



## Important Dates

### November

- 3 Winter Uniforms
- 2 Qtr. Begins
- Choir 2-4 PM
- Archery – Gr. 5&6  
2-3 PM
- 4 No School
- Conferences  
9-12 & 1-4
- 5 Art Club – Gr. 4  
2-3 PM
- 6 Open House  
8-10 AM
- Art Club – Gr. 5-8  
2-3 PM
- 8 Run/Walk @ 8:30 AM
- 10 Choir 2-4 PM
- Archery – Gr. 5&6  
2-3 PM
- Gr. American Fund-  
raiser ends
- 11 Veteran's Day  
Liturgy @ 8:30 AM
- Archery – Gr. 7-8  
2-3 PM
- 12 Art Club – Gr. 4  
2-3 PM
- NJHS 2-3 PM
- 13 Noon Dismissal
- Pep Rally  
10:45-11:30 AM
- 15 Longaberger  
Basket Bingo  
6-10 PM

## Report Card Guidelines and Conferences

Report card conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 4 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Conferences should have a 10 minute limit. If more time is necessary, please make an appointment for another day. Students may accompany parents but must stay with them at all times. Children may not wander around inside or outside the building.

Students in Grades 4-8 are eligible for Principal's List, First Honors and Second Honors. To be eligible for Principal's List, students must have an average of 4.0 (in major subjects); for First Honors, students must have an average of 3.5; for Second Honors an average of 3.0. In order to be eligible for athletics, students must have an average of 2.0. (In all four categories, students must have an E, G or S in Specials.) Honors will be indicated on the report card by the number of stars. (Three stars – Principal's List; Two stars – First Honors; One star – Second Honors.)

## Fall Festival Thank You

On October 16, our ANS family celebrated its annual Fall Family Festival. The event was well attended and would not have been possible without the huge out pouring of support from our families. As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, we are thankful for all of YOU! A huge thank you to all of our booth leaders for the donation of their time and talent. The Cake Walk is a big part of the Fall Fest and our bakers out did themselves this year! Thank you and congratulations to the families who placed in the cake decorating contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Cahill Family; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Paternoster Family; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Caldwell Family. The cakes were beautiful! A special thanks to Hugh Gardiner for the Hay Ride, to Kevin Leahy and the Charles County Sheriff's Office for bringing the Water Response Vehicle, to PINCH, the Chick-Fil-A Cow, Archie the Eagle, Deputy Dog, Pizza Hotline and Sir Pops-A-Lot. A paint filled thank you to our teachers who willingly put themselves in the line of fire during Paint the Teacher – especially Mr. Thomas. A thank you to all those who set up and cleaned up, both students and parents. Finally, a great big ANS thank you to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers. We have never seen a group of students work so hard. They were there from the beginning to the end. Again, we are blessed to be part of such a loving school family!

## ANS Open House

We will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, November 6 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM for prospective parents. If you know anyone who would like additional information about our school or would like a tour of the campus, please encourage them to attend this Open House. Additional open house events will be held in January and March.

## Calendar (cont.)



- 17 Choir 2-4 PM
- 18 Pizza Hotline Spirit Night
- 19 Art Club – Gr. 4 – 2-3 PM  
Picture Retakes  
HSA @ 7:00 PM
- 20 Art Club – Gr. 5-8 – 2-3 PM
- 24 Choir 2-4 PM
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 Advent Begins



## Tuition Assistance

Applications for the 2015-2016 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program are available online. The deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday, December 5, 2014. Families may apply online by logging onto [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and completing the following steps:

Click on "Education" (along the top of the webpage)

Click on "Catholic Schools"

Click on "Tuition Assistance"

Click on "TADS – Financial Aid Application"

Moreau Scholarship Program for those planning to attend Bishop McNamara High School. Request packet from ANS office.

Knights of Columbus for high school tuition assistance. Application forms are available at <http://www.kofc-md.org>.

## SMECO Teacher Recognition

Do you know a math or science teacher who deserves a pat on the back? Each year SMECO recognizes Southern Maryland's top educators in math and science. To nominate a teacher, call 301-274-4377 to obtain a nomination packet, or visit [www.smeco.coop/teachers](http://www.smeco.coop/teachers). The deadline is January 21, 2015.

## PPP Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding your parent participation points, you may contact Camilla Simms at 301-743-2291 or [anspppcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:anspppcoordinator@gmail.com). She will respond to your questions as quickly as possible.



## 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.



## HSPT

The high school placement will be administered on Wednesday, December 4 for those 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who plan to attend Catholic high school.

## High School Open Houses

The following Catholic high schools will be offering open houses to allow you and your prospective high school student a chance to visit their campus.

### DeMatha

Sunday, November 2 - 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

### Elizabeth Seton

Sunday, November 2 – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### Bishop McNamara

Sunday, November 9 – 12:30 - 4:00 PM

(Register online by November 2)

### St. Mary's Ryken

Sunday, November 2 - 12:00–3:00 PM



## Thank You

To Annmarie Caparrotta, Barbara Weiss and Judy Melvin for creating the beautiful scarecrow displays on the school grounds.

To the room parents for coordinating the Halloween parties and dance.

To Andy Burke, Andrew Selkirk, Taylor Johnson for helping as Safety Patrols at the front and back doors in the mornings.

## Picture Retakes



Pictures retakes will be held on Tuesday, November 19. If you are dissatisfied with your photos, please return them along with a note stating the reason for the retake. If your child was absent for the original picture day and you cannot find your order form, please contact the office to obtain a new form.

## Citizen Notification System

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).

*The Faculty and Staff of ANS wish you a Thanksgiving celebration abundant with the gifts of family, friendship and harmony.*