

December 8, 2017

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

It looks like we may be in for a little 'bad' weather, though most of us don't see it as bad! Who doesn't like snow, especially on the weekend when we can all enjoy it together? In our region, predicting inclement weather is somewhat of a challenge! I ask all families to be familiar with the inclement weather policy here at school that can be found in both the Parent Handbook and in the School Directory.

ALL ARE INVITED TO MEET BISHOP BURBIDGE

◆ Thursday, Dec. 14

Bishop Burbidge celebrates Epiphany Mass (9:00 a.m.),

Parents, please plan to join us as we welcome our Bishop to Epiphany!

There is only a week and a half before we break for Christmas and we will be busy! There are so many events for our students to experience over this Advent Season. We thank you, parents, for all of your support during this very special time of year, including:

- Participating in the **Community Christmas Basket**. See below for more information.
- Making donations to the **Hat, Mitten and Sock Tree**. Socks are needed most! The Department of Human Services will pick these up on December 15 to distribute to families in need.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for students in Grades 3-5 on Dec. 11 and Grades 6-8 on Dec. 18.
- **Field Trips** for many of our students, specifically the Ensemble and Schola Primo to provide music for the Women's Club of Culpeper Christmas Party at the Country Club on Dec. 12, Grades 4 and 5 going to Culpeper Health and Rehab on Dec. 15, and Grade 2 to the Riverside Center for Performing Arts on Dec. 19 to see the Velveteen Rabbit.
- **Preschool/Kindergarten/First Grade Movie Night TONIGHT, Dec. 8**, featuring the movie *Frosty the Snowman*. The movie begins at 6:00 in the gym. Please use gym doors only.
- There is also a **Family Movie Night** on Friday, Dec. 15 at 6:00, featuring *Claymation Christmas*. We hope everyone will be able to attend.
- The **Preschool Christmas Pageant** on Tuesday, Dec. 19, will get everyone in a festive mood!

PLEASE note our **Early Dismissal** days:

- **On Monday, Dec. 11 at 11:30 for K-8**. Afternoon care is available.
- Please be reminded that **Wednesday, Dec. 20, is a half day of school**. There will be **no afternoon care**, so we ask all families to make arrangements to pick students up at dismissal time. Grades K-8 will dismiss at 11:30 and Preschool at 12:00 noon.

CHRISTMAS MATCHING PROGRAM

As you consider recipients for your end of year giving, why not make your donation go twice as far? Once again, during this Christmas season, a very generous donor has offered to **match donations to Epiphany up to \$15,000.00**. We thank those of you that have already donated. Every little bit helps!

When we all work together, we are able to build a shining future for our children and our Church. Thank you for your consideration

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKET



The holidays are fast approaching, and that means it is time once again for Epiphany families to support our Culpeper community by participating in the Community Christmas Basket.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items, so as you do your shopping, please don't forget about those in need right here in Culpeper. Last year our school was able to donate over 5000 food items! Can we match that this year?

YES WE CAN! We are Epiphany Catholic School!

'WE CARE WEEK'

Each year, Epiphany has a dress down day to raise funds for Catholic Charities. Their vital programs serve the most vulnerable throughout the Diocese of Arlington, serving more than 90,000 people last year. This year we sent a check for \$233.00. We thank all of our families for their participation and generosity.

LIBRARY NEWS

Students in Kindergarten - 8th grade had a great time learning about Coding this week in their Media classes. They joined in with other students across the world who also participated in "The Hour of Code" to encourage interest in the Computer Science field.



BOOKWORM CENTRAL BOOK FAIR

Mrs. Sherry would like to thank all of our families for participating in the Book Fair last month. It is amazing that nearly \$4,000.00 in books were purchased by our families, and that gives her over \$900.00 to purchase new books for our library!

EAGLE PROJECT FOR DEVON BUTTENSHAW

Devon Buttenshaw is working towards making the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. His Eagle Scout project is to purchase an AED for Epiphany Catholic School. The approximate cost is \$1400 and he is currently fund raising for it. If you can donate to this worthy cause please send your donation to the school in an envelope with Eagle Scout Project written on the front. Any checks can be made payable to the school and please write Eagle Scout Project Devon Buttenshaw on the memo line. These donations are tax deductible. Thank you and we will keep you updated on this much needed project.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Parents, please check to make sure your children are ready for the day as they walk out the door!

- Eat breakfast and have lunch and snack. If they do not have their lunch, a parent will be called to bring it to the lunch room.
- Dress for the weather! Have coat, and gloves and hat if necessary. Classes go outside for recess, walk to lunch, serve as Safety Patrols, and wait in the pick-up line. If it is raining, have an umbrella or hood. Make sure name is in all clothing.
- For PE days, the uniform is sweats. Students may wear shorts and t-shirt underneath.
- Spirit Wear is not considered a uniform item and is only allowed in the classroom on Spirit Wear days. Some of our students are wearing these items in the classrooms. If students are chilly, they may wear long sleeves and/or their cardigan.

Also, if you feel your child may need medication for occasional pain relief, cough, etc., you may send a supply in to the office with a *completed* **Authorization to Administer Medication Form**. You will find this in the family folder you received at Orientation. *Please follow all instructions on the reverse side.* Forms are also available in the office.

'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:

- Grade 3 on Monday
- Grades 4th and 5th on **THURSDAY**
- 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 out front, as office is closed at 4:00.***

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

We ask parents to make use of the Parent Portal to monitor student progress and communicate with teachers if there are any concerns. Parents will use the same account login and password that they used last year. Parents of kindergarten students, please note that they are evaluated in January and June.

Copy and paste this address into your browser:

<https://arlingtondiocese.powerschool.com/public/>

CONTINUOUS FUNDRAISING

Our school needs YOUR support! Parents, please be aware that there are fundraising opportunities that won't cost families a penny. We also ask that you tell your families, neighbors and friends to help us out, too!

Martin's School Rewards

Register your Martin's Bonus Card (and friends and neighbors, too). It is easy!

- Visit www.martinsfoods.com and click on Savings & Rewards.
- Follow the prompts to register your 11 digit card number to our school ID # 22680.
- If you don't know your bonus card number, call 888-814-4268, OPTION #1.
- Use your Bonus Card each time you shop from October 6, 2017 - March 15, 2018 at ANY Martin's store!
- Our school will receive CASH awards check by the end of the school year.
- If you registered your card last year, you may not have to register again. Check, though, to make sure!



Do you shop on Amazon? Who doesn't? What about your family members, neighbors, and friends? They can register to support Epiphany, too! Epiphany receives 0.5% of your eligible purchases because we are registered as one of their charitable organizations! There is no cost to you, the customer, or to Epiphany, the charitable organization. It is truly painless fundraising!

How easy is it to register? Copy and paste this link in to your browser:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1836329> When you have registered, it will say 'Supporting Epiphany Catholic School' under the search bar.

Help out Epiphany and shop AmazonSmile. Each quarter, funds will be transferred directly to our school. Eligible purchases are noted as "Eligible for [amazonSmile](#) donation" on the product detail page. (Please note that only the sale price of the item is considered-other costs, such as tax, shipping, fees, service charges, returns, etc., are excluded.)

BOX TOPS!

We see them on everything-not only on food boxes, but cleaning supplies, paper products, school and office supplies, tableware and even trash bags! All you have to do is cut them out! Tape an envelope to the side of your refrigerator, look on packages, cut out the Box Top for Education and, before you know it, you have accumulated quite a few of these things. Give them to your child to drop off in the Box Top container here at school, and start another envelope! Ask your family, friends and neighbors to collect them, too!



If every family participated, we could earn enough money throughout the year to perhaps pay for a bus for a field trip, or sponsor a presentation here at school, or even pay for some awesome activities at Field Day!

Mark Your Calendar

◆ Friday, Dec. 8

- Mass @ 1:30 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Hot Lunch - Subway
- Preschool/Kindergarten/Grade 1 - Christmas Movie Night

◆ Monday, Dec. 11

- **K-8 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:30**
- **Candy Grams DUE! Last Chance!!**
- Cans for Community Christmas Basket due! GOAL: 5000 Cans!

- ◆ **Tuesday, Dec. 12**
 - Pick Up Community Christmas Basket donations
 - Ensemble/Schola Primo at Country Club of Culpeper
 - Pizza Tuesday

- ◆ **Wednesday, Dec. 13**
 - 8th Grade School Store

- ◆ **Thursday, Dec. 14**
 - Bishop Burbidge visits Epiphany - Mass at 9:00 a.m.
 - Full Dress Uniforms***
 - Hot Lunch Orders Due-Late orders will not be accepted***
 - Hats, Mittens and Socks Due
 - Ensemble & Schola Primo Pick up at 4:15

- ◆ **Friday, Dec. 15**
 - Grades 4 & 5 to Culpeper Health and Rehab
 - Hot Lunch - Mama Mai
 - Family Movie Night @ 6:00 ***'Claymation Christmas'***

- ◆ **Monday, Dec. 18**
 - Grades 3 BOOST Pick up at 4:15

- ◆ **Tuesday, Dec. 19**
 - Grades 2 Field Trip to Riverside Theater
 - Preschool Christmas parties
 - Christmas Carols @ 2:00 - Families Invited!
 - Ensemble/Schola Primo Pick up at 4:30
 - Preschool Christmas Pageant @ 6:30

- ◆ **Wednesday, Dec. 20**
 - Dress down in holiday colors
 - 11:30 Dismissal for K-8 NO AFTER CARE**
 - 12:00 noon Dismissal for Preschool NO AFTER CARE**

- ◆ **Wednesday, Jan. 3**
 - Return to School