

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 18, 2017

Week of September 18th

Mon., 9/18 -

- NWEA/Map Testing, Middle School

Tues., 9/19 -

- Mass, 8 am, Led by 8th GR
- NWEA/MAP Testing, Middle School

Wed., 9/20 -

- NWEA/MAP Testing, Middle School

Thurs., 9/21 -

- NWEA/MAP Testing, Middle School

Fri., 9/22 -

- NWEA/MAP Testing, Middle School
- Marathon Pepfest, 1:30 pm, Gym



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*.

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:

- 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 **with a parent or guardian**.
- Once in the office, they sign in and student receives 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.

Marathon



Greetings Epiphany Families! We are excited to announce that after Week 1, we are at 23% of our goal. Our Week 2 totals will be shared tomorrow morning, 9/15. Watch our page on the school website for updates!

A special thanks to all families who have utilized the marathon@epiphanymn.org email address to reach out to our committee with questions and suggestions - you continue to help us enhance Marathon each year!!

Here's your weekly recap:

Our goal is to raise \$40,000 and relocate our playground closer to the school building. *After Week 1, we have raised \$9,265!*

- We enjoy our Celebration Sundaes on Friday, 9/15 for any student who has donated at least \$50 by 3:00 pm on Thursday, 9/14. ***Remember: coupons are located at the back of the Marathon packet for those students who achieved this incentive.***
- Our next Pep Fest is Friday, 9/22 @ 1:30 pm in the gym. Parents: you are invited to join the excitement and experience the energy for yourself!!
- 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!) Once there, you can purchase a custom Gratitude Cuff made specifically for Epiphany families to show their school pride.
- Mark your calendars and watch for updates about our school-wide Service Day, Friday, 10/6.
- This year, Marathon Morning takes place on Saturday, 10/7. Join us for great fun, good food and lots of friendship!! We are at the Lakeside Commons Park in Blaine this year.

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

School News

Picture Day - Friday, September 29th is Picture Day. Order portraits now at MyLifetouch.com using Picture ID# MI217092Y0. Students may be out of uniform.

Cafeteria - Is your garden bursting at the seams? We would love to have any fresh fruit and vegetables you have to use in our school lunch. Please drop off your donations in the kitchen or parish office. We appreciate your generosity!

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.

Health Office - Back to school sometimes means sniffles, coughs, and maybe even an immunization or two. We want to keep lines of communication open, and the very best care for your students, please take a few moments to read [Health Office Information](#).

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 2:30 - 5 pm. **If needing to reach Activity Care during the hours of 2:30 - 5 pm, please call 763.862.4382.**

Preschool Program - God gave us families to take care of us and provide for our needs. He put many different people in our paths to help us grow up to be loving adults, like moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles. This week the preschoolers will discuss their families and what makes them special. Even though we are all different, we are all invited to be a part of God's family.

Girl Scouts - You are invited to the Troop Formation Rally and Information Night on Tuesday, September 26 from 6 - 8:30 pm at the **Coon Rapids Civic Center**. See the [Girl Scouts - Troop Formation Night Flyer](#) for more details.



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](#)

Volunteering at Epiphany

A key to our commitment to promoting safe environments in our parishes, Catholic schools and communities is for all persons in positions of trust in regard to minors and vulnerable adults to fulfill the Enhanced Essential 3 requirements (EE3). The EE3 relates to:

- 1) the Code of Conduct
- 2) safe environment training and
- 3) background checks, with re-credentialing required every three



If this is your first volunteer/employee position through the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, the [VIRTUS Online Registration – NEW Users](#) will assist you in this process.

You can take the VIRTUS training at any location within the Archdiocese if the Epiphany sessions do not work in your schedule. The following

years.

Your involvement at Epiphany Catholic School as a volunteer who interacts with children warrants compliance with the Archdiocese's Safe Environment requirements.

2017.18 Epiphany training sessions are located in the Hearth Room and start at 6:30 pm. Please arrive 10 minutes early to register and receive your packet.

- Thursday, October 5
- Thursday, November 2
- Thursday, January 25, 2018
- Thursday, February 22
- Thursday, April 19
- Thursday, May 24

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**.



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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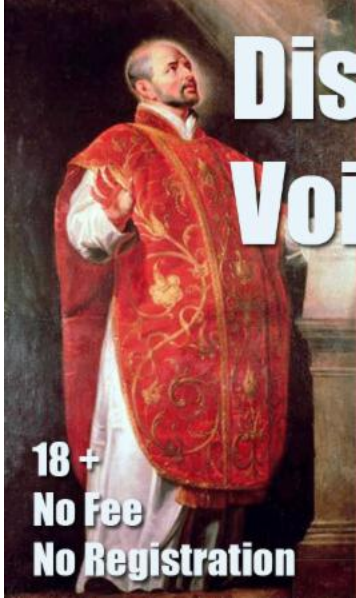
Thinking of Becoming Catholic?

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

THE EPIPHANY RCIA

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adult men and women are initiated and welcomed into the Catholic faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. This process includes instruction, scripture reflection, faith sharing, prayer, liturgical rites and community building times. Participants meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm starting on September 20 and concluding with celebration at the Easter Vigil. For more information contact Jill Fink at 763-862-4355 or jfink@epiphanymn.org



Discerning the Voice of Peace



with **Father Kowalczyk**

Tuesdays

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

7:15 - 8:45 p.m.

Meeting Rooms

Jill Fink 763.862.4355 or jfink@epiphanymn.org

**18 +
No Fee
No Registration**

EXTREME FAITH WEEKEND

IN 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 All registration forms and fee due no later than Oct. 27th.
(\$80 each for 2 or more siblings)

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

Fundraising: September 16th & 17th

Carly Radke, MS Youth Minister  cradke@epiphanymn.org or 763-862-4334

E3 Middle School - Click on [Open Youth Room Calendar - 2017.18](#) to view the open youth room schedule from now until the end of the school year. The Youth Room is open to all 6 - 8th graders after school until 3:50 pm on the days specified. Questions? Contact Carly Radke, 763.862.4334.

2017 **Star**
Bazaar
at EPIPHANY

Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 4
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



BakeSale • KidsCorner • KitchenHelp

LefseKitchen • RaffleSales

Mary Beth Schultz • 763.300.4458 or mbs55433@gmail.com

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