

April 2016



Archbishop Neale School

Important Dates

April

- 4 Summer Uniforms
- 5 Noon Dismissal
- 6 Gr. 8 Retreat
- 7 Gr. 8 Graduation Picture
NJHS Induction
- 11 Child Protection Wkshp. 6:30 PM
- 12 Report Cards Distributed
- 14 Gr. 7 Field Trip
- 15 PK Field Trip
- 16 Father-Daughter Dance
- 18 Gr. 1 Field Trip
- 20 Fine Arts Gr. 3-5
- 21 School Board
- 22 Gr. 2 Field Trip
- 26 School Closed Primary Elections
- 28 Track Meet 3:30-5:30 PM Somers M.S.

May

- 4 PK Vision/Hearing Screening
- 5-6 Special Persons' Days
- 6 Gr. 3 Field Trip
- 10 Middle School Softball Tourn.

Tuition and PPP Credits

Parents are reminded that unless alternate arrangements have been made in writing, all tuition is to be paid in full by April 20. Re-registrations will not be finalized for returning students and records will not be transferred for students who will be withdrawing until all financial obligations to the school have been met.

PPP points will be credited May 15 and any family not meeting the required credits will be billed the non-participation fee. Please make sure that you have signed the Parent Volunteer Book located in the foyer of the school for all of your volunteer points. Please contact Camilla Simms at anspppcoordinator@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding parent participation.

The required \$2,000 for purchase of gift certificates must be completed by April 30 or you will be billed the \$100 fee. If you have questions regarding your certificate purchases, please contact Dorothy Grimes through the school office.

Tuition Contracts

Tuition contracts and FACTS information will be sent home with the youngest the week of April 25. Please return the signed contracts to the school office by May 27. **FACTS accounts must be renewed each year.** The deadline for renewal is June 15. Questions regarding tuition contracts or FACTS accounts should be directed to Gina Fairfax in the school office.

Parents of 8th Graders

Please remember that the policy of the school is that no student may participate in any graduation activity or the ceremony itself if all obligations to the school are not met. (This includes PPP and certificate obligations as agreed upon in the school contract.)



May (cont.)

- 12 – Softball (rain date)
Band concert @
6:30 PM
- 13 – Band concert @
9:30 AM

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

ANS will be holding a spirit night at the SOMD Blue Crabs game on Friday, May 20. Game time is at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$13 each and our school receives \$6.50 for each ticket purchased. Stick around after the game to enjoy a great fireworks display! We will be raffling a Blue Crabs jersey and the winner will have the opportunity to throw out the first pitch the night of the game. Raffle tickets will go on sale starting Monday, May 2. Tickets can be purchased for 50¢ each or 3 tickets for \$1. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit our May community outreach to support the Charles County Humane Society. The name of the jersey winner will be drawn on Wednesday, May 18. Tickets may be purchased through the SOMD Blue Crabs website at sombbluecrabs.com and use the promo code. An information flyer went home prior to spring break. Contact Mrs. Lockrow for more information or to purchase raffle tickets.

We hope to see you there!



Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day

Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day will be held on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6. All lunches will be pre-ordered and pre-paid. The cost of the lunch is \$6 per person. Reservation forms went home on March 29. Please return one slip per child even if they are not buying lunch or having a guest, as we must have a count for seating. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer and earn PPP points, please contact Delfina St. Clair at 202-841-5566.

Help will also be needed on Wednesday, May 4 for set up starting at 6:00 PM. PPP points can be earned.

High School Graduations

All Charles County high schools will be closed for graduation activities on Friday, June 3. ANS plans to be open on the 3rd. However, due to the high school closures, there will be no transportation available for bus students – parents will need to provide transportation to and from school on this day. Please notify the office if this poses a hardship for your family. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Archbishop Leonard Neale Service Award

We are accepting nominations for the Archbishop Leonard Neale Service Award. This award is presented at the graduation ceremony each year to individuals who through their dedication and service, past or present, have made outstanding contributions to the school. Nominees may be volunteers, clergy, faculty members or anyone in the community at large. If you would like to submit a nomination, please include the individual's name and a brief description of his or her contributions and send it to the office no later than May 2.



Book Fair

Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers and enthusiastic shoppers, our book fair was a great success! We reached our sales goal of \$7900. Our share of the profit will fund our online library catalog license renewal and help buy new books. Thanks, also, to generous donations of new books directly from the fair to classrooms and the library, as well as to the Charles County Children's Aid Society. There's one more book fair to go this year. From May 31-June 2 we'll have the popular Buy-One-Get-One Free Book Fair. Look for volunteer opportunities in a Parent Alert in May.



Congratulations

To our Advanced Band who received an Excellent rating at the Archdiocesan Band Festival. Thank you to Ms. Etter and our advanced band members for their hard work!

To the new members of the National Junior Honor Society on their upcoming induction.



ANS Archery Team

ANS joined the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) four years ago. On March 19, the team achieved what they have been working very hard for the last few years. The team traveled in the snowy weather to Westminster, Maryland to compete in the state tournament. Our Elementary Team (Gr. 4-5) won 1st place in the entire state. Nolan Filley (Gr. 5) won 1st place for the boys in the elementary division. Our Jr. High Team did not disappoint as well. Ainsley Spain (Gr. 6) won 1st place in the middle school division. In addition, she won Top Female Shooter in the state with a score of 276 out of a possible 300. She also won a \$1500 scholarship and a new bow. The Elementary Team, along with several Jr. High team members, will go on to compete at the National tournament which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky in May. We are very proud of all of our archers. Way to go Eagles!!

Athletic Team News

Upcoming Athletic Dates:

April 28 – Catholic Schools Track Meet

May 10 – Middle School Softball Tournament
(rain date May 12)

May 23 – Catholic Schools Soccer Tournament

June 3 – Field Day

Spring Prayer

Dear God: Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

