

December 2020



# Archbishop Neale School

## Important Dates

### December

2 HSPT

7 Noon Dismissal

8 Mass @ 10:00 AM

14 Adoration

Dec. 21-Jan. 1  
School Closed  
Christmas Break

### January

4 School Reopens

13 Mass @ 10:00 AM

18 School Closed  
Martin Luther  
King Day



## 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.*

## Calendar Changes

The mass has been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 8.

The Santa Secret Shop has been cancelled for this school year.

## Re-registration 21-22

We will begin the re-registration process for the 21-22 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, 2021. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call the school office.

## Open House for Prospective

The open house scheduled for Sunday, December 6 has been cancelled. Updated information will be sent via parent alert.

## December Outreach

We are holding a toy drive to benefit the Children's Aid Society. New and unwrapped toys can be dropped at the school until December 11.

Donations of new or gently used coats can also be sent in for our coat drive. The deadline will be December 18.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Christmas Break

**Father Swink announced in October that he is granting two additional days of Christmas break. School will be closed on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 4.**



## Band Zoom Recital

Ms. Etter will be holding a band zoom recital on Friday, December 11 for students in Grades 4-8. The schedule is as follows:

- Grade 4 @ 5:30 PM
- Grade 5 @ 6:00 PM
- Grade 6 @ 6:30 PM
- Grade 7 @ 7:00 PM
- Grade 8 @ 7:30 PM



## Inclement Weather

ANS will continue to follow Charles County regarding inclement weather delays/closings. In the event of a two-hour delay, ANS will start two hours later. If Charles County Schools are closed, ANS will be closed. Please listen to local TV/Radio for updated information. Parents can also register for the Charles County Citizens Notification System using the following: [www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS](http://www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/CNS)



## 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!***

