



## Important Dates

### November

1 All Saints Day Mass  
@ 10:00 AM

Winter Uniforms

2 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.

4 Daylight Savings  
Time Ends

6 School Closed  
Election Day

9 Report Cards Issued

Art to Remember  
order forms due

10 Turkey Trot  
8:30 AM

11 Veterans Day

12 Noon Dismissal

Parent Conferences  
1:30-5:00 PM

13 HSA @ 6:30 PM

21-23 Thanksgiving  
Break

28 HSPT

29 Picture Retakes

## Report Card Guidelines and Conferences

Report cards will be emailed home on November 9. Parents should review the report card and, if a conference is needed, email either the homeroom teacher or the subject teacher. Conferences will be held on Monday, November 12 from 1:30 to 5:00 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. Please refer to page 17 of your Parent/Student Handbook for an explanation regarding the grading symbols and the requirements for Honor Roll and Principal's List.

## Tuition Assistance

The applications for the 2019-2020 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance are currently being accepted on TADS. The deadline for applications to be submitted is **December 1**. Here are the steps to apply:

- ✓ Log onto [secure.tads.com](http://secure.tads.com)
- ✓ Log into your account using the email and password already provided when you registered your child(ren)
- ✓ Click on the financial aid tab

If you need additional assistance, call the Parent Help Line at 1-800-477-8237. You must apply on TADS to be eligible for any additional assistance available through the school.

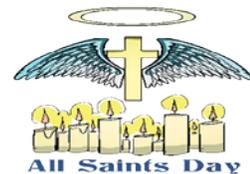
Knights of Columbus for high school tuition assistance. Application forms are available at <http://www.kofc-md.org>.



## Turkey Trot



Please join us for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 10K & 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, November 10 at 8:30 AM on the ANS school grounds. This event will be held rain or shine and is also pet friendly. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$10 for ANS students. Each participant will receive a student designed tee shirt. Come out and join the fun!



## HSA Meeting

We will be holding an HSA meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. The topic for the meeting will be Supporting Your Child Socially & Emotionally as they Grow.



## Author Visits



We are so blessed to have wonderful opportunities for our students to meet real authors and this November we have two!

On November 7 we will have a visit from Brian and Pamela Boyle for students in PreK-Grade 3. Brian is an ANS Alumnus, triathlete and advocate for blood donation. If you've never heard of him, his is a fascinating story of perseverance and triumph. Brian and Pamela recently published a delightful children's book, *Swim, Bark, Run*, which they will share with our students.

Syndicated sportswriter and former ESPN anchor Mike Lupica will be here on November 12 to visit with students in Grades 4-8. He will be here to promote his newest book, *No Slam Dunk*, and answer questions from our students.

Pre-visit book order forms were sent home in October.

## Early Pick Up

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 still in session until 1:45 PM. If this cannot be avoided, a note must be sent to the homeroom teacher with the expected time of pick up. If you email the teacher during the day with a change in arrangements, please copy the office.

## HSPT

The high school placement test will be administered on Wednesday, November 28 for those 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who plan to attend Catholic high school.

## Parent Notes

If parents are going out of town, please provide a note to the school office with the name and phone number of the person who will be responsible for your child(ren) in your absence. Please include the dates of parent absence. Thank you.



## Thank You



- To all the parents who volunteered to host a booth and the families who attended to make our Fall Festival a success. Special thanks to Jen Harris and Deanna Warnock for coordinating the event and to Julie Peed for handling check in; to Marcus & Christa Smith and James Colbert for coordinating parking; and to Cory Williams for stepping up at the last minute to be the event DJ.
- To all the room parents for coordinating the Halloween parties and dance.
- To all the volunteers who will be coaching or assisting with our basketball teams, Archery team, STEM Club, STEAM Club, Art Club, and Yearbook.
- To the LaPlata Fire Department for their visit with PK3 to Grade 2 students during Fire Prevention Week.
- To Greg Delcoco for the use of the lift.
- To Mark Cefaratti for fixing the ice machine in the kitchen and for moving a heat/ac unit to the music room.

## Picture Retakes



Pictures retakes will be held on **Thursday, November 29**. This is a change from the school calendar. 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 on 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. 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).

## Thanksgiving Prayer

***This Thanksgiving, let those of us who have much and those who have little gather at the welcoming table of the Lord. At this blessed feast, may rich and poor alike remember that we are called to serve one another and to walk together in God's gracious world. With thankful hearts, we praise our God who like a loving parent denies us no good thing. Amen.***