

December 2016



Archbishop Neale School

Important Dates

December

- 2 17-18 TADS
Financial Assistance Closes
- 5 School Board
- 8 Mass @ 8:30 AM
- 9 Parents' Night Out
6:15-9:00 PM
- 11 Open House for
Prospective
Parents
11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- 12 Deficiencies
- 14 Gr. 6 Field Trip

Chick Fil A Spirit
Night
- 15 Band & Choir
Concert @ 6:30 PM
- 21 Christmas Dance
& Parties
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 2
Christmas Break

January

- 3 School Reopens
- 4 Liturgy @ 8:30 AM
- 9 Scantron Testing
Begins

School Board
- 13 Noon Dismissal



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 9 from 6:15 to 9:00 PM for ANS students in Grades PreK to 5. The cost is \$15 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 7 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.

Christmas Outreach

As part of our Christmas Outreach, we will be supporting 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 14.

Re-registration 17-18

We will begin re-registration process for the 17-18 school year in early January. Parents will receive an email from TADS on or about January 4, 2017. If you are registering a new student, you must wait until the portal opens on February 1, 2017.

Parents should be aware that PreK is a full-day program.

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

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.



Thank You

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.

A special thank you to all those who donated to our food drive. Through your generosity, we collected 1,513 items which will go toward assisting needy families in our area.



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the "Winter Tea with My Doll & Me". It will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Reservations will open on January 3 and will close on January 31. 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 email at ansallamericangirltea@gmail.com.



Open House for Prospective Families

We will be holding an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, December 11 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Families will have a chance to tour the school and meet faculty members. Please spread the word to family and neighbors.



Christmas Parties/Dance

The Christmas parties and dance are scheduled for Wednesday, December 21. 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 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.



Athletic News

Come out and support our basketball teams and cheerleaders!

Sunday, December 4: MCA vs. ANS @ ANS
JVJG 12:15/VG 1:15/VB 2:30/ JVB 3:45



Sunday, December 11: ANS vs. OLSS @ Ryken
JVJG 1:30/VG 2:30/VB 3:45/JVB 5:00

Sunday, December 18: SMS vs. ANS @ ANS
JVJG 12:15/VG 1:15/VB 2:30/ JVB 3:45



Congratulations

To the following students who were recognized at the 26th Annual County First Bank Art Show:
1st Place: Lillian Conine (4A); **2nd Place:** Miyori Chapman (4B); **3rd Place:** De'Onna Copeland (4A); **Most Creative:** Savannah Murphy (3A). Also recognized were Kendall Johnson (3B) and John Stum (4A). ANS received a check in the amount of \$100. Congratulations to Grades 3 & 4 for all of their wonderful artwork.

In conjunction with our food drive, we had a contest between homerooms for the most decorative collection box as well as for the class who brought the most donations. Congratulations to 5A who won for the most items collected with 206. They received a donut breakfast. We had a tie between homerooms for the decorated box. Congratulations to 6B and 7B. Each class received a Chick-Fil-A breakfast.



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!