

October 13, 2017

From the Desk of Mr. Poole

Dear Parents,

It has been a great week at Epiphany and I don't think we will be slowing down any time soon! I like the energy of a busy day and great after school activities. It is enjoyable watching our after school sports matches and seeing our teams working together. Exhibiting consideration and respect for every person is a core value for all students.

Our youngest students in preschool and kindergarten met community helpers over the past few days. Our thanks to Brandy Station Fire Department, Culpeper County Sheriff Department, and Mr. Hale (pharmacist).

On Wednesday, our pansy orders arrived. I would like to thank Mrs. Ingerski for chairing this fundraiser once again. Even though her grandson is no longer attending, she remains one of our most dedicated parents! I would also like to thank the legion of volunteers that helped unload, sort, count, pull orders, load, and even pull weeds in the front of the school. You have all truly made our school beautiful! For those of you that did not place an order, pansies will be sold at Precious Blood following the masses this week.

Our STEM Night was held Thursday evening. It was a great event and I was impressed to see so many of our families come out and join the fun. And FUN it was! The teachers from Culpeper schools and community volunteers hosted an evening that, many said, was one of the best family nights Epiphany has ever had. We are so grateful for their dedication to the children in our community!

Today is the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. On this day Our Lady appeared for the last time to Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco, and his sister Jacinta, in Fatima, Portugal. Fr. Mark, who has a beautiful devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, celebrated our Mass and spoke with the students about the visits and the message of the apparition. This afternoon, we joined together to pray the Rosary in Her honor.

Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ **Monday, October 16** Chick Fil A Spirit Night-Take a break and join the fun!
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 17** Preschool Field Trip to Graves Mountain
- ◆ **Thursday, October 19** Spirit Wear Dress Down Day
- ◆ **Friday, October 20** Lions Sight and Hearing Screening - a couple of volunteers needed!
- ◆ **Saturday, October 21** Confirmation Retreat
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 25** Race for Education
- ◆ **Thursday, October 26** End of the First Quarter
11:30 Dismissal K-8
Confirmation Meeting for parents of 7th Graders (7:00 at Precious Blood)
- ◆ **Friday, October 27** **Teacher In-Service Day-No school for students**
Trunk or Treat - Turn in your reservation!
- ◆ **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

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

Many of our parents have begun the process to become VIRTUS trained and approved. However, it is unlikely that their paperwork will be processed in time to allow most of them to go on the trips scheduled in October or early November. Mr. Poole has decided that as long as parents have submitted their paperwork and are scheduled for the VIRTUS workshop, they are allowed to take part in field trips and classroom activities that will be occurring in the next month or so. **Thank you for all you do!**

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. We understand that this is often inconvenient for parents, so 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!

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The school year is flying by, and we have only two weeks until the end of the first grading period. We ask parents to make use of the Parent Portal to monitor student progress. Parents should 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/>

By using the Parent Portal, the Epiphany website and the teachers' classroom websites, parents should be well informed of student progress, assignments and test schedules.

'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 day:

- Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th on Mondays (begin on October 30th, the first day of the 2nd Quarter)
- Middle School-**Notify teacher 24 ahead if attending by email.** Teachers will release students at the front doors at 4:15. Please wait at doors, as office may be closed.
 - ✓ 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

✓ FLYNN & O'HARA - FREE SHIPPING!

It is that time of year when we will soon be changing from warm weather uniforms to cold weather uniforms. This means long pants every day for boys and PE sweats twice a week for all students. We notice some students may even need clothing the next size up! Please be sure to check the uniform policy in the Parent/Student Handbook if you are unsure about what is permitted and what is not.

If you do need to place an order, our uniform supplier Flynn & O'Hara is offering free shipping for online orders over \$100.00. Go online to flynnohara.com and follow the prompts to our Epiphany school store.

Orders will need to be placed between October 20-23. Use promotion code: SWEATERWEATHER

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.



PTO NEWS



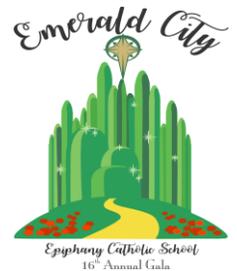
Thank you, parents, for getting labels in this week. Leah Sisk, our **Race for Education** chairperson, and her team of volunteers worked with student on Wednesday to personalize sponsorship letters and get them off in the mail. We are hoping this will be a great fund raiser to help sponsor special activities for our students!

The **Race for Education** will be held on **Wednesday, October 25th**. Parent volunteers are needed, so let us know if you can help or would like to come out and cheer on our runners!

THE EMERALD CITY BALL

Invitations were sent home this week announcing **The Emerald City Ball**, our 16th Annual Gala. It will be held November 11th, 6pm- Midnight at Tuscany Hall. Come join us for 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.



Points for Parents

Parents, don't forget to sign in and out in the PTO Volunteer Hours Book to track the hours given to your school! **Thank you for your gift of time and talent!** You can review the program information by visiting the Epiphany website: epiphanycatholicsschool.org and going to the link in the PTO tab. If you have questions, please contact PTO President Peggy Young at PTO@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAME SCHEDULES

Fall is a beautiful time of year; the days are sunny and warm, and everyone is enjoying the change in seasons. At Epiphany, our Fall sports are in full swing, and we would like to invite our families to come out to cheer on our students! Below please find the schedule of remaining games to be played, so pick a game or two to attend. It is a great way to get to know some new Epiphany families, and the athletes love to hear people making some (good) noise on the sidelines!

SOCCER

- Oct. 17 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Holy Family Academy at 3:30 pm
- Oct. 24 (Tuesday) HOME game (not yet confirmed)
- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) HOME vs. Grymes Memorial School at 4:00 pm

VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 24 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Culpeper Christian School at 4:30 pm
- Oct. 25 (Wednesday) HOME vs. Grace Prep at 4:15 pm
- Oct. 31 (Tuesday) AWAY vs. Powhatan School at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm