

January 2014



Archbishop Neale School

Important Dates

January

- 6 School Reopens
Scantron Testing Begins
- 8 Chick Fil A Nite
- 10 Noon Dismissal
PK AM Attends
- 11 VEX Ranking
Competition
- 13 Fine Arts PK – 2
- 14 Open House
8-10 AM
- 15 Class Pictures

NJHS Meeting
2-3 PM
- 16 School Board
- 17 Gr. 8 Vocations
Day @ ANS
- 20 School Closed
MLK Birthday
- 21 Pizza Hotline Nite
- 22 March for Life
- 23 Conferences on
Request
2:30-5:00
- 24 Report Cards
Distributed
- 27 School Closed
Semester Break
- 28 3rd Qtr. Begins
- 29 CSW Liturgy
- 1/26-2/1
Catholic Schools
Week

Happy New Year

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Christmas break. May your 2014 be filled with many blessings for your family.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be held January 26-February 1, 2014. The theme for this year is **“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service”**. Many activities are being planned for the week. More information about the schedule for the week will be forthcoming. Concluding the week’s festivities will be our thank you celebration dinner for all those in our community who support Catholic Education. The dinner, featuring T&J Bar-B-Que, will be held on Saturday, February 1 in the school gym from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Tickets are on sale: Adults - \$20; Child - \$7; Children under 4 eat free. Please contact Judy Melvin for more information or to purchase tickets. Parent Participation Points can be earned if you can help with set up or clean up.

Re-registration 2014-2015

The Archdiocese of Washington has mandated that all new admissions and re-registrations be completed through the online TADS system. This is the same online system that parents must use to apply for tuition assistance.

A letter went home with the youngest child prior to Christmas break informing you of this change in the new re-registration procedures. You should receive the email from TADS on or about January 6.

Please call the school office if you have any questions or call the TADS Parent Help Line at 1-800-477-8237.



Report Cards/ Conferences on Request



Report cards will be distributed to students on Friday, January 24. A Parent Conference on Request form will be sent home when we return from Christmas break. The date for conferences will be Thursday, January 23 from 2:30-5:00 PM. If you wish to meet with a teacher(s), please list their names and return the form to the homeroom teacher.

Blessing of New Year

God of time and of eternity, with Christmas joy we praise you for the year gone by and for the year we have begun. Your Son comes among us to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim a year of grace for all the world. We bring you these promises as signs of our love. Strengthen us to follow you more closely during the coming year. Fill this new year with mercy and compassion and with good gifts for all the world. Amen.



Thank You



To all of our faithful volunteers who help to make ANS such a special place.

To our room parents who organized our Christmas parties and dance.

A very special thank you from Mrs. Howard, Ms. Bourne, Mrs. Fairfax, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Lockrow for all the cards, gifts and special remembrances at Christmas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Poley for repairing computers and donating printers.

To Mr. Nguyen for donating computer mice and keyboards.

To Mr. London for installing computers.

To Tom Brett and his son for donating microphone cords, cameras and computer mice.

To everyone who donated items for to Children's Aid as part of our Christmas Outreach.

To Mr. Hubenschmidt for his donation of computer supplies.

To Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Etter for the wonderful Christmas programs presented by the students.

Jaycees Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for our annual Jaycees Fundraiser.

It will be held on Friday, April 25 at the Jaycees Center in Waldorf. The theme for this year's fundraiser is a luau – *"Totally Tiki for ANS"*. More information will be forthcoming via newsletters and SchoolReach email messages. We will again be looking for help with the event in addition to sponsors and auctions items.



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.



Reminders

Please make sure that any home address, phone number or email address changes are reported to the office.

Now that we are into the colder weather, please make sure that coats and sweatshirts are labeled with your child's name. Also, please make sure that your child has the appropriate outerwear for outdoor recess.

If your child is late for school, parents must accompany them into the building and sign them in. Please make sure the time if noted in the proper column (in/out) as well as the homeroom (KA, 6A, etc.). Thank you for your cooperation.

If you need to pick up your child from school for an early dismissal, please make sure you send a note to your child's teacher. Be aware that the office cannot call them out of class until you arrive to sign them out.

If you send food that requires a fork or spoon, please be sure to pack it with your child's lunch.

Parents are asked to park in designated parking spaces. Please do not park in front of the school before 7:35 AM and after 1:40 PM if you are dropping off or picking up your child(ren) early. This is designated for school buses.

Class Pictures

Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, January 15. Students in Grades 1-8 should wear their regular winter uniform – **no gym uniforms**. Order forms will be sent home at a later date.

Scantron Testing

Scantron Testing in reading and math will be administered from January 6 through February 21. Students in grades 1 to 8 will be scheduled to take these computerized tests during this time frame.

Inclement Weather

In the event of an early dismissal or closing due to inclement weather, parents are advised to tune to your local TV affiliates or local radio stations for updates. To receive notifications regarding school closings, early dismissals, etc., you can now subscribe to the Charles County Citizen Notification System. You do this by going onto www.ccboe.com; scroll down and click on the CNS link.

