



# Archbishop Neale School

## Important Dates

### December

- 1 Choir 2-4 PM  
Yearbook  
2-3:30 PM
- 3 HSPT @ 8 AM  
  
Art Club – Gr. 4-5  
2-3 PM
- 4 Art Club – Gr. 6-8  
2-3 PM
- 8 Liturgy @ 8:30 AM  
  
Choir 2-4 PM  
  
Yearbook  
2-3:30 PM  
  
Deficiencies
- 9 North Point @ 8 AM  
  
Picture Retakes
- 10 Advent Penance Service  
  
Art Club – Gr. 4-5  
2-3 PM  
  
Chick-Fil-A  
Spirit Nite
- 11 Noon Dismissal  
  
Art Club – Gr. 6-8  
2-3 PM
- 12 Parents' Night Out
- 15 Choir 2-4 PM  
  
Yearbook  
2-3:30 PM
- 16 Pizza Hotline Nite  
  
Gr. 6 Field Trip



## Advent



Advent is a time for waiting. We await the feast of Christmas when we will celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. But Advent is also a time to look at waiting in an entirely new way. Waiting can also mean *being present and open* to how Jesus is among us right now: in our encounters with others, in our daily tasks, in our enjoyment of a beautiful day, in our prayer, in our worship, and so on. This kind of waiting is like opening our eyes to what *already is and being alert* to God's every epiphany. Let us pray for this gift of waiting.

## Parents' Night Out

Members of the SOAR Committee will be holding a "Parents' Night Out" on Friday, December 12 from 6:15 to 9:00 PM for ANS students in Grades PreK to 5. The cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. Included in the cost are pizza, juice and cookies. We will also provide a movie and craft. Students must be picked up promptly at 9:00 PM. Sign up forms went home before Thanksgiving and reservations are required. Forms are due by Wednesday, December 10 along with payment. We will not be able to take drop-ins the night of the event. Siblings are welcome but they must be potty trained – no diapers please.

## Calendar (cont.)

### December

- 17 NJHS 2-3 PM  
Art Club – Gr. 4-5 – 2-3 PM
- 18 Art Club – Gr. 5-8 – 2-3 PM  
School Board
- 19 Christmas Parties & Dance

Dec. 20-Jan. 4 **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### January

- 5 School Reopens  
Scantron Testing Begins

## Christmas Outreach

As part of our Christmas Outreach we would like to help out the Charles County Children's Aid Society. The need is especially great for toys and gifts for infants and teenagers. Please bring an unwrapped gift and place it in the boxes in the front hall. As always, your generosity will help those less fortunate. The deadline to bring these items to school is December 19.

## Re-registration 15-16

We will begin re-registration for the 15-16 school year in early January. Parents will receive an email from TADS on or about January 5. A letter with additional information will go home to parents in mid-December.

If you plan to register a student for PreK, you should be aware that PreK will become a full-day program next school year.

If you have any questions in the meantime, call the school office.



## Thank You

To everyone who contributed either food items or money during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity helped assist many needy families in our area.

To Joe Walter for volunteering for snow removal duty.

To Gary Pedri for working on the HVAC system.

To Greg Delcoco for loaning us the lift and installing ballast and lights in the gym.

To James Hamilton for helping install ballast in the gym.

To all of our coaches for volunteering their time and talents.

To our room parents for organizing the parties and dances.

To Kelsey Roberts, a former graduate, who is currently a Junior at the U.S. Naval Academy. She addressed our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

To Judy Melvin and her committee helpers, Joni Landicho, Lori Cardenas, Carolyn Bowman, Kimberly Morton and Vincent Jameson who provided us with a wonderful basket bingo evening.



## Christmas Parties/Dance

The Christmas parties and dance are scheduled for Friday, December 19. The dance for Grades 6-8 will run from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and lunch will be provided. The party for PreK AM will be held at 9:30 AM and parties for Grades K to 5 will run from 12:30-1:30 PM.

## Fatima Statue

The Our Lady of Fatima statue is available to visit your home for a week to bring blessings to your family. Please send a note to the office indicating which week you would like to have the statue visit your home.



## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the "Winter Tea with My Doll & Me". It will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2015. Reservations open on December 1 for previous attendees and to the general public on December 8. It was a sell out last year. Make your reservations early. For more information, contact Trish Devine at 301-934-0677 or Shelly Wetherald at 301-399-9651 or you can email [ansallamericangirtea@gmail.com](mailto:ansallamericangirtea@gmail.com).

## Congratulations

To our Girls Varsity Basketball Team who won the SYBL Tip-Off Tournament.

To the following students who were recognized in the County First Bank Art Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Griffin Fitzpatrick; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cassandra Farren; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Emma Carlson. Aziza Brown's entry received recognition as "Most Original".

To Alex Poley for having his essay selected for submission to the ADW Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## Athletic News

Come out and support our basketball teams and cheerleaders!

Sun. 12/14 – SMB vs. ANS

JVG 12:15/VG 1:15/VB 2:30/ JVB 3:45

Sun. 1/5 – SJS vs. ANS

JVG 12:15/VG 1:15/VB 2:30/ JVB 3:45



## Reminders



Please make sure that coats and sweatshirts are labeled with your child's name. Be sure to check the lost and found bin in the front hall. We have many unclaimed items.

Make sure you are signing the PPP book in the front hall when you complete volunteer hours so that points are credited properly.

All visitors must sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge from front office staff before proceeding to any part of the building. If you are not wearing a badge, you may be stopped by faculty/staff and redirected to the office.

If your child will be absent from school, please call the office to notify us or email the office at [office@archbishopnealeschool.org](mailto:office@archbishopnealeschool.org).

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth . . . may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen. Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth . . . may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.*

***Christmas Blessings to your family!  
The Faculty and Staff of ANS***