Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
**Please notify the office 24 hours prior to attend Extended Day**  
**Students are not to be left unsupervised in the hallway or outside.**
- ◆ **Friday, Nov. 10**                      **No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences-No child care available**  
Please work with other parents if necessary
- ◆ **Saturday, Nov. 11**                    **VIRTUS Workshop 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**16th Annual Gala 'Emerald City Ball'**  
**6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight at Tuscany Hall**

## OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ **Saturday, Nov. 11**                    **VIRTUS Workshop** (9:00-1:00) at Precious Blood and
- ◆ **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.**

**Even though it is not REQUIRED, we greatly encourage that the compliance paperwork be completed before attending the workshop,** as this paperwork will initiate the record on the compliance report for the Diocese. However, you may still register to attend the Workshop at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and then call for a packet from the school office. Thank you again, parents, for your dedication to our students!

## BOOKWORK CENTRAL BOOK FAIR

The Book Worm Central Book fair arrives next week! Mrs. Sherry needs your help! Please volunteer by clicking this link <http://signup.com/go/bCaCVKv> to sign up for a time (or 2!) . All help is greatly appreciated.

Email Mrs. Sherry at [sherrye@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:sherrye@epiphanycatholicsschool.org) with any questions.

## 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 2, the first day of the 2nd Quarter)
- 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.



## 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 [leslifowler9@hotmail.com](mailto:leslifowler9@hotmail.com).