



The Eagles Nest

December 2021

Important Dates

December

- 1 HSPT
- 6 Noon Dismissal
- 8 Mass @ 10 AM
- 9 Santa Shop

Interims Issued

- 10 Santa Shop
- 15 Confessions
Gr. 3-8 – 9 AM
- 16 School Band
Concert – 9 AM
- Band Concert
6:30 PM

- 17 Picture Retakes
- 21 Christmas
Parties

Dec. 22- Jan. 2
Christmas
Break

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3 School Reopens



Advent Prayer



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.

Re-registration 22-23

We will begin the re-registration process for the 22-23 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 call the school office.

Community Outreach

The ANS outreach projects during November and December has been collecting new, unwrapped toys for Children's Aid Society and also donations of new or clean, gently used coats. Collection boxes will remain in the front hall until Friday, December 10. Due to distribution schedules, no items can be accepted after the 10th. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



Calendar Changes



Father Scott has granted a pastor's holiday for Wednesday, December 22. School will be closed.

Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday, December 21.

Santa Shop

ANS will be holding its Santa Secret Shop this year on Thursday, December 9 and Friday, December 10. This is a fun event where students can do their own holiday shopping. Volunteer opportunities for the event have been added to Track It Forward. Please sign up if you are able to assist with the event. All volunteers must have completed the ADW child protection compliance requirements.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the Santa Breakfast has been cancelled for this year, but plans to return next year.



Christmas blessings to our families from the ANS Faculty and Staff!



December Virtue

PURITY

Keeping your soul free of sin.



Thank You



To our ANS community for your generosity during our food drive.

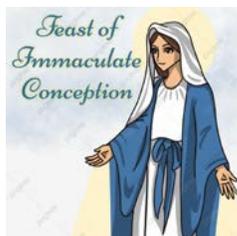
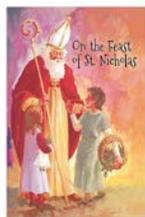
To our room parents for organizing our Halloween parties.

To the following individuals for assisting Mr. Riley and Mr. Schrader with the technology upgrades in the school: Ricky Singh, Sam Osobu, Preston Postl, Mike Storie, Joe Green and Isven Licon.

To Pam Roberts for coordinating our ice cream sales and to the Friday ice cream sellers: Allison Caparrotta, Marjorie Linker and Marketa Walker.

Track It Forward

Sign up for volunteer opportunities on Track It Forward. We need help with morning carpool, playground, ice cream sales, and help will be needed with concessions when basketball season begins. Please watch the newsletter, parent alerts and Mrs. Skinner's letter in the Tuesday Folder for upcoming activities.



Inclement Weather

ANS follows 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



Lost and Found

We have moved the lost and found to the cafeteria. Please have your child check the box. We have lots of items, especially gym sweatshirts! Make sure your child's coats, sweatshirts and lunch boxes are labeled.

Child Protection

Please make sure that **all** required documentation for your VIRTUS account has been turned into the office. This includes the volunteer application, proof of workshop attendance, the policy book acknowledgement page, and any receipts/results from fingerprinting. If you have any questions or need to find out what may be missing, please contact Patti Lockrow in the school office.



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.

