

March 2020



Archbishop Neale School

Important Dates

MARCH

- 4 Noon Dismissal
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9 No School
ADW Teacher In Service
- 12-19 Book Fair
- 13 International Night
- 15 ADW Band Festival @ McNamara
- 18 Gr. 8 Graduation Picture
- 19 First Day of Spring
- 20 End of 3rd Quarter
- 21 MD State Archery Tournament
- 24 Gr. 4-5 Field Trip

Charles Co. Spelling Bee
6:00 PM
Mattawoman MS
- 25 Noon Dismissal

Gr. 3 – 5 Confessions

Uniform Exchange
2:00-6:00 PM
- 27 Report Cards Mailed
- 30 Gr. 7 Field Trip



Lenten Prayer



God of All Goodness, give me a heart for generosity. Show me how to hold my possessions lightly, ever mindful of their temporary value. Inspire me to share what I have in full measure, so that others are able to live without need or want. Let me know the grace of a bountiful life, one overflowing with gratitude for all that I have to give. In the name of your generous son, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

STEM and Makerspace Updates

STEM: We are currently working with “Spheros”, small circular robots, which the student programs to complete various task. The robots are programed to change colors, hop, spin, and bounce. The current challenge is to make the Sphero roll around the ANS eagle in the gym while doing a little dance. One student made the robot talk like Darth Vader, while another one made it moo like a cow. We are also working on “mechanical advantage” problems. With our just acquired knowledge we took turns lifting Mr. Riley’s car and the sheds. Yes! One student can lift a car...

Grade 4 STEAM: Fourth grade STEAM Club is learning about the following subjects: how to build and use a compass, the science of columns, ancient Egyptian architecture of pyramids and how they are built, the science of forces by building a sleigh and slope, the science of geodesic domes and building one, the physics of flight and building paper airplanes, and how to engineer trusses to build a bridge out of popsicle sticks.

Makerspace: Every week our students in grades one through three have a special class called Makerspace. This fun class combines elements from many different academic areas. The focus may vary from week to week, most commonly covering science and art. Sometimes, our activities may include aspects of music or language arts. No matter what the focus, it’s all about hands-on learning. One week a class might be making panpipes to learn about how sounds are created; the next week they could be divided into teams to face a challenge like who can build the tallest structure with a set of given materials. Although the activities begin under teacher direction, students are encouraged to collaborate and create on their own. Materials range from very simple (arts and crafts supplies) to technical (like 3-D pens and Chromebooks). The overarching idea behind Makerspace is to give our students a place to tinker, create, learn from mistakes, and solve problems in creative ways. We are always looking for supplies to keep our students busy and interested in learning. If you think you’d like to donate to Makerspace, contact trenner@archbishopnealeschool.org for a link to our [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) wishlist.

Tuition Rates 2020-2021

<u>Catholic Rate</u>	<u>Non-Catholic Rate</u>
6,000 – 1 child	8,000 – 1 child
11,200 – 2 children	15,200 – 2 children
16,000 – 3 children	22,000 – 3 children
20,400 – 4 children	29,000 – 4 children



Spelling Bee



Our Spelling Bee team will be participating in the Charles County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 24. The bee will be held starting at 6:00 PM at Mattawoman Middle School in Waldorf. Good luck to our team members, Erin Mairs, Faith Harris, Luke Weilke, Madison Scott and Isaiah DeLeonard, along with their coaches Mrs. Oglesby and Mrs. Gardiner.

Morning Carpool Helpers

We are still in need of volunteers to help with morning carpool. Volunteers help direct incoming traffic and assisting students exiting their vehicles from 7:00 to 7:35 AM daily. Sign up on Track It Forward. When you come to volunteer, you will sign in/out at the office.

Yearbook Sales

Yearbooks will be going on sale soon! More information will be forthcoming.

Book Fair

Get ready to "Read to Survive" because it's a jungle out there at our next Scholastic Book Fair. Shop during school from March 12 through 19, and after school until 4:00 p.m. on March 16th. The book fair provides the funds necessary for ANS to purchase library books and supplies. We need volunteers to make it a success. If you can help during or after school, please go to trackitforward.com to sign up for the volunteer shift(s) that work best for you. All volunteers must be in compliance with the Child Protection Policy of the ADW. Please do not bring your children with you during your volunteer time. Direct any book fair related questions to Mrs. Renner at trenner@archbishopnealeschool.org.

Summer Birthdays

So that all students are recognized for their birthdays, we celebrate summer "unbirthdays" as follows: June with March, July with April, and August with May. Students with summer birthdays will be recognized on the morning announcements and may bring treats to their class. Parents are asked to check with the homeroom teacher prior to sending anything to school.



Thank You



Another successful Doll Tea was held on Sunday, February 23. Thank you to Joani Landicho for coordinating this event along with Willette Squire, and Erin Reif. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered as part of the "kitchen crew", who sold raffle and 50/50 tickets, sold raffle grab bags, assisted with check in and those who helped with clean up.

Important Date Change

ANS will now be closed on Thursday, April 9 in observance of Holy Thursday. Please mark your calendars.

Gr. 8 Graduation Picture

The 8th grade graduation picture will be taken on Wednesday, March 18. There will be a letter and order form sent home at a later date with all the pertinent information needed regarding dress and cost of the picture.

Athletic News

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls basketball team and their coaches, Scott Farren and Samantha Geckle!! They defeated King's Christian Academy by a final score of 22 to 18 to win the SYBL championship. Special congratulations to Tori Fields who was named the tournament MVP. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the team.

Good luck to the members of our Archery team as they participate in the Maryland State Tournament on Saturday, March 21 in Westminster.



Uniform Exchange/ Summer Uniforms

We will be holding a Uniform Exchange on Wednesday, March 25 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. The location will be in the front portion of the gym. You will be able to purchase summer uniforms. Students will be allowed to wear the summer uniform starting **Monday, April 6**. Please refer to the uniform guidelines if you have any questions.

