

December 2015



Archbishop Neale School

Important Dates

December

- 2 HSPT
- 7 Deficiencies
- 8 Immaculate Conception Liturgy @ 8:30A
- 9 Gr. 6 Field Trip
- 10 Noon Dismissal
- 11 Parents' Night Out
- 16 Advent Penance Service
HSA @ 6:30P
- 17 School Board
- 18 Band/Choir Concert @ 6:30P
- 22 Christmas Parties & Dance
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3
School Closed
Christmas Break

January

- 4 School Reopens
- 13 Hunan Star Spirit Night
- 15 Noon Dismissal
- 18 School Closed
MLK Birthday



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 11 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 9 along with payment. We will not be able to take dropins the night of the event. Siblings are welcome but they must be potty trained – no diapers please.

Inclement Weather



The Charles County Citizen Notification System (CNS) is a free service that allows you to receive emergency, weather and community notifications via phone calls, text messages, email and more. This is the system that Charles County Public Schools uses regarding openings and closings during inclement weather. You can register online through the www.ccboe.com website using the icon located at the bottom of the homepage or you can register using www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS.

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 .

Re-registration 16-17

We will begin re-registration process for the 16-17 school year in early January. Parents will receive an email from TADS on or about January 4. 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 is a full-day program.

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




Congratulations

To the winners in the 25th Annual County First Bank Art Show:
1st Place: Wesley Trout (3A)
2nd Place: Cole Castiglia (4A)
3rd Place: Gabriella Lawson (4B)
Honorable Mention:
Tori Fields (3A)
Lillian Conine (3B)
Sydney Arnold (4B).

To our basketball teams and their coaches for a great start to the SYBL season, especially the Boys Select Team on winning the "Nothing But Net" Tournament.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the "Winter Tea with My Doll & Me". It will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2016. Reservations will open on January 4 and will close on January 31. It was a sell out last year. Make your reservations early. Disney Park Hopper raffle tickets are on sale now. The cost is \$5 each or 6 for \$25. For more information, contact Trish Devine at 301-934-0677 or Shelly Wetherald at 301-399-9651 or you can email ansallamericangirltea@gmail.com 



Christmas Parties/Dance

The Christmas parties and dance are scheduled for Tuesday, December 22. The dance for Grades 6-8 will run from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and lunch will be provided. The parties for PreK to Grade 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.

Thank You

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

To everyone who donated coats during our Coat Drive and donating items to send to Father John for our service men and women.

To Joe Walter for volunteering for snow removal duty.

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

To our room parents for organizing the parties and dances.

To Mr. Leake for replacing and framing boards around the back playground.

To Mrs. Weiss and her husband, Tom and Mrs. Morris and her son, Michael for helping pick up furniture and supplies from Star of the Sea daycare.

To Greg Delcoco for the use of a truck and trailer to haul items from Star of the Sea daycare.

To Howard Schrader for helping with computer issues and picking up furniture and supplies.

Athletic News

Come out and support our basketball teams and cheerleaders!

Dec. 6 @ Mother Catherine Academy
JV/VG/VB/JVB
12:15/1:15/2:30/3:45

Dec. 13 @ St. John's School
JV/VG/VB/JVB
12:15/1:15/2:30/3:45



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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas Morning Prayer

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children. And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Christmas blessings to your family from the Faculty and Staff of ANS!

