

**January 26, 2018**

**From the Desk of Mr. Poole**

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week here at Epiphany! The second grading period ends today, so students and teachers alike have been tying up loose ends to make sure everything is ready to print reports cards next week.

**Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

**SUNDAY: January 28 Celebrate Your Parish**

Students will serve as lectors, choir members, altar servers, and ushers at the 11:30 Mass at Precious Blood Church. A display board and school information will be available for interested families. Information will also be available at St. Peter's, Saint Isidore, and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge parishes. A light reception will be available for Epiphany students and families to mingle with interested families.

**MONDAY: January 29 Celebrating Your Community**

Classrooms will create a basket for community leaders to show their appreciation for those who provide services that keep our community safe and a better place to live. Baskets will be filled with healthy snack items along with a card of appreciation. Community leaders to be recognized will be selected by each grade level. Possible leaders are: Police Dept., Sheriff Dept., Fire and Rescue Depts., Animal Shelter, Heat Shelter, Safe House. Letters to families for basket items will be sent home with students. An assembly to present these baskets will take place in the gym at 2:30.

**TUESDAY: January 30 Celebrating Your Students**

We thank you, parents, for choosing Epiphany School for your children! SCA students will have a special gift for you as you drop off your students during arrival! Students will have a dress down day, wearing their favorite college or professional sports team jersey or team colors. Free pizza and ice cream will be provided for lunch. Students will have a game hour from 2:00-3:00 to play their favorite age appropriate game with their classmates. Students will try to match up baby pictures of faculty and staff and results will be announced on Friday!

**WEDNESDAY: January 31 Celebrating the Nation**

Students may wear red or patriotic socks with their P.E. uniforms. We will all gather in the gym at 8:15 for prayer and a flag ceremony with the Boy Scouts and pledge. Students will search online for other Epiphany Catholic School websites. Classes may locate/chart where they are on a United States map and can also email their grade level at one or more of the schools to wish them a happy Catholic Schools Week.

**THURSDAY: February 1 Celebrating Vocations**

Faculty and staff will provide a breakfast for the priests and volunteers to celebrate vocations. Priests will receive special cards from students. Priests may visit the classrooms if their schedules allow. The whole school will recite a prayer for vocations in the gym at the end of the day.

**FRIDAY: February 2 Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers**

We will celebrate Mass for faculty, staff, and volunteers. The PTO will provide a luncheon for the faculty and staff. Parent volunteers will cover all classroom so all faculty and staff can eat together.

**CHRISTMAS MATCHING PROGRAM CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY**

Once again, 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. **Our current total is \$11,817.34**. Only \$3,000 more to go!

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

## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Unfortunately, our families are beginning to experience some illness, including Influenza and/or an intestinal virus. We have also heard that some doctors have run out to the 'quick test' swabs and are diagnosing influenza by the book that include an abrupt onset of symptoms, fever lasting 3-4 days, chills, body aches, fatigue/weakness/lethargy, cough, runny nose, sore throat. Vomiting and diarrhea is more common in children. Symptom usually last a few days. Complications include sinus and ear infections, bronchitis and pneumonia. For more information visit the CDC website.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN KID MAIL TODAY

Please be sure to check Kid Mail today for some time-sensitive information, including:

- **Tax Letters for 2017** Extended Day payments. Included in this letter is also tax information for families that paid preschool tuition last year.
- **Registration Packages** for all currently enrolled students. If you need another application for a sibling or two, please call the school office. In the envelope you will find forms completed with the information we currently have on file, and information about required immunizations, applying for tuition assistance, and tuition payment options. Also note that the Registration Fee for currently attending students is \$50.00 instead of \$75.00. On March 1, the Registration Fee will again be \$75.00 per student.

## More information about REGISTRATION and TUITION ASSISTANCE

Please be reminded that applications received through February 28 from current Epiphany families and parishioners of Precious Blood, Our Lady of the Blue Ridge. St. Isidore the Farmer and St. Peter have priority placement over applicants from the general public. It is important to return applications as soon as possible, as unfilled seats will be open to the general public on March 1.

**Word of mouth is our best advertisement!** Do you have a family member, neighbor, friend or acquaintance that may be considering a Catholic school education, or even an option to public school? Please ask them to call the school office to discuss the registration process and to schedule a tour. Parents, if you refer a family that attends Epiphany for the 2018/2019 school year will receive a \$250.00 tuition credit!

In addition to multiple tuition assistance resources through the Diocese of Arlington, Epiphany also has assistance for qualifying applicants. **Any family that will request financial assistance of any sort must complete an application and provide the required documents annually through FACTS Grant and Assessment**. This is an online application and may be completed in either English or Spanish. We ask families to complete the application process, including submission of supporting paperwork, as soon as possible, but **not later than Friday, March 5, 2018**. Please enter this link into your browser: <https://online.factsmgmt.com>

**This is open now! Please don't delay!**

Please note that an **Application for Admission must be also submitted** to Epiphany Catholic School to be considered for financial assistance. Please call the office (825-9017) or email ([office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org](mailto:office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org)) with any questions.

## EAGLE PROJECT FOR DEVON BUTTENSCHAW

Devon Buttenschaw 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 Buttenschaw on the memo line. These donations are tax deductible. Thank you and we will keep you updated on this much needed project.



## POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

The Parent Portal is now closed so that teachers may complete their grading for the second quarter. The Parent Portal will open again on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

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

## SPORTS NEWS from COACH BEVERSTOCK

What an exciting night Wednesday with victories for both teams over Covenant Christian Academy! Now we move on to Saturday and our tournament at Sacred Heart Academy in Winchester, VA. Their address is 110 Keating Drive Winchester, VA 22601. All are invited to come and cheer on our Epiphany Stars!

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>AWAY</u>
Game #1:	9:00 Girls	Sacred Heart (B-team) vs.	Front Royal Flames (B-team)
Game #2:	10:00 Boys	Epiphany vs.	Legacy Christian
Game #3:	11:00 Girls	Epiphany vs.	Legacy Christian
Game #4:	12:00 Boys	Sacred Heart (B-team) vs.	County Christian (B-team)
Game #5:	1:00 Girls	Loser Game 1 vs.	Loser Game 3
Game #6	2:00 Boys	Loser Game 2 vs.	Loser Game 4
Game #7	3:00 Girls	Winner Game 1 vs.	Winner Game 3
Game #8	4:00 Boys	Winner Game 2 vs.	Winner Game 4

- **Admissions:** Adults: \$4.00 and Children \$2.00. Children under 5yrs old are free.
- **Concessions:** **Will be available in multipurpose room. No food or drinks allowed in the gym.**

### Players Information

- The boys team plays at 10:00 am and the girls follow at 11:00 am. Therefore, we will depart on the school buses at 8:00 am from the ECS upper parking lot. It all depends on whether we win or lose as to when we will return to the ECS parking lot.
- It will be a long day for the players so please make sure to send along money for the concession stand or please back a lunch/drinks for your child. In the past, items such as Chick-Fil-A chicken sandwiches and fruit have been offered at their concession stand. Water will be provided on the bench during the games.
- The players need to wear their basketball uniforms under their PE sweatshirts and sweatpants. This way they are all warm and look united as a team. I do not think there will be room for all of them to change once we are there so they need to be dressed and ready to warm up when we get there.

## Mark Your Calendar

### IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS:

- **Catholic Schools Week!**
  - Students will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the 11:30 Mass
  - *Activities are outlined above*
- **Report Cards** distributed on Friday, Feb. 2
- **Middle School Dance** - NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Saturday, Friday, Feb. 3

### OTHER INFORMATION

- **Boost and After School Help**  
Pick up at 4:15 at **Main Door**. *Students not picked up at main door at 4:15 will be brought to the Pavilion and signed in to afternoon care.*
  - Monday: 3rd Grade
  - Tuesday: Ms. Gaffron
  - Wednesday: Mrs. Heelen
  - Thursday: 4th and 5th Grade
  - Friday: Mr. Saibini
- **Ensemble and/or Schola Rehearsals**  
Pick up at **Main Door**. *Students not picked up at main door will be brought to the Pavilion and signed in to afternoon care.*
  - Thursday, Feb. 1 Ensemble P/U @ 4:00

- **Hot Lunches-**

- Tuesdays Pizza Tuesdays Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13
- Friday, Feb. 2 Subway
- Friday, Feb. 9 Mama Mai's

- **SPORTS**

- **BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULE**

- January 27 Away at Sacred Heart Academy Boys/Girls JV Tournament  
*See schedule above*
- January 29 BOYS Home vs. St. Patrick @ 4:15
- January 31 GIRLS Home vs. St. Patrick @ 4:15
- February 1 Home vs. Culpeper Christian Girls @ 4:30/Boys @ 5:45
- February 6 Home vs. Grymes Girls @ 4:15/Boys @ 5:30
- February 8 Away vs. Culpeper Christian Girls @ 4:30/Boys @ 5:45
- February 16/17 Home 3rd Annual ECS Basketball Tournament  
*Schedule TBD*