



All Saints Catholic School

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth.

The Sentinel

October 4, 2017

Principal's Message

At All Saints we are blessed with a strong and active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) focused on two clear objectives: fostering a sense of community among the families in our school and raising funds in support of school initiatives.

General Assembly Meetings of the PTO are held four times per year and include informational sessions on a variety of topics. It is our goal to offer a series of high quality presentations each year that provide inspiration, resources and guidance for parents on topics such as child development, spiritual formation, technology, and safety.

Our first presentation this year will take place on Tuesday, October 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. I am pleased to share with you that representatives from local law enforcement will speak on the topic of cyber safety.

This is a topic that we address every couple of years as it is one that is constantly changing as technology continues to evolve. With this in mind, I strongly encourage one parent from each family to attend this session. Our students are surrounded by technology and increasingly have access to a world of information through mobile devices. As such, it is important that we maintain an awareness of the risks and dangers that exist as well as strategies for safe-guarding our young people and instill in them the importance of responsible use of technology. I hope that many of you will be able to join us as we learn more about this important topic.

Parents who attend any of our PTO meetings earn Stewardship Shares. (1 hour = 1 share)

Thank you to those parents who responded to the survey regarding preferences for exiting the front parking lot during afternoon dismissal. We will be discussing implementation of new procedures in support of this process at our faculty meeting next week with the goal of changing our process the week of October 16th. Look for more details about the changes next week.

Tomorrow and Friday I will be away on retreat with the principals of our diocese. As I gather with colleagues in West Virginia for this annual event, please know of my prayers for our school

community and the needs of our families.

Virtues in Practice – October

Virtue of the Month: Studiousness

Definition: Seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth

Saints: St. Albert the Great (PK-2), St. Thomas Aquinas (3-5), St. Edith Stein (6-8)

Veterans Day Mass & Celebration

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite all active duty, reserve, former and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on **Thursday, November 9 at 8:30 a.m.** After Mass, there will be an assembly in the PAC, followed by a reception for our honored guests in Father Kelley Hall.

Students recently received a packet of information through their classroom teachers about our Veterans Wall of Honor, an annual tradition through which we show our gratitude for those within our school community who have served our nation through military service. For your convenience, a link to the packet is provided at the bottom of this newsletter. [2017 Veterans Student Packet](#)

Take time to explore your Parish Library!

Located just inside the church, on the side leading to the PAC, the library collection of over 5,000 books, DVDs and CDs offers an opportunity for parents and children to learn more about the Catholic faith, Scripture, the saints and more. The extensive children's collection of books and DVDs about the saints is an excellent resource for students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The library is a free resource for parishioners and non-parishioners and is available to all eighth grade students as well.

Our hours of operation are Wednesday 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Saturday morning 8:30-10:00 a.m. and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass; Sunday after the 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses. The library is closed during the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Come and share this beautiful resource with your family!"

PVI Dig Pink Rally

Paul VI Catholic High School is hosting our DIG PINK RALLY to benefit Breast Cancer research & awareness on Tues. Oct. 17, 6:00pm. Come cheer on our Girls Volleyball Team at our DIG PINK GAME against Flint Hill School! Fun giveaways and raffles! Show your support by wearing PINK to the game! For more information, please contact: lisajenkins@me.com

PVI Fall Open House

Please join us for our Fall Open House on Sunday, November 5th from 1 – 4

p.m. Presentations at 1:15 and 2:15pm. The first 100 8th graders to pre-register receive a free PVI T-shirt! [More info Here!](#) [Pre-register Here!](#)

Questions? Please email: pviadmission@pvipanther.net. Families with children of all ages are welcome! Please share this invitation with your friends and neighbors!

Important Reminders

Gift of Human Sexuality Series - Rescheduled

Due to scheduling conflicts, both the parent session and student lessons on the topic of the Gift of Human Sexuality have been rescheduled.

The parent meeting that was to have occurred tonight, Wednesday, October 4th, has been cancelled.

Here are the new dates for the parent presentation and classroom lessons for students in grades 6-8.

January 10 - Parent Session (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

February 1 - Student Session #1

February 15 - Student Session #2

February 22 - Student Session #3

March 8 - Student Session (Snow Date)

8th Grade Parents Meeting (Thursday, October 12th)

Mrs. Kessinger and Ms. Bell will host a meeting for all 8th grade parents on Thursday, October 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall. Important information will be shared regarding the high school application process and the special events & activities that are part of the 8th grade experience at All Saints. At least one parent from each 8th grade family is asked to attend this important session.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 4th

- Gift of Human Sexuality Parent Presentation - Cancelled

Monday, October 9th

- Holiday – Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 10th

- PTO Executive Board Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 11th

- Kindergarten Field Trip – Cows N' Corn Farm

Thursday, October 12th

- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- 8th Grade Parent Meeting (FKH/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 13th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, October 14th

- Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Basilica

Monday, October 16th

- Picture Make-Up Day

Tuesday, October 17th

- Sacraments Meeting for Parents (Option 1) – For parents of students in 2nd year of preparation to receive First Communion or Confirmation (Gym/5:30 p.m.)
- PTO General Assembly Meeting – Presentation on Cyber Safety (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 18th

- Sacraments Meeting for Parents (Option 2) – For parents of students in 2nd year of preparation to receive First Communion or Confirmation (PAC/6:30 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 19th

- Paul VI High School Presentation to 8th Grade Students and Meeting with Parents (8:15 a.m.)
- 3rd Grade Field Trip – Colvin Run Mill
- Earthquake Drill
- 1st Grade Activity Day

Friday, October 20th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
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Links

- [Peace and Justice Club Flyer](#)
- [60th Anniversary T-Shirt Order Form](#)
- [St. John Paul the Great Upcoming Events](#)