

⦿ EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

inspiring mind and soul

⦿ Happenings

Week of September 12

Monday	No activities scheduled
Tuesday	Mass, Gr K-8, Led by Gr 8, 8 am (No shorts please) PTO Meeting, Media Center, 7 pm
Wednesday	No activities scheduled
Thursday	Wolfridge Gr. 7 Parent Meeting, Rm 702, 6 pm
Friday	Marathon PepFest, 1:30 pm Cross Country Meet at Calvin Christian

Welcome to the new school year! This year, Epiphany School's theme is Do Small Things with Great Love, Saint Mother Teresa. The year ahead holds abundant promise, and the Epiphany faculty and staff look forward to serving you. It was wonderful to see many families at Open House. It was great to "catch up" with families, plus getting to know our new families better. Jordyn Svihel was the winner of the Visa gift card and Caleb Zennah was the winner of the Applebee's gift card. We would like to extend a big "thank you" to the many people that helped get the school year off to a great start. Everything from the countless hours working on the school building, to food for teachers during workshop week, along with a warm welcome the first day of school with donuts, coffee, music and balloons! Again, thank you!

School Updates-

- * **Yellow Emergency Information Forms.** were sent home with your Open House packet in August. Parents need to complete the form and return 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.
- * **Volunteer Opportunities.** New to the 2016-17 school year is the requirement for every family to volunteer on the school playground during lunch time two times per school year. The link for [Playground Signup](#) is now available. **A reminder that ALL volunteers must complete the Essential 3 in order to volunteer in the school.**
- * We also have opportunities to volunteer in the classroom, Media Center, lunchroom, Drama, and Sports. Please call the school office at 763.754.1750 with questions.
- * **Marathon.** Our fundraising goal is \$40,000! Stay tuned for details on how the school will use the donations and how much has been raised so far. Pep Fest is on Friday at 1:30 pm in the gym. Families are encouraged to join in the excitement! The Marathon committee is hosting hospitality the weekend of September 11-12. Students are encouraged to wear their uniform to Mass to share their school pride. Donut Day envelopes are due by Tuesday, 9/13.
- * **Little Flowers Girls Club.** New groups are now forming for the upcoming year. Little Flowers Girls Club is a group for girls (K - 6) along with their moms, that meet once a month and for a few other special events during the school year. We learn about virtues through the lives of saints. Our first event is Tuesday, 9/20: Blessed Mother Mary's birthday party. Registration will be taken at the event. To RSVP and for more information, contact Mimi at 612-749-7401 or mimihapka@comcast.net.

PTO-

- * **PTO Meeting.** You are invited to join other school parents and guardians at the Parent Teacher Organization meeting on Tues., 9/13 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. Learn how you can partner with teachers and staff to share our time, talents, and treasures.
- * **Trash to Treasure.** Students who wish to participate in the special Box Tops incentive should turn in all submissions by 10/1. For every 25 box tops submitted, the student's name will be added to a drawing for a chance at a \$10 gift card.

Preschool and Extended Day-

- * **Extended Day Summer Service Learning Project.** Showed kindergarten through sixth grade students how they could do small things with great love. On each stone an inspiring word or message was written, hoping to shine a little light on whoever found them. By summer's end 300 kindness stones were left for others to find.
- * **Extended Day Program.** Is open 6 am to 6 pm on fall release days and filled with adventure! All K-6 graders welcome. See schedule then email sbsst@epiphanymn.org to register your child. Early Bird Rate in effect through 9/15.
- * **Preschool Program.** Meets or exceeds state standards for early childhood education by being state licensed, nationally accredited and 4-Star Rated through Parent Aware. There are some spots are still available, too! Email sbsst@epiphanymn.org to register or to arrange a tour.

Misc-

- * A reminder from Mrs. Dillon, Lunchroom Supervisor...Is your GARDEN busting at the seams? We would love have any fresh fruits and vegetables you have to use in our school lunch program. Please drop off your donations in the kitchen or parish office. We appreciate your generosity!

Church/Faith Formation-

- * **Catholic Watchmen Rally.** Men are invited to the Catholic Watchmen Rally. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will present on "The Strength of Humility: Obedience to Christ in All Things" on Thursday, 9/15 from 6:30-9 pm. Dinner will be provided. Registration is not required. A free will offering will be collected. Contact Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651.291.4411 or Jim Warren 5warren@comcast.net or 612.708.9652 with questions.
- * **Sacraments and the Catholic Faith: An Invitation.** Do you have a child in Epiphany School whom you would like to have baptized or to prepare for and celebrate First Reconciliation or First Eucharist? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and exploring becoming Catholic?
 - Contact Dana Butler, Sacrament Coordinator at 763.862.4336 or dbutler@epiphanymn.org
 - Contact Jill Fink, Director of Faith Formation at 763.862.4355 or jfink@epiphanymn.org
- * **E3 Middle School Kickoff!** All 6th-8th graders are invited to the E3 MS kickoff on Sunday, October 2, 6:45-8:15 pm. We will have free food, prizes, and challenge games. For more information, [visit the webpage](#). Free, no registration necessary, outside friends welcome in 6th-8th grade. Contact Bernadette Gockowski @ bgockowski@epiphanymn.org or 763.862.4334.
- * Register now for Extreme Faith Weekend! EFW is a brand new weekend retreat getaway for 7th and 8th grade students at the Wisconsin Dells. Registration is due Nov 1st, spots limited. Cost is \$85 for a 2 night stay at Chula Vista resort and waterpark, along with coach bus ride and most meals. Contact Bernadette Gockowski @ bgockowski@epiphanymn.org or 763.862.4334, or [visit the webpage](#) for more details.
- * **Parish Adult Small Groups.** Connect with other Epiphany School parents and grow in your faith by joining a group study! Go to the parish website at http://www.epiphanymn.org/adult_formation.aspx to learn about all the studies available. A few on-site options that will meet from October through November: A MOM'S GROUP is forming to meet on Tuesday after the all-school Mass from 9-11 am. It will study **Momnipotent: Finding Peace, Balance & Joy in Your Vocation as a Mother**. Childcare will be provided as space allows. A GENERAL STUDY lead by Fr. VanDenBroeke - **The Mass: Revealed and Explained**, will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. Register by 9/22. Contact Suzanne Lewis if you have any questions slewis@epiphanymn.org or 763-862-4336.

