



IMPORTANT DATES

October

4 Deficiencies Issued

Blessing of the Pets @ 1:00 PM
Back Parking Lot

5 Living Rosary @ 9:00 AM

8 School Closed
Columbus Day

10 Individual Pictures

12 Fire Department 9:30 (PK – Gr. 2)

17 Mass 10:00 AM
Sacred Heart

18-25 Book Fair

22 Uniform Exchange 2:00-6:00 PM

26 School Closed
ADW Teacher In-Service

31 Noon Dismissal

Halloween Dance
And Parties

November

1 Winter Uniforms

Mass @ 10:00 AM
Sacred Heart

2 End of 1st Quarter

6 School Closed
Election Day

7 Author Visit
PreK – Gr. 3

Winter Uniforms

Beginning Thursday, November 1, 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. PreK and Kindergarten students must wear the winter gym uniform to school daily. The school has sweatpants, sweatshirts and gym shirts available for purchase. Order forms were sent home in mid-September.

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.**

Reminders

If you need to change your child's dismissal arrangements, please send a note to their teacher.

For morning drop off, please discharge students in the back of the school. We have volunteers to assist them.

We respectfully request that cars leaving the parking lot drive around the horseshoe in front of the school and use the exit by the PreK and Kindergarten wing. This is for the safety of everyone.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the Charles County Fair. Their projects were submitted by the school in the Art Division: **1st Place:** John Paul Deeb; **2nd Place:** Morgan Caparotta, Sarah Devine; **3rd Place:** Cora Murphy, Emily Johnson, Page Hamilton; and **Honorable Mention:** Olivia Goldsmith.



Child Protection

Volunteers who come in contact with children 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, reading the policy booklet and submitting the acknowledgment page, and initiating an electronic background check at the school office. If you need a volunteer packet to begin this process or if you have questions, please contact Mrs. Lockrow in the office. Any paperwork regarding the child protection compliance should be turned in to the office.

Book Fair

The first Scholastic Book Fair will be here before you know it! Our in-school book fair is from Thursday, October 18 through Thursday, October 25. The fair is open for shopping every school day from 7:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. On Monday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 24 it will remain open until 4:00 p.m. for family shopping time. The online book fair will run from October 8 through 28. You may access the online fair by going to <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/archbishopnealeschool1>. Online orders ship (no shipping charges) to ANS after October 28. A portion of all book fair purchases go to the ANS library to help buy new books and supplies. This is our sole funding source for the library.

There are still a few volunteer opportunities left for this book fair. Go to TrackItForward.com to see when we still need help.

Author Visits for Everyone!

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

On November 7 we will have a visit from Brian and Pamela Boyle for our students in pre-K through 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.

Five days after that, on November 12 syndicated sportswriter and former ESPN anchor Mike Lupica will visit our students in grades 4 through 8. Mike Lupica is a popular author at ANS; we have 18 of his sports-themed novels in our library. Thanks to Hooray for Books! bookstore in Alexandria, we have this amazing opportunity free of charge! Visits like this normally cost at least \$3,000. He will be here to promote his newest book, *No Slam Dunk*, and answer questions from our students.

In conjunction with both visits, we will have pre-visit book sales. This is not a fundraiser, and the books are being offered to ANS students at discounted prices. Students who pre-order the books will receive them signed by the authors. **Please note:** Mr. Lupica can only sign books purchased directly from ANS. Please do not bring other books by him to be signed. Order forms for both visits will be sent home soon. Please watch book bags and folders for them!



Tuition Assistance 2019-2020

TADS Financial Aid and Assessment will manage the application and assessment process for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program. Applications for the 2019-2020 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance are currently being accepted. **The deadline for applications to be submitted is December 1 for current families.**

Here are the steps to apply:

- Log onto 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.

Uniform Exchange

There will be a uniform exchange on Monday, October 22 from 2:00-6:00 PM. Parents will be able to purchase winter uniform items that will be required for students as of November 1.



Save the Date

Our annual 10K/5K Turkey Trot will be held on Saturday, November 10. Volunteer help will be needed. More information will be sent home at a later date.

Thank You

To Mr. Thomas for coaching our volleyball teams and to Mr. Blake for his assistance as a referee.

To Mrs. Farren and Mrs. Warring for coaching our field hockey team.

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.

