

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 25, 2017

Week of September 25th

Mon., 9/25 -

- NWEA/MAP Testing, 1st - 5th GR

Tues., 9/26 -

- Mass, 8 am, Led by 7th GR
- NWEA/MAP Testing, 1st - 5th GR

Wed., 9/27 -

- NWEA/MAP Testing, 1st - 5th GR

Thurs., 9/28 -

- NWEA/MAP Testing, 1st - 5th GR

Fri., 9/29 -

- School Pictures (Students may be out of uniform)
- NWEA/MAP Testing, 1st - 5th GR



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, our middle school students took the Measures of Academic Progress assessment, also known as the MAP. Our middle school students will complete testing next week, and our students in grades 1-5 will begin the process.

Although the test frequently spreads over a two week period of time, in reality, it only takes about 2.5 hours to complete. The MAP is a computerized test that makes it possible for teachers to pinpoint what each child's academic needs are in the areas of Math, Reading, and Language Usage. Our students will take the test three times this year: fall, winter, and spring. Parents are encouraged to visit the [NWEA Website](#) to download the *Parent Toolkit* for more in-depth information.

MAP tests are unique in that they react to individual student answers. In the testing world, this makes the tests "adaptive," or personalized. If your child answers a question correctly, the test follows up with a more challenging

question. If your child answers incorrectly, the test follows up with an easier question. In an optimal test, a student answers approximately half of the items correctly and half incorrectly. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

Once the test is complete, we'll be sending home the results in a MAP Parent Report. If you have questions about your child's MAP assessment, or wish to discuss the test in further detail, please don't hesitate to email me at acoone@epiphanymn.org.

In Christ,
Ann Coone, Principal

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.

Marathon

We are excited to announce that after Week 2, we are at 34% of our goal. Our Week 3 totals will be shared tomorrow afternoon, 9/22 at the all-school Pep Fest. Join us as you



are able and watch our page on the school website for updates!

Keep reaching out to the marathon@epiphanymn.org email address! We enjoy hearing from you and find this to be a good way to provide responses to your Marathon questions!

Here's your weekly recap:

1. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 and relocate our playground closer to the school building. **After Week 2, we have raised \$13,550.86!**
2. We will enjoy Cupcakes and Cookies with Fr. Kowalczyk on Friday, 9/29 for any student who has donated at least \$150 by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, 9/28. Remember: coupons are located at the back of the Marathon packet for those students who achieved this incentive.
3. Our **exclusive** shopping date at Chema Malu, a boutique in downtown Anoka, takes place next Wednesday, 9/27 from 5 - 8 pm. If you support the event with a custom Gratitude Cuff bracelet, 40% of your purchase comes back to the school for Marathon efforts!!
4. Service Day, Friday, 10/6 is getting closer! Plan to join your student at school that day - more details will follow next week
5. Marathon Morning, Saturday, 10/7 is full of many amazing things . . . including some BIG prize giveaways that you only have a chance to win if you are present! See you for food and friendship at Lakeside Commons Park in Blaine!

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

School News

New Staff - Please welcome Mrs. Erin Hart to Epiphany Catholic School. Erin is our new Speech Teacher from the Anoka-Hennepin School District. Erin will be at Epiphany two days per week working with some of our students. You can contact her at erin.hart@ahschools.us. Welcome to Epiphany Mrs. Hart!

Picture Day - Friday, September 29th is Picture Day. Order portraits now at [My Lifetouch.com](http://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!

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.

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.



Epiphany Spirit Day

Mark your Calendar.....This **Friday, 9/22** will be our first Epiphany School Spirit Day of the school year. Students can wear any Epiphany shirt (i.e. marathon, drama, sport) or Epiphany sport jersey along with their uniform pants, shorts, or skirt on Friday.

Future Spirit Day Dates:

- October 27
- November 20*
- December 22
- January 26
- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 25

*Monday of Thanksgiving Week

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 years.

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



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 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.

Please make sure when you are volunteering to:

- Be on time
- Engage with the students. They love having visitors. They enjoy playing ball, jump-roping, etc.



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.

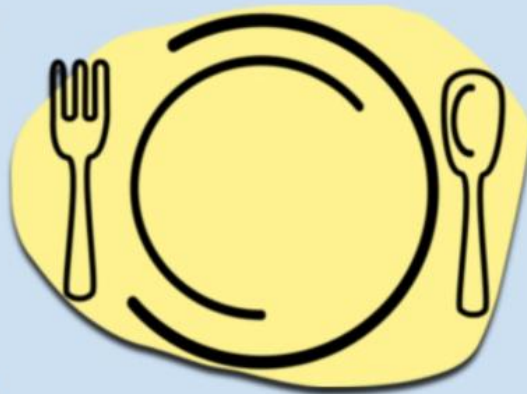
Dinner is Served

Epiphany PTO is seeking parent volunteers to help us serve dinner to our wonderful teachers during conferences

*October 12 and 17
from 4:15–6:30 p.m.*

NO COOKING REQUIRED!

If you are interested in helping one or both nights please sign up [here](#).





GOT BOX TOPS?

TURN 'EM IN NOW!

Summer Collection
is coming to an end.

Please have all Box Tops turned in *before October 1*.

Remember to mark bags of Box Tops with students name and grade.

For every 25 non-expired Box Tops turned in the student earns a chance to win a \$10 gift card.

Church/Faith Formation

Adult Small Group - Registration Deadline extended until this **Friday, 9/22!** Want to meet more people (or get together with your friends) while learning? Consider joining or forming a small group.

For more information go to [Epiphany Faith Formation - Small Group Ministry](#)

where you can learn more and register online. Contact Suzanne at slewis@epiphanymn.org with questions.

Sacraments and the Catholic Faith - Do you have a child in Epiphany School whom you would like to have baptized? Or celebrate their First Reconciliation or First Eucharist? If so, please read [Sacraments and the Catholic Faith: An Invitation](#) for more details and contact information.

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**.

Archdiocesan Rosary Procession - The [Centennial Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima - Archdiocesan Candlelight Rosary Procession](#) is on **Friday, 10/13**. Gather at the State Capital at 6:30 pm with the Procession following at 7 pm.

Discerning the Voice of Peace



**18 +
No Fee
No Registration**



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

TOP SECRET

Mission: POSSIBLE

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD
YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT
IT, BEGINS...

OCTOBER 1st
6:45-8:15PM

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ALL 6TH-8TH GRADERS
WELCOME!

DANGER. FOOD. ADVENTURE. PRIZES.
SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH.

Will you answer the call?

Contact: Carly Radke, Middle School Youth Minister at
cradke@epiphanymn.org

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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