

The Sentinel

October 18, 2017

Principal's Message

During this time when we celebrate our sixty year legacy, it is fitting that we recognize that the success of All Saints would not be possible without the commitment of parents who have sacrificed to provide their children with the gift of a Catholic education. Additionally, they have provided strong and steady support through their generous sharing of time and talents.

The long-standing mission of the PTO has been the primary vehicle through which the energy and enthusiasm of the parent community has been organized and directed toward two goals: fundraising and community-building. Our school and community are the richer thanks to the dedication of many over the course of so many years.

One of the signature fundraising events for the past several decades has been the annual auction. Originally a harvest-themed gathering in the gym, it grew into a major, upscale event that was held at a variety of locations in northern Virginia before more recently returning to the Parish Activities Center. Through the years it has evolved and changed in accordance with the interests of the community, evolving from a grass-roots effort to a black-tie style event and finally the more recent approach of a casino night. At each moment in time, the auction has provided an opportunity for our community to gather in celebration of our school and to generate additional funds in support of our mission.

The time has come for yet another change to this long-standing tradition. Mindful of the tremendous investment required by our PTO volunteers to host this annual event and having observed the long-term trends of this fundraising initiative, I believe that this is the moment for us to reassess our approach.

With the Executive Board of the PTO I have introduced into the dialogue the question of what might be the next chapter for our major fundraising programs. For now, we know that we will not be hosting an auction event this school year. It remains a possibility that it may return in the future, maybe as a bi-annual event – or perhaps there is something entirely new for us on the horizon.

If you have prior experience with major fundraisers at other schools or innovative ideas to share, I encourage you to contact Mrs. Carol Rice, the President of the PTO. We welcome your input and brainstorming as we look to the future of fundraising at All Saints.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the PTO, past and present, for their extraordinary commitment that resulted in many wonderful events for our community. Each of the auctions - with the funds generated and the sense of community fostered – are part of our cherished history at All Saints, a legacy of which we are proud and for which we are grateful.

Uniform Closet

This is a reminder that the students change over from spring and summer uniforms to winter uniforms on November 1st. That being said, if you are in need or looking for something from the Uniform Closet please have your request in by Monday, October 23rd. Please either fill out the request form and email it to uniformexchange@allsaintsva.org or drop the form off at the main office by Monday, October 23rd. The link for the uniform request form is included at the bottom of the Sentinel. The 23rd will be a request processing day only (the new Uniform Closet Guidelines are also linked below).

Important Reminders

Uniform Transition

The transition to the winter uniform will take place on Wednesday, November 1st. With cooler temperatures now arriving, students in the middle school may wear their sweatshirts and those in K-5 may wear their school sweater with the uniform.

Veterans Day 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 9th at 8:30 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be a ceremony in the Parish Activity Center and a reception for our honored guests in Father Kelley

Hall.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 18th

- Sacraments Meeting for Parents – Spanish Presentation (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 (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.)

Sunday, October 22nd

- Sacraments Meeting for Parents (Option 3) – For parents of students in 2nd year of preparation to receive First Communion or Confirmation (PAC/11:00 a.m.) & (Option 4) presented in Spanish (Gym/5:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 24th

- 1st Grade Field Trip to the National Zoo

Wednesday, October 25th

- Adoration & Benediction (Church/2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, October 26th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- End of 1st Quarter
- Noon Dismissal – Teacher Work Day (Report Card Prep)
- Middle School Night (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 27th

- Holiday - Diocesan Professional Development Day

Tuesday, October 31st

- 2nd Grade Pumpkin Day (PAC/10:00 a.m. – Noon)
- Penny Bazaar (Playground/1:30 p.m.)

Links

- [Uniform Closet Request Form](#)
- [Uniform Closet Guidelines](#)