

The Sentinel

September 20, 2017

Principal's Message

After six decades of commitment to the mission of Catholic education – and a full year of planning – our community is ready to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of All Saints Catholic School!

I hope that many of you will join us for our two signature events:

An Evening under the Stars – Friday, September 22nd (Courtyard/6:00-9:00 p.m.)

In addition to food trucks, live music and entertainment, the evening will close with a candlelit prayer gathering that will incorporate the song *Pass it On*, the words of which have been the centerpiece of a graduation day ceremony that has marked the passage of hundreds of students at All Saints.

60th Anniversary Mass & Reception – Saturday, September 23rd (Church/10:00 a.m.) – Immediately following the liturgy, selected students and faculty will present a short ceremony highlighting the mission and culture of All Saints. All in attendance are invited to attend a catered reception in the Parish Activities Center following the event.

All students are reminded that Friday is a 60th Anniversary Spirit Day. They are invited to dress down for the day and to wear their 60th Anniversary t-shirts. Those without the anniversary shirts may dress down and wear other Spirit Wear items or the P.E. uniform.

In the days ahead, look for additional details about these festivities. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of the life of our community, the legacy of our school, and our shared mission of faith!

Happy 60th Anniversary!

Locker Room Renovation Completed

Thanks to the generosity of the community and volunteers, the renovation of the locker rooms in the gym is now complete. With new flooring, paint and benches, our students have a bright new space for use during P.E. class and CYO events. We wish to thank Mr. Redman for his leadership of the project, Mr. Stidham for his time and efforts in installing the floor tiles, and the facilities staff for all of their support.

Title I Update

This week I would like to provide you with a brief update regarding our Title I program, a federally funded initiative that provides services to benefit students in the elementary grades who are not yet showing mastery in math and/or reading. In order to qualify for the program, students must be residents of the City of Manassas or live within the jurisdiction of a Title I zoned school in Prince William County and meet specific academic criteria.

Due to a change in schedules and assignments through Title I, Mrs. Pam Beckner will take the place of Mrs. Darianella Baret who was to have been our Title I teacher this year. Welcome, Mrs. Beckner!

Mrs. Beckner and the faculty are finishing the referral process for students who meet the program criteria. As we focus on differentiation in all of our classrooms,

Title I continues to be a highly effective program for us in that it specifically targets the learning needs of students. Should you have any questions about this program or your child's eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Middle School Program ~ The Gift of Human Sexuality – To Be Rescheduled

Due to scheduling conflicts, both the parent session and students lessons on the topic of the Gift of Human Sexuality are being rescheduled for early in the new calendar year. Additional details will be provided once the schedule has been confirmed. The parent meeting that was to have occurred on Wednesday, October 4th has been cancelled.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

John Paul Open House

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School turns 10 this year! Come to the Open House on Sunday, November 5, from 1 -4pm to learn about all that has been accomplished in the last decade! The first 100 8th graders to pre-register receive a free t-shirt! Visit jpthegreat.org or email admissions@jpthegreat.org or call [703.445.0300](tel:703.445.0300) for more info!

Bishop O'Connell High School Open House - Sunday, Oct. 15, 1-4 p.m.

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House, where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit renovated science labs, learn more about the curriculum, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. **Presentation begins at 1 p.m. in the auditorium.** For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call [703-237-1433](tel:703-237-1433). Bishop O'Connell High School is located at [6600 Little Falls Road](#) in Arlington.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 21st

- School Mass – St. Matthew (8:30 a.m.)
- Confessions – 6B (9:15 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 22nd

- 1st Quarter Interims
- Spirit Day (Dress Down Day with 60th Anniversary T-Shirt or Spirit Wear/P.E. Uniforms)
- Noon Dismissal (Note: We will be using the process for rainy day dismissal to allow for the set-up of tents and other equipment in the courtyard.)
- Diocesan Professional Development Day
- **60th Anniversary Celebration – An Evening under the Stars (Courtyard/6:00-9:00 p.m.)**

Saturday, September 23rd

- **60th Anniversary Mass, Ceremony & Reception (10:00 a.m.)**

Monday, September 25th

- Confessions – 7A (9:15 a.m.) & 7B (9:45 a.m.)

Wednesday, September 27th

- Confessions – 8A (9:15 a.m.) & 8B (9:45 a.m.)
- Science Fair Information Night (Note: New location – Meeting Room 2 in Father Kelley Wing/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 28th

- Room Liaisons Meeting (Father Kelley Hall/9:00 a.m.)

Friday, September 29th

- School Mass – Feast of the Archangels (8:30 a.m.)