



## Important Dates

### December

- 4 Confessions  
Gr. 3-5
- 5 Interim Reports  
Issued
- 6 Deadline for TADS  
Tuition Assistance
- 8 Open House for  
Prospective  
Families 12-2 PM
- 11 Confessions  
Gr. 6-8
- 12 Noon Dismissal
- 12-14 Santa Secret  
Shop
- 14 Breakfast with  
Santa
- 17 Choir Concert  
6:30 PM
- 18 School Mass  
10:00 AM
- 19 School Band  
Concert 9:00AM
- Band Concert  
6:30 PM
- 20 Christmas Parties  
and Dance
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3  
Christmas Break
- January
- 6 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 12 from 8:30-11:00 AM and on Friday, December 13 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. In addition, we will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14 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 along with payment (cash or check)**. The cost is \$10/per person (2 and under are free). Our menu for breakfast consists of French toast, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice/coffee/water and cookies.



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.

## 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 13.

## Re-registration 18-19

We will begin the re-registration process for the 20-21 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, 2020.

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

## Christmas Break

**Father Swink announced in October that, because the students have shown so much reverence to start the school year, he is granting two additional days of Christmas break. School will be closed on Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3 and will reopen on Monday, January 6.**



# 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.

A special thank you to all those who donated to our food drive and coat drive.

To Bruce Peed for donating and installing the "Do Not Enter" sign.

To Gary Pedri for doing work on the boiler.

Thank you to our 14th Annual Turkey Trot 5K/10K Run/Walk sponsors, Consulting Ophthalmologists, LLC, Nationwide/John L. Sprague Insurance Agency, Accountable Resources LLC, and Pizza Hotline and to all who came out to support the event! Congratulations to our winners -- the results are posted on our website. Just go to the calendar event date and you will see a link to the race results.



## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the "Winter Tea with My Doll & Me". It will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Reservations will open on January 6 and will close on February 7 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 8 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 20. 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.



## Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week will be January 26 to February 1. 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 6 from 8:00-11:00 AM.

## News from the Art Room!

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding artwork:

Claire Hamilton (8B) for the winning t-shirt design for the 2019 Turkey Trot.

Carolyn Landicho for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Lion's Club International Peace Poster. The theme was "Journey of Peace". Carolyn 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 Nicole Aguila and Cynclair Wilson for submitting entries.

### Community Bank of the Chesapeake 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show

The theme of this year's art show was "The Community Around Us". Congratulations to the following students: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Evalyn Maney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Damien Maney, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chloe Daugherty-Mendocilla. Special congratulations to Malia Taylor – her entry was voted **Most Original**. Thank you to Olivia Richey and Amelia Welch for their beautiful submissions. All of the artwork will be on display at the Downtown LaPlata branch of Community Bank through the end of the year.



## Christmas Prayer

*Gracious God, We turn to you in wonder and praise as we celebrate Christmas. Remind us during this sacred season of our collective story. May our roots extend deep into the soil of faith and spread outwards to share the Good News of Christ's coming. Focus our attention so that we remain attuned to the sights, sounds, and sensations of the season. May the presence of Christ be at the forefront of our thoughts and actions as we enact each holiday ritual. Fill us with hope in the continuous birthing of Christ in our world. May we never lose sight of the promise of the Kingdom of peace and compassion that is both present and yet to be. With gratitude in our hearts, we pray. Amen.*

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