



# EPIPHANY

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

#### Principal's Corner

Dear Epiphany Parents,

Many thanks for sharing your child(ren) with us at Epiphany. We look forward to working with you and them to make this a successful school year despite the continuation of Covid 19. Please continue to screen your children before leaving for school every day as this is our first and most effective line of defense. If in doubt, please keep your child at home and closely monitor the situation. Whether we like it or not, the wearing of masks in school has been mandated by the Governor and will significantly impact whether a student, class and even our school needs to quarantine should we have positive cases in our school community.

We currently have 178 students enrolled which is an increase of nearly 30 students from the end of last year. These are truly exciting times at Epiphany! Many thanks to everyone who participated in our PTO sponsored mum's sale. Please plan on attending our annual gala on November 13, which should be a great evening for all.

Sincerely,  
Austin Poole

#### Upcoming PTO Events:

October 29 – Trunk-or-Treat

November 13 – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

November 14 – Epiphany students attend

11:30 Mass at Precious Blood in full dress uniforms, reception after Mass

December 11 – Festival of Lights

#### Reminders!

**Please help us spread the word about our wonderful and growing school** by liking and sharing our Facebook page!

**AmazonSmile** is a simple and effective way to support our school!

*In your Amazon app, touch the menu icon, then choose Settings, then choose AmazonSmile. Search for Epiphany Catholic School, add us, and ask grandparents, aunts, and uncles to do the same!*

**Scrip** is another great way to support Epiphany!

*Visit [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), click "Join a Program" and enter Epiphany's enrollment code:*

**7F8CLE7267L82**

*Use Scrip to shop for gift cards at over 750 brands, and Epiphany earns a rebate for each purchase! Think Scrip for gifts, vacations, and even expenses like gas and groceries!*

*Please share these great fundraising resources with family and friends and ask them to support Epiphany!*

#### Epiphany Spirit Wear

Please visit our Spirit Wear vendor, Brandy Printing, to purchase Epiphany Spirit Wear for the upcoming school year! A portion of each sale benefits Epiphany.

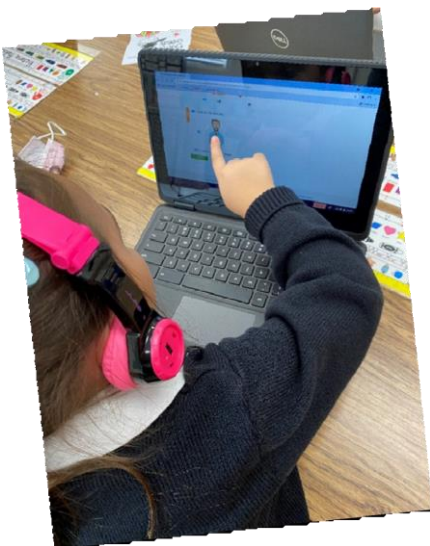
Place orders online here:  
**[epiphany-store.square.site](http://epiphany-store.square.site)**

**BE EPIPHANY!**

*Spotlight on*

# Kindergarten!

Kindergarten has had so much fun adjusting to school during the month of September. We worked together to create class rules for the school year and signed them with our handprints. We are learning our letters and having a great time completing weekly letter scavenger hunts. Using technology has been a hit. We use educational apps such as Starfall and IXL. For math, Kindergarten has practiced sorting and creating patterns. Ask us about 3D shapes! We learned all about them, too. Kindergarten focused on different themes during the month of September such as Five Senses, All About Apples, and Johnny Appleseed. We went on our first field trip of the year to Graves Mountain Farm. We saw firsthand what we learned about apple orchards. We have also learned about the Creation Story and Adam and Eve in religion. Wow! Kindergarten has learned so much in just one month. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us!



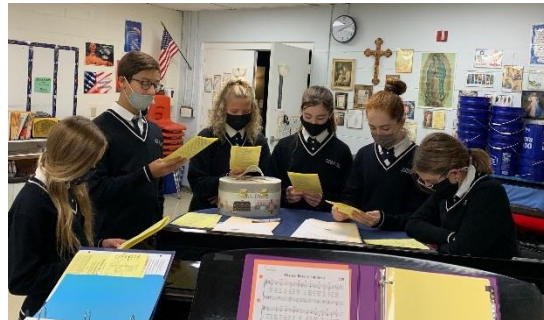
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# Music!

## What's New in Music Classes

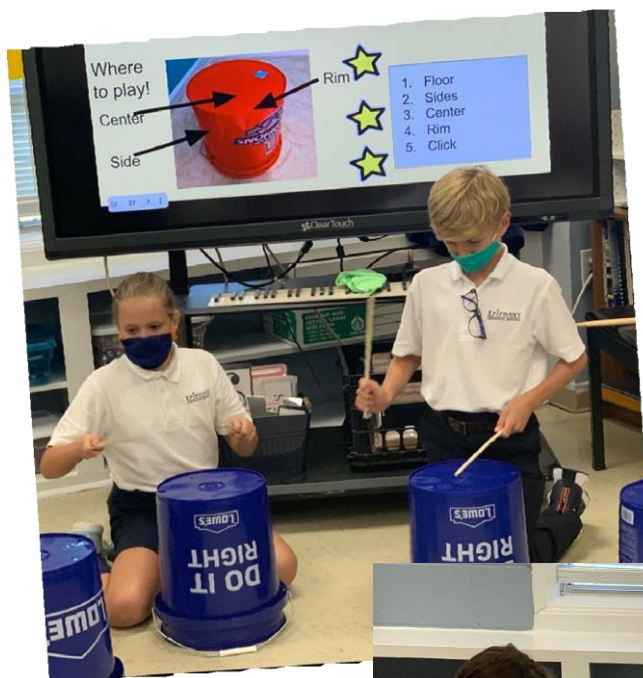
### Schola (singers) at Mass

A small group of middle school students volunteered to sing for the first Friday Mass.



### Bucket-Drumming

Thanks to a generous donor, K-8 students have been learning multiple rhythms on 5-gallon buckets. Next on the "bucket" list is incorporating movement around the buckets.



## Meet the Composer

Each week, the students get to meet a composer and his/her compositions. Students have been introduced to:

→ George Gershwin – *Rhapsody in Blue*

**MEET THE COMPOSER**



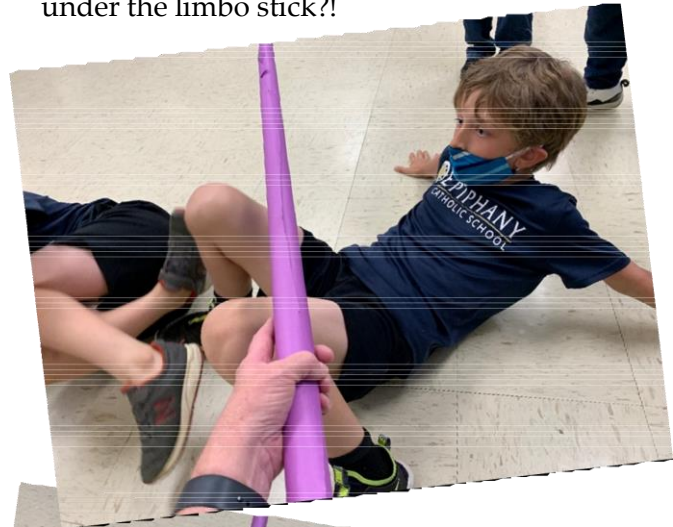
**George Gershwin**  
September 26, 1898 - July 11, 1937

Born in Brooklyn, New York.  
He taught himself to play the piano at a friend's house by following how the keys moved on a player piano.  
Composed classical and popular music and combined them together.

**Rhapsody in Blue**  
A rhapsody is a free form type of music which has multiple tunes "stitched" together.

## DANCES – How low can YOU go?

Who says you can't decide HOW to go under the limbo stick?!



→ Jamie Cortez – *Rain Down*

**MEET THE COMPOSER/MUSICIAN during Hispanic Heritage month**



**Jaime Cortez**  
Born in New York, and raised in El Salvador.  
He lives in Mesa, Arizona and is the director of music at Holy Cross Catholic Church.  
Jaime plays guitar, bass guitar, and piano.  
He came to Culpeper several years ago to speak with our Hispanic population about music.  
His most famous composition is *Rain Down*.



→ Johann Pachelbel – *Canon in D*

**MEET THE COMPOSER/MUSICIAN JOHANN PACHELBEL**

January 1, 1653 - March 3, 1706 - Germany

Composer, organist, & teacher

Baroque period

Other composers during the Baroque era were Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi.

Canon in D is his most famous composition.

Which arrangement do you like better?





## CHA CHA SLIDE anyone?

Seventh grade wins the prize in middle school for dancing the Cha Cha Slide! Way to go!

# Band is Back!

