



## Important Dates

### December

- 1 Deadline for TADS  
19-20 Tuition  
Assistance
- 5 Confessions @  
8:30 AM (Gr. 3-5)
- 9 Open House for  
Prospective Parents  
12:00-2:00 PM
- 12 Confessions @  
8:30 AM (Gr. 6-8)
- 13 Deficiencies  
Issued
- 13-15 Santa Shop
- 14 Noon Dismissal
- 15 Breakfast with  
Santa 9-11 AM
- 17 Adoration
- 18 Choir & Theater  
Club Concert @  
6:30 PM
- 19 Mass @ 10:00 AM  
Sacred Heart
- 20 Band Concert @  
6:30 PM
- 21 Christmas Parties  
& Dance
- Dec. 22 – Jan. 1  
School Closed  
Christmas Break

### 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

Santa's Secret Shop will be open for business on Thursday, December 13 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and on Friday, December 14 from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. In addition, we will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Santa Shop will also be open on Saturday during the breakfast. Reservation forms went home before Thanksgiving and are due by December 6.

Please email Pam Roberts at [poschnowroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:poschnowroberts@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Volunteers can sign up on Track It Forward.



## 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.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).



## 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Re-registration 18-19

We will begin the re-registration process for the 19-20 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, 2019.

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



## Thank You

To our faithful morning carpool helpers who are out there each morning no matter what the weather.

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.

To Mr. Oberti for working on the picnic tables.



## Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week will be January 27 to February 2. More information will be forthcoming regarding the week's events.

ANS will be holding an Open House for prospective parents to visit the school on Thursday, February 7 from 8:00-11:00 AM.

## News from the Art Room!

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding artwork:

Amirah Ayyad (7A) for the winning t-shirt design for the 2018 Turkey Trot.

Claire Hamilton for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Lion's Club International Peace Poster. The theme was "Kindness Matters". Claire won at the local level, will receive a check from the Lion's Club and her poster will move on to the State Level. Thank you to Morgan Campbell and Sophia Gerstman for submitting entries.

### Community Bank of the Chesapeake 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mackenzie Desrosiers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: John Gambale; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Grace Rison. Caden Holmes, Michaela Reif, and Olivia Richey received certificates of participation.

Great job everyone!



## Christmas Prayer

*Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door 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 which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*



## SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars for the "Winter Tea with My Doll & Me". It will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Reservations will open on January 2 and will close on January 31 unless it sells out sooner. For more information, contact Joani Landicho at 301-512-6215 or by email at [ansdolltea@gmail.com](mailto:ansdolltea@gmail.com).



## Open House for Prospective Families

We will be holding an Open House for **prospective** families on Sunday, December 9 from 12:00 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.

## Athletic News

Come out and support our basketball teams!

**Saturday, December 2: SMB vs. ANS @ ANS  
JVJG 10:00/VG 11:00/VB 12:15/JVB 1:30**

**Friday, December 7: SJS vs. ANS @ ANS  
JVJG 5:00/VG 6:00/VB 7:15**



*Christmas blessings to your family  
from the Faculty and Staff of  
ANS!*