



Important Dates

December

- 1 Deadline for TADS
18-19 Tuition
Assistance
- 3 90th Anniversary
Mass & Reception
- 4 Reregistration
opens for 18-19
school year
- 6 Confessions
Grades 3-5
- 8 Immaculate Con-
ception Mass @
10:00 AM
- 10 Open House for
prospective
families 12:00-
2:00 PM
- 13 Confessions
Grades 6-8
- 14-15 Santa's Secret
Shop
- 18 Adoration
- 20 Choir Concert
with Gr. 1 & 2 @
6:30 PM
- 21 Deficiencies

Band Concert @
6:30 PM
- 22 Christmas
Parties/Dance
- 12/23-1/1
School Closed

January

- 2 School Reopens



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.

Santa's Secret Shop

This year ANS will be bringing back the Santa's Secret Shop to allow students to purchase small gifts. The gifts will be provided by FUN Services and include items such as jewelry, coffee mugs, key rings, small toys, etc. All items will be under \$5. The event will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and on Friday, December 15 from 8:30 AM until Noon. More information will be sent home at a later date. If you have questions, please email Pam Roberts at poschnowroberts@hotmail.com.



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.cbocoe.com website using the icon located at the bottom of the homepage or you can register using www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS.



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 donate items is December 15.

Re-registration 18-19

We will begin the re-registration process for the 18-19 school year starting December 1. Parents will receive an email from TADS on or about December 1. If you are registering a new student, you must wait until the portal opens on January 1.

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

If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call the school office.



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 and to all those who donated shoes and socks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the "Winter Tea with My Doll & Me". It will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2018. Reservations will open on January 2 and will close on January 31. It was a sell out last year. Make your reservations early. For more information, Willette Squire at 202-538-4122 or email at either ansallamericangirltea@gmail.com or mauresa2005@yahoo.com



Open House for Prospective Families

We will be holding an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, December 10 from 12:00 AM to 2:00 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 Friday, December 22. 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!

**Saturday, December 9: OLSS vs. ANS @ ANS
JVJG 10:00/VG 11:00/VB 12:15/JVB 1:30**

**Saturday, January 6: SMB vs. ANS @ ANS
JVJG 10:00/VG 11:00/VB 12:15/JVB 1:30**



News from the Art Room!

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding artwork:

Chase Wilson (7A) for winning t-shirt design for the 2017 Turkey Trot.

Sophia Gerstman (7B) for the Lion's Club International Peace Poster. Sophia won at the local level, received a check from the Lion's Club and her poster will move on to the State Level.

27th Annual County First Bank Art Show:

Emily Brooke Fitzpatrick (4A) – Most Traditional
Claire Ellinger (4A) – First Place
Savannah Murphy (4A) – Second Place
Leah Buck (3A) – Third Place
Kendall Johnson (4A) – Certificate
Aidan Selkirk (4A) - Certificate



Great job everyone!

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!