



IMPORTANT DATES

October

- 1 Volleyball
- 2 Individual Pictures
- 9 School Closed
- 10 Italian Dinner
6-9 PM
- 12 School Closed
Columbus Day
- 14 Fire Department
@ 9 AM

HSA @ 6:30 PM
- 15 Fine Arts Gr. 6-8

School Board
@ 6:30 PM
- 16 Kindergarten Field
Trip
- 19 Butter Braid
Fundraiser Begins
- 21 Spirit Night @
Hunan Star
- 23 Adoration
- 30 1st Quarter Ends

Halloween Parties
& Dance

November

- 2 Winter Uniforms
- 5 Noon Dismissal
- 7 Run/Walk
- 11 School Closed
Veteran's Day

Report Card
Conferences

Winter Uniforms

Beginning Monday, November 2, all students in Grades 1-8 are to wear the winter uniform. Boys' pants and sweaters and girls' sweaters, skirts and jumpers must be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara, Lands' End, The Carousel, or at the uniform exchange. Sneakers, high heels, boot-type shoes and skateboarding shoes are not permitted with the winter uniform (Please refer to the uniform code concerning shoes). Students will no longer be allowed to wear the gym shorts once the winter uniform goes into effect. The school has sweatpants, sweatshirts and gym shirts available for purchase. Order forms were sent home in late September and are also available online.

Early Dismissal Policy

This is just a reminder of our early dismissal policy. **Because it is so disruptive to the learning environment and other school operations, we ask that you please try to avoid picking your child up early from school as classes are in session until 1:45. If this cannot be avoided, a note must be sent to the homeroom teacher with the expected time of pick up. Students without a note will be dismissed at regular time and parents must pick them up at carpool.**

Thank you to everyone for complying with this policy. We would like to request that parents who are volunteering and plan to take their children with them at the end of the day provide a note so that the teacher and the office is aware of the change. This is particularly helpful for those students who ride the buses so the monitor is not looking for the student and the buses can be dismissed at their designated time.



High School Visits

The Archdiocese of Washington has asked that we host informational visits from some high schools in the Archdiocese. The following schools are scheduled to come in October:

Oct. 7 – Bishop McNamara @
7:45 AM

St. Mary's Ryken will be holding a Shadow Day on October 22. Students will be picked up at ANS by bus at 7:15 AM and the afternoon drop off at ANS will be at 3:00 PM. Parents must make arrangements directly with Ryken for the bus. There is limited space.

Students will receive information about the schools and additional shadow days.

Child Protection

To volunteer where you come in contact with children, you must be in compliance with the ADW Child Protection Policy. This includes having an account on VIRTUS, completing and submitting a volunteer application, attending the Protecting God's Children workshop and reading the policy booklet and then submitting the acknowledgment page. Below is information on an upcoming workshop:

St. Mary's Piscataway
Thursday, October 8
6:30-9:30 PM
13407 Piscataway Road
Clinton, Maryland

Tuition Assistance 2016-17

TADS Financial Aid and Assessment will manage the application and assessment process for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program going forward. The applications for the 2016-2017 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance are being accepted as of September 28. The deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday, December 4. Applications can be found at www.adw.org.



Report Card Conferences

Report Card Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 11. Conference forms will be sent home in the near future. These conferences are mandatory for the first quarter. Please return a form for each child to their homeroom teacher by the due date.



Thank You

To Kim Burke for coaching our Field Hockey Team.

To those families who have supported ANS through Shoparoo – we recently received a check for \$455.87.

To our faithful volunteers and all the parents who supported our recent book fair.

To Michael Praytor, Jason Carlson and Greg Delcoco for helping get the playground ready for the first day of school.

To Howard Schrader for helping set up computers.

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 Team News

Basketball Tryouts

Varsity & JV Boys

Tuesday, October 6 – 5:30-7:30 PM



Varsity Girls

Wednesday, October 7 – 4:00-5:30 PM

JV Girls

Wednesday, October 8 – 4:00-5:30 PM



Cheerleading

Cheerleading practices will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 PM starting October 6.

All students must have a current physical on file prior to tryouts. If the physical expires during the season, it must be renewed and a copy given to the health room to show that the student is eligible to play.

Help Wanted

We are in **desperate** need of volunteers to help with playground duty. Contact Lisa McQueen at 301-392-6255 if you are able to help.

Help will be needed with set up for the Italian Dinner on October 10. Set up will be on Thursday, October 8 starting at 5:00 PM. Parent participation points can be earned. Contact Judy Melvin if you can help.

The Butter Braid Fundraiser will end on Monday, November 2. Contact Judy Melvin if you can help sort the orders when they arrive.

From the Health Room

All students who require emergency medications at school (i.e., epipen, inhaler, etc.) must have them sent to school as soon as possible along with the medical authorization from the physician.

All immunization records must be on file in the health room. Contact Sarah Hruda if you have any questions.

Heavenly Father, I praise you for all of creation, for the beauty of nature that I see all around me. I praise you for the family who takes care of me and for the friends I can share with. I praise you for the guardian angel you sent to watch over me. For these and for all your wonderful gifts, I praise you, God, forever and ever! Amen.

