

January 2015



# Archbishop Neale School

## Important Dates

### January

- 5 School Reopens  
Scantron Testing Begins
- 6 Archery 2-3:15 PM
- 8 NJHS 2-3 PM
- 13 Archery 2-3:15 PM
- 14 Class Pictures  
Hunan Star Spirit Night
- 15 Noon Dismissal  
Tag Day  
School Board
- 19 Dr. King Birthday  
School Closed
- 20 Archery 2-3:15 PM
- 21 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Ends  
NJHS 2-3 PM
- 22 Open House  
8-10 AM
- 25 Academic Challenge
- 25-31 Catholic Schools Week
- 26 Semester Break  
School Closed
- 27 CSW Liturgy @ 8:30 AM  
Archery 2-3:15 PM

## 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.*

## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be held January 25-31, 2015. The theme for this year is **“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service”**. Many activities are being planned for the week and a schedule will be sent home. One of the scheduled events will be a luncheon for Teacher Appreciation Day which will be on Thursday, January 29. We would like to get parent volunteers to cover lunch and recess duties so the teachers may enjoy their luncheon. If you would be willing to volunteer your time to help cover these duties, please contact Patti Lockrow in the office. Parent Participation Points can be earned.

## Report Cards/Conferences

Report cards will be distributed to students on January 28. Please review the report card and if you would like to schedule a conference with your child’s teacher (s), please email or send a note to that teacher. The date for conferences is Tuesday, February 3 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.



## 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 parents of the opening date for re-registration and new registrations. You should receive the email from TADS on or about January 5.

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

## Calendar (cont.)

### January (cont.)

- 27 Pizza Hotline Spirit Night
- 28 Report Cards Distributed
- 31 STEM Competition  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### February

- 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences on Request 2:00-5:00 PM
- 4 School Closed
- 8 Winter Tea with My Doll & Me
- 11 HSA Meeting @ 7:00 PM



# 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.

To the Priests for celebrating class masses with the students.

To the parents who provide the delicious baked goods for the faculty meetings.

A very special thank you from Mrs. Peggy Howard, Ms. Bourne, Mrs. Fairfax, Mrs. Lockrow, Mrs. Vicki Howard, Mr. Costa, and Mr. Brown for all the cards, gifts and special remembrances at Christmas.

To everyone who submits Boxtops for Education. We recently received a check for \$646.20.

## Spelling Bee



Congratulations to the students chosen to represent ANS at the Charles County Spelling Bee: Raphy Civil, Aerron Capulong, Jordyn Martin, Jaida Rhea and alternate, Nicholas Fernbaugh. The Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, February 20 at 6:00 PM at John Hanson Middle School.

## Academic Challenge

Academic Challenge is a trivia game based off the popular quiz game "It's Academic". It challenges students in several areas such as Spelling, Math, Science, Geography, History and Pop Culture. The middle school competition will take place on January 25 at 12:00 PM at DeMatha High School. ANS will have two teams competing. Team 1: Raphy Civil, Trent Greer, Robby Guy, Jordyn Martin and Alex Poley. Team 2: Nathan Eldridge, Nicholas Fernbaugh, Isabella Mayle, Meadow Sacadura and Ryan Shumaker. Good luck to our team members and their coach, Mr. Thomas!

## 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.

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 14. Students in Grades 1-8 should wear their regular winter uniform – **no gym uniforms**. Order forms will be sent home at a later date.

## Open House

ANS will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, January 22 from 8:00-10:0 AM for prospective parents. If you have friends or neighbors who may be interested in sending their children to ANS, please pass along this information to them.

## 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. If you signed up for these notifications last year, you must re-register this year as CNS has a new service provider. You can register online through the [www.ccboe.com](http://www.ccboe.com) website using the icon located at the bottom of the homepage or you can register using [www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS).

