Dear Parents,

*The mission of Epiphany Catholic School is to educate children to become responsible adults living out Christian values and Catholic faith. This is achieved by emphasizing excellence in academics, personal growth, and spiritual development in Christ. The cooperation and participation of both the parish and school communities are essential to this endeavor.*

On October 6th, our school community gathered around the prayer garden to pray the rosary. We were led by the student council and we remembered the intention of our school community. We also reflected on the importance of Respect for Life. The rosary is an important tradition that hopefully, is a part of each of our lives.

We are continuing to work on our monthly manners. During the months of November and December we will address our dining etiquette. We will stress the importance of using our indoor conversation tone at the table, as well as, using a napkin, not talking with food in our mouth, and being responsible for keeping the tables and floor clear of any trash. I am very proud of all of our students who have responded in a positive way to all of our monthly manner practices. I also applaud all of our families who are stressing the practices at home.

As we approach the month of November, let us remember all the many “Saints” in our life who are now enjoying their eternal reward. They are certainly a source of intercessory prayer. As you gather as a family around the table at Thanksgiving, continue to remember those people who have been a source of strength to your family. Speak their name aloud and give thanks to God for the blessing that you have received through them. It is also a time to ask the Lord for the grace we need to be a blessing to all we meet each day.

On Sunday, November 5th, at the 6:00 p.m. mass we will begin our Forty Hours devotion. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day and all night. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended when it is exposed. We are counting on our parish community to devote an hour of adoration during the 40 hours of exposition. The Benediction and closing mass will take place on November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving let us not forget to say “thank you” to almighty God for all His graces and blessings to each of us. How fortunate we are to have the priests, teachers, staff, dedicated workers, and the beautiful families that make up our Epiphany School Community. What better way is there to show our appreciation to the Lord for His goodness than by attending, as a family, the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November twenty-sixth.

God bless,

Sister Margaret Fagan, IHM
**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Religious Education Program holds its sessions on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Parents use the same drop off and pick up system as the school. You are reminded that **PARKING IN THE DRIVE-THRU LANE IS PROHIBITED from school dismissal time until 5:30 p.m. It is again prohibited in the evening, from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE, ADHERE TO THIS REGULATION.**

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**Automobile Drop Off/Pick Up**

1. All students arriving or leaving school by automobile must use the carport.
2. **No one may park on 84th Street or Red Road, drop off on 84th Street or Red Road, or pick up on 84th Street or Red Road.**
3. Students will wait for parent pickup at the assigned stations in the carport and singles area.
4. Please do not leave the car unattended in the carport area during arrival or dismissal time. Pull into the parking area if your child is not out at dismissal time.
5. **USING THE PARKING LOT AS A PICK-UP AREA IS NOT AN OPTION.**

- **DO NOT USE** your cell phone while driving on the school grounds.
- **Sign with last name and station number or color must be visible to teachers. Please place on the visor so all can see.**
- Absolutely no stopping in front of new church to wait for 2nd dismissal.
- **DO NOT DROP-OFF OR PARK IN THE PARISH CENTER PARKING LOT. THIS IS THE PARKING LOT FOR OUR TEACHERS.**
- **If you need to walk your child into school, walk behind the cones.**

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**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Thursday, November 23, Friday, November 24 and Monday, November 27

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**Christmas Holiday**

**Monday December 25—Friday, January 5, 2018. Classes resume on Monday, January, 8, 2018**

The students will be dismissed for the Christmas holiday on Friday , December 22, it is a full day of school. School will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018.

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1. Yearbook ads due November 9, 2017. Forms can be downloaded from the ECS web under school forms.

2. If you have taken the VIRTUS course, you must go online to: **www.virtus.org** and register for the online bulletins. Please print proof of your online registration for your records and ours.

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**Reminder for all Altar Servers:**

It is the responsibility of the altar server to find a substitute if he/she is unable to serve a scheduled mass. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
Peacemaker for October - Virtue Hope

Hope is the virtue for this month. Hope, the hidden gift, is centered on God. Hope is the virtue that calls us to believe and trust that God is always with us no matter how difficult life might be. Optimism, joy, patience, trust, confidence, courage, keep trying, begin anew, look for God surprises, forgive mistakes.

KA Emma Cosio
KB Diego Arellano
KC Natalia Secada
KD Emilia Cantens
1A Taylor Ciura
1B Isabella Quiros
1C Diana Herrera
1D Emma Piña
2A Amelie Morales
2B Patricia Cosio
2C Justin Alvarez
2D Cooper Rivera
3A Leah Delgado
3B Claudia Quintero
3C Kaitlyn Cabral
3D Mia Delgado
4A Liane Sotolongo
4B David Caban
4C Avery Bell
4D Jose Garcia
5A Nicolas Solis
5B Rodrigo Pascual
5C William Burlein
5D Lucas Ortega
6A Regina Alcobe-Garibay
6B Andrea Garcia
6C Analucia Hernandez
6D Mario Sueiras
7A Alejandro Delgado
7B Viktor Gudjonsson
7C Carolina Maratos
7D Juliet Gomez
8A Victoria Cajigas
8B Andre Santana
8C Joseph Pracitto
8D Marcelo Arguello

Our Peacemaker Celebration took place on Friday, October 20 for grades 2-8 and K-1 on Monday, October 23, at 1:30pm.

An Important Request from Mrs. Lasaga

When your child is going to be absent remember to call the office at 305 667-5251 or send Mrs. Lasaga an e-mail at: glorial@epiphanycatholicschool.com before 9:00 a.m. to let her know. If you e-mail the teachers, please cc Mrs. Lasaga so she is aware of your child’s absence. Thank you for your help!
We have selected our ACS poem contest winners for the 2017 NCW Illustrated Poem Contest.

Fourth place – Bianca Diaz-Silveira (Period 6 - 6th grade) – Gemstones
Third place – Hannah Bardisa (Period 6 – 6th grade) – Crystals, Crystals
Second Place – Lili Diaz-Silveira (Period 5 - 8th Grade) – Rocks
First place – Sofia Lee (Period 2 – 6th grade) – Stalagmite

Congratulations to all of our participants and entries. The poems and illustrations were awesome.

Honorable mention to 6th grade students: Lucas Diaz, Samantha Orrett, Felipe Castillo, Valentina Gonzalez, Lauren Sotolongo, Chloe Orrett, Mia Cutino, and Carlos Gobel.

Regards,
Mrs. Renee del Prado
Middle School Science

Barnes & Noble Fall Book Fair

Sunday, November 5th, 2017
West Kendall Barnes & Noble
12405 N. Kendall Drive
Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual library fundraiser. There will be lots of great books and gifts to purchase. Students who attend the book fair will be given a No Homework OR a No Uniform pass. DON'T forget to bring your voucher!
Ari's Artz Nook will be face painting and there will be some musical performances. Need a voucher? Visit the school media center webpage or see Miss Moravec in the library.
Give them to friends and family!
If you can't come to the book fair, you can participate online from Nov. 5th-9th. Just make sure to enter our book fair ID number when you "checkout."
Mission Ambassadors
Our Mission Ambassadors will assist the Homeroom in raising money for Amor en Accion.

2A Olivia Fernandez  6A Dominic Gatto
2B Adriana Cobas     6B Ana Carolina Ortiz
2C Natalia Arguello  6C Andrew Pozo
2D Sophia Zayas      6D Miguel (Michael) Diaz
3A Lucas Falcon-Viso 7A Alessia Quiros
3B Daniela Querejeta 7B Elly Molina
3C Veronica Aguilar  7C Sydney Aun
3D Emiliana Bazo     7D Sarah Broe
4A Brianna Rodriguez 8A Noelle Roza
4B David Fernandez   Alexa Martel
4C Sara Valdes       8B Anna Cecilia Bunge
4D Alexandra Brea    8C Amanda Martell
5A Isabella Murphy   8D Natalia Arroyo
5B Michael Mederos
5C Juliana Gatto
5D Sophia Rodriguez

![Earth Image]
EPIPHANY'S EIGHTH GRADERS SHINE AT THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS OLYMPICS

Each year a number of 8th grade students are selected to represent Epiphany at the Academic Olympics held at Christopher Columbus. We had 40 students compete. Of which a total of 27 medals were WON, 15 Gold, 1 Silver and 11 Bronze. We send a thank-you to all the teachers who have taught our students so well. Epiphany won the overall competition in our division and brought home the trophy. Congratulations to both the parents of the participants, the participants and the students who won medals! Way to go KINGS!!!

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All the students demonstrated tremendous effort and great school spirit. We are very proud of our Epiphany students.
STREAM

The STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) lab is igniting enthusiasm for learning. We enable our students to behave as scientists and engineers by providing them with the tools to promote scientific investigation. Grade-level tasks with scientific inquiry are presented in kindergarten through 8th grade in which students work together to solve interesting STREAM challenges. Students are encouraged to make predictions, build and test models, and record and present their findings.

Students start the STREAM program in kindergarten, where they build simple machines such as a seesaw, a rolling vehicle, a spinning top, and a pinwheel, amongst others. A spark of curiosity about the field of engineering occurs as these young students work together while building machines made with Lego pulleys, levers, gears, and wheels. Students learn the principles of gearing up and down, and how worm gears and crown gears are used.

This concept of working together with partners in problem solving continues through 2nd grade with more advanced machines. In 3rd through 6th grade, students build and program Legos. We create robots to explore, create, and then share their scientific discoveries. As they collaborate, they deeply engage with science, engineering, technology, and coding, sparking a love for experimentation and investigation. Robots such as the hungry alligator, the drumming monkey, the spinner, Milo, and many more, are being built and programmed during each class. This builds students’ confidence to ask questions, define problems, and design their own solutions by putting scientific discovery in their hands.

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Seventh and 8th grade students who choose the Robotics elective use the more advanced Lego Mindstorm EV3 robot to learn EV3 coding and hardware functions. Students solve authentic design and engineering problems in countless different ways. Seventh graders undertake extensive coding of the robot’s motors, ultrasonic, touch, gyroscopic and color sensors. These 7th graders quickly learn that the robot will only do what the student programs the robot to do. Once 7th graders have mastered their programming skills, the advanced robotics class is where the real fun begins. This term, 8th grade students built and programmed robots to play a soccer match. A competition was held between the two classes. Happily, the match ended in a 2-2 tie in the last minute of competition. Eighth grade students now choose to build Sumo Bots (a sort of sumo wrestling, but with robots).

STREAM is a fun and challenging class for all students thru hands-on learning and the children’s natural desire to explore and discover.

**Scholastic Press Association Fall Workshop**

Congratulations to Epiphany Catholic School for winning 1st place at the 39th Annual Christopher Columbus Scholastic Olympics. We are also excited to recognize a team of Epiphany 8th graders who produced a news package on the community service provided by the Miami-Dade Animal Services. Their news package won the gold medal at the Columbus Scholastic Olympics and 1st place at the Florida Scholastic Press Association Fall Workshop this October! Well done Epiphany Kings!
Shopping List for St. Martin de Porres Thanksgiving bags:

- Vegetable Oil 48 oz.
- Maseca 4.4 lb. bag
- Flour 2 lb. bag
- Evaporated Milk – 2 cans 12oz.
- Sugar 5 lb. bag
- Rice 5 lb. bag
- Canned vegetables 2 cans (peas, corn, etc) 15oz.
- Canned fruit 2 cans (mixed fruit, peaches, etc.) 15oz.
- Dry pinto Beans 2 lb. bag
- Reusable bag – usually found near entrance or registers

**OPTIONAL**

As an added donation, you may buy a $10 or $15 gift card from Publix, Winn-Dixie, Wal-Mart or Target. Please secure visibly to your bag.

**Total - Should be under $30.00** (will vary depending on store/brands - not including optional gift card)

Place all items in the reusable bag and take to school or Religious Education Office no later than **Tuesday, November 15, 2017**. Remember to include a personal message from your family such as a hand-written note, a prayer, or a child’s drawing.

*Thank you for your generosity!*
Sharing Thanksgivings...

from family to family

Thanks to the generosity of many, Epiphany has through the years provided needy families with basic staples for their Thanksgiving meal. This November as we prepare for Thanksgiving, each Epiphany family will once again have the opportunity to share our countless blessings with those in need.

- A 'shopping list' with pictures and details of the items requested is be.
- Take this list to the store when you go shopping.
  - The Winn Dixie in South Miami will donate the recycle bag and will have all items already in the bag and ready to purchase.
- The Publix at Dadeland and Monza should be well-stocked with these items.
  - Please place all items on the shopping list in a reusable grocery bag and bring the bag to the Religious Education Office no later than November 15.
- Please do not send anything that is opened, dented, or expired.
- A personal message from your family such as a hand-written note, a prayer, or a child’s drawing should be included in the bag.
  - The total cost will be under $30.00, but will depend on the brands that are purchased.
  - If you are unable to prepare a bag, you may want to contribute individual items from the list.
  - Willing to go the extra mile? Buy a $10.00 - $15.00 gift card from Publix, Winn - Dixie, Wal-Mart or Target for the purchase of a turkey. Please, securely visibly to your bag.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this activity, please contact:

The Religious Education Office at: (305)665-0037.