

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

inspiring mind and soul

Epiphany Catholic School, an integral part of Epiphany Parish, is a Christ-centered faith community. Dedicated to the formation of the whole person, we are committed to providing all students with the highest quality Catholic education. We are preparing students to "Manifest Christ to All."

E Happenings for the Week of September 11, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful first week of school we have had together. I have loved getting to know many of your children and look forward to meeting many more! As we delve into our year, there have been some changes put in place with curriculum, drop-off and pick-up procedures, Activity Care (AC), and our schedules for private lessons. Thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition. So many of you have stopped by to thank us for the changes made to increase student safety and security and a surprising amount of support has been voiced for the change in our policy regarding students leaving class during the school day for private lessons. In time, the whole picture will come together and instead of seeing little annoying changes to schedules and procedures, you will see a tapestry that makes sense and brings order into our children's school days and academic rigor.

We have many exciting things planned for the school year! Our PTO, Marathon Committee, School Advisory Council, and Marketing Committee have blown me away with their ideas, enthusiasm, and love for our school. Wow! What an honor it is to work with parents full of such passion. Thank you for all that you do. This brings to mind something that I have given great thought to and wish to share with you.

School parents who are active participants in our school's educational process, and donate a minimum of 30 hours per year, will be provided free Activity Care from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. This is to express our great appreciation for your support and willingness to jump in and do your part to help us build Epiphany Catholic School. To participate in the free Activity Care Program, please send an email to me, Ann Coone, at acoone@epiphanymn.org explaining what you do for our school and I will consult with whomever is in charge of the event that you are supporting. When they provide approval, I will notify our AC billing department. Parents who make this commitment and request the offer of free AC in exchange for 30 hours of volunteer work will be held accountable for their commitment. In all we do, we wish to build our

school in Catholic identity, academic rigor, and the formation of Saints and Citizens while we are supporting *parents in their primary role of educating their children.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email.

In Christ,
Ann Coone, Principal

Week of September 11th

Mon., 9/11 -

- No Scheduled Events

Tues., 9/12 -

- Mass, 8 am, Led by 8th GR
- Classical Education Evening, 6 pm, Media Center
- PTO Meeting, 7 pm, Media Center

Wed., 9/13 -

- Middle School Math Informational Meeting, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- Wolfridge Meeting, 7:30 pm, Media Center

Thurs., 9/14 -

- No Scheduled Events

Fri., 9/15 -

- No Scheduled Events
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Virtue Formation Theme for the Month of September

Each month our school will be working on a different virtue; the month of September is *Goodness*. Following is a synopsis from www.regnumchristi.org of what *Goodness* is and why it is so important for us to cultivate in our children.

Goodness is the virtue that leads us to go beyond the usual indifference and look at others with love. It is a virtue that leads us to give special consideration to others' happiness and development when we make our decisions.

The Goal of teaching Goodness is:

- *To help children understand that what they do, or don't do, will have a direct impact on others.*
- *To remind children that Goodness does not expect anything in return.*
- *To help children discover that Goodness recognizes that we are all children of God deserving of respect for because of our human dignity created in the likeness of our Father.*
- *To help children discover that being kind to others will fill them with joy, freedom, and happiness.*

A couple of small but important ways that our students are working on the virtue of Goodness include:

- Asking that all students greet one another in kindness (adults and fellow students, throughout the school day).
- Asking that all students respond verbally when someone speaks to them. "Hello" deserves a similar response. "How are you today?" deserves an answer, but what shows even greater charity is a response followed by a question that shows the student cares: "I'm well! How about you?"
- Asking that students look at people in the eye when speaking to them.

No one should be ignored or made to feel small, invisible, or unimportant. All of this takes time, but if we have the goal of *character formation* in mind, we will help our children grow into adults who understand that they truly matter to others and can positively affect the lives of people around them.

The Importance of Being to School on Time

Here's what *really* happens when a child comes late to school (after the 7:40 bell):



- The late student enters the school through Door 5 and walks into the office.
- Once in the office, they sign in and receive a Tardy Slip.
- They walk to their class.
- The halls are empty because the day has started and everyone is in their room; many classroom doors are shut and students are engaged in work.
- After shedding gear at their locker (if they have one), the late student walks into their classroom UNLESS their class is at Art, Music, Tech, Spanish, P.E., or Library. If this occurs (and Specials occur every day of the week) the student has to walk back to the office to find out where their class is located.
- The late student walks into class, all work stops, the teacher stops, everyone turns.
- The late student sits down, gets out their supplies, and looks around to see what they need to do to catch up.
- The teacher refocuses the class.
- If the concept being taught is new, the student will have to make arrangements to learn the concept after class or another time.

Everyone is occasionally late, but chronic lateness is a habit that effects teachers, classmates, and most importantly - the late student. It's difficult for all of us to begin our day behind. *Hopefully, our students will be to school on time most days and we can celebrate terrific attendance at the end of each trimester.* Should chronic tardiness become a problem, we will initiate Mandatory Makeup, a program in which students are allowed 5 late arrivals (tardies) per trimester (because traffic, weather, and unforeseen situations will occur). When a student is late the 6th time in one trimester they will be issued a Mandatory Makeup, which is one hour (10 minutes for each of the 6 tardies) of after school class time. We have every hope that we will not have to use this plan but will if it is in the best interest of student formation. Please work to have your child to school on time.



It's time for our annual community fundraising event! Families can find an overview, dates and details in the Marathon packet that went home at Open House or on the first day of school! The excitement will build as we celebrate together over the next several weeks!

Here's your weekly recap:

- Our goal is to raise \$40,000 goal! Donations will be used to relocate our playground closer to the school building!
- The first Pep Fest is Friday, 9/8 @ 1:30 pm in the gym. Families are invited to join - come see what this year has in store!!
- Our *exclusive* shopping date at Chema Malu, a boutique in downtown Anoka, takes place Wednesday, 9/27 from 5 - 8 pm. (Our packet states 9/26...9/27 is the correct date!)
- Mark your calendars and watch for updates about our school-wide Service Day, Friday, 10/6.
- Save the date for our Marathon Morning, Saturday, 10/7 - where great fun, good food and lots of friendship can be found!! We are at a new location in Blaine this year.

If you have questions, please email marathon@epiphanymn.org - we are happy to help build an *Attitude of Gratitude!*

School News

Emergency Information Forms - Parents need to complete the yellow form and return it to the school office. This form provides us with information such as health concerns and emergency contact information. Please contact the Health Office with questions at **763.862.4322**.

Picture Day - Friday, September 29th is Picture Day. Students may be out of uniform.

Cafeteria - Is your garden bursting at the seams? If so, bring your garden goodies to the school cafeteria. They will gladly use them. Thank you!

Preschool Program - Showing We Care. The first week of the school year has preschool students beginning to explore and ponder God's gifts starting with themselves. Students see themselves as special and loved as they learn of God's love for them through the love of others. They are also beginning to develop the skills necessary for negotiating and sharing. Children are helped to feel at home in the preschool class and they learn that each one of them is special because they each belong to God.

Activity Care (AC) - Activity Care is a new initiative at Epiphany Catholic School and is open to all K-8th students. AC provides a safe, nurturing environment for children, homework support for older students, and care for all students prior to and after school events. It is available Monday - Thursday, 2:30 - 5 pm. The cost for AC is \$2 from 2:30 - 3 pm (with a \$5 family cap) and \$5 (with a \$12 family cap) for students from 3:30 - 5 pm. **Please see Principal Coone's letter above regarding volunteer time to defer the cost of Activity Care.**



School Pickup Procedure

Please take a moment to review our new pickup procedure. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Don't forget to keep your Carline card in your vehicle!!

[Epiphany School Pickup Procedure](#)

Playground Volunteer Signup

There is a requirement for every family to volunteer on the school playground during lunch recess two times per school year from 10:30 - 11:30 am. You must sign up for **one shift in a warm month** (September, October, April, May, and June) and **one shift in a cold month** (November, December, January, February, and March).

The link for [Playground Signup](#) is now open.



A reminder that **ALL** volunteers must complete the Essential 3 in order to volunteer in the school. Questions on the requirements to volunteer? Please contact the Parish Office at [763.755.1020](tel:763.755.1020).



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**Classical
Education
Evening**

**Join
Mr. Lasseter
Director of Curriculum
Tuesday, September 12
6-7 p.m.
Media Center**

**Learn more about the exciting and rich
Classical Curriculum
that our students will be learning.**

All parents are encouraged to attend!



PTO

Come check out what PTO is all about following the Classical Curriculum meeting on **Tuesday, 9/12 at 7:00 pm** in the Media Center. The PTO provides parents with opportunities to serve our school and our students by sharing their time, talent, and treasures to ensure the success of our school. Light snacks will be served.

BoxTop Summer Collection

BoxTop Summer Collection is coming to an end at the end of the month. You may drop off BoxTops in the school office before October 1st. Remember to mark bags of BoxTops with students name and grade. For every 25 non-expired BoxTops turned in the student earns a chance to win a \$10 gift card.



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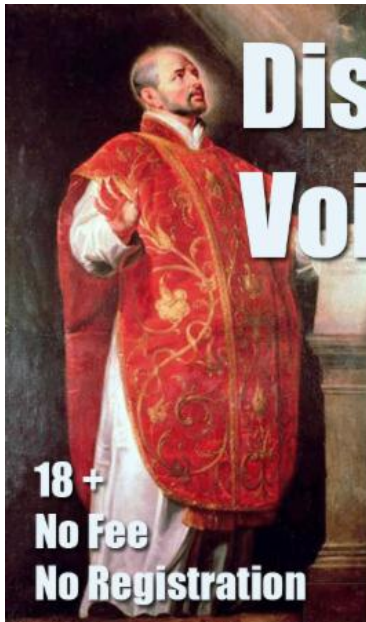
RCIA Informational Meeting
Sunday, September 10
10 a.m.

EPIPHANY RCIA

Meeting Rooms



Jill Fink, Director of Faith Formation
763.862.4355 or jfink@epiphanymn.org



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No Fee
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Discerning the Voice of Peace

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with Father Kowalczyk

Tuesdays

Sep 19, 26, Oct 10, 24, Nov 7 & 14

7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

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EXTREME FAITH WEEKEND

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WISCONSIN DELLS

7TH AND 8TH GRADE
WEEKEND RETREAT

Nov. 30th depart at 5pm
Dec. 2nd arrive back at 7:30pm

MASS. ADORATION. SMALL GROUPS.
TESTIMONIES & TALKS. CONFESSION. PRAYER.
WATERPARK.

Cost: \$90
(\$80 each for 2 or more siblings)

COST INCLUDES 2 NIGHT STAY,
WATERPARK, BREAKFAST, 2 DINNERS,
COACH BUS, AND PROGRAMMING

All registration forms and fee due
no later than Oct. 27th.

Fundraising: September 16th & 17th

Carly Radke, MS Youth
Minister



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