

September 2020



Archbishop Neale School

Important Dates

September

7 School Closed
Labor Day

9 Virtual Opening
School Mass @
10:00 AM

18 School Closed

29 Noon Dismissal

WELCOME!



We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing summer break! Welcome back to our returning families and we give a special welcome to all new families joining our ANS family. Thank you to all of our families for their patience and cooperation during the first week of school. Here's to a successful and rewarding school year!

From Heidi Mickey, HSA President

On behalf of the HSA Executive Board, welcome to the 2020-21 school year. As an HSA, our goal is to support and strengthen Archbishop Neale School, and to ensure each student has the opportunity to reach their full potential!

Although school opened this year on a distance learning and in person platform, ANS's HSA is just as committed to our students, families, teachers and community as we have been in the past. Our goal as an HSA is to work towards establishing programs and services to improve children's lives, regardless of where our students are engaged in learning. Although many of our beloved programs and events have been put on hold during the current health crisis, the HSA never stops planning and preparing new initiatives to enrich our students' experiences. We look forward to a time when ANS can safely re-open for all in-person instruction. Until then, we will continue to work with school, staff and parents as we navigate these challenging times together.

Now comes the part where we ask for your help in order to achieve our mission. Please consider taking the following action steps toward being actively engaged in our school community.

- Join the conversation! Attend General HSA Meetings where we highlight programs and educational achievements of our students. We have a couple meetings each year geared toward helping you as parents navigate through various struggles facing your children as well.
- Get Involved and [volunteer](#)! Whether you can share your professional expertise or a hidden talent; whether you can help every day, an hour a week, or for a specific event, you are definitely needed! Track It Forward will be up to date and new families added no later than Monday, September 14th. If you're interested in helping out, please check it out for opportunities.

This year, our school needs your help more than ever. I hope you will be inspired to join our organization in whatever capacity you are able. All of our HSA Board Members are available to answer any questions about ANS and the efforts, past and present, of ANS's HSA. Welcome to the start of new school year and thank you for your support!



Reminders



All paperwork that was in the back-to-school packet should have been returned to the school office.

Please call the school office by 8:00 AM if your child will be absent from school.

Make sure that all phone number, address or email changes are reported to the school office.

Thank You



To Debbie Carignan and Lynda Sands for their help assembling the back-to-school packets.

To Howard Schrader, Mike Storie and Brian Williams for overseeing computer upgrades around the school.

To the members of the Archbishop Neale Council #2279 of the Knights of Columbus who came in to move furniture so that the teachers could set up their rooms for the start of school. We are incredibly grateful to them for giving of their time to help.

Child Protection

If you plan to volunteer where you come in contact with children and have not received a volunteer packet, please contact Mrs. Lockrow in the office. She can also answer questions regarding the ADW Child Protection compliance requirements.

Support Your School

Please continue to collect **Box Tops for Education**. Send them to the office.

Gift Cards: Purchase gift cards through the Certificate Office. Each family is required to purchase \$2,000 by April 30.

Target: Complete a Target Guest Card application through the Take Charge of Education Program and ANS will receive 1% of all your Target purchases.

Shoparoo: A free mobile app for iPhone and Android users. Buy the products you want, snap pictures of your receipts to make an instant donation to ANS. Go to www.shoparoo.com. This is a great way to raise funds for our school all year long.

AmazonSmile: Support ANS when you shop on Amazon. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to ANS. Just go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You can use your existing Amazon.com account. Every time you purchase items marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product pages, a donation is made to ANS. Be sure that on your first visit to smile.amazon.com you designate Archbishop Neale School as your charity before you begin shopping.

Yearbooks

The 2019-2020 yearbooks have arrived! Books went home with those who placed orders on September 8. Virtual learners may call the school to arrange a time to pick up their yearbooks.

We have extra copies of the yearbook available for purchase. The cost is \$35. Payment can be made via cash or check (payable to ANS).

Please contact the office to purchase a copy.

TADS Tuition Assistance 2021-2022

Applications for the 2021-2022 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance will open on Thursday, October 1, 2020 for returning families. The deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday, December 4, 2020. In order to be eligible for assistance through the school, you must have applied through TADS.



AM & PM Carpool

Volunteers needed daily from 7:00-7:40 AM and 1:45-2:15 PM to assist with carpool. Please contact the office if you can help.



ANS School Calendar

Our calendar went to print prior to the final decision regarding Charles County Schools. Since ANS follows Charles County, there are many events listed in our current calendar that will more than likely not happen with all the COVID restrictions still in place. We will try to keep parents as updated as possible.

If a date indicates No School, school is closed for staff and students.. Students will attend school on noon dismissal days. The school day will start at 7:35 AM and end at 12:00 Noon. Unless your child attends Aftercare, they do not bring a lunch, but should bring a snack.