

The Sentinel

September 13, 2017

Principal's Message

Thank you to those parents who participated in the recent survey regarding preferences for exiting the front parking lot during afternoon dismissal. We have compiled the data and are now completing an analysis of how we might assign families to bays 1-3 based upon this information, all in the interest of creating an even more efficient process. Look for an update and additional details on this in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, so as to maintain the flow of traffic on the streets surrounding the parish property, parents are reminded to make *only right turns* when entering and exiting during arrival and dismissal. Parents are also asked to be particularly mindful of other drivers on Stonewall Road, ensuring that the flow of traffic is able to continue unimpeded. If a line forms at the entrance to All Saints, be sure that sufficient space exists for other cars to pass. This will help us to maintain positive public relations with community members and local businesses.

I am pleased to share with you the news that Mrs. Cecilia Reardon has accepted the position of Director of Extended Day and will begin employment during the final week of September. Mrs. Reardon is a National Board Certified teacher with more than two decades of classroom experience. Following her career in education, Mrs. Reardon worked in the hospitality industry, managing two restaurants. With experience both in education and the business world, she brings a wonderful skill set to her position as Director. Welcome, Mrs. Reardon!

I wish to thank Mrs. Horgan for providing leadership and oversight of the program during the first month of the year and Mrs. Reyes, who has served as the Program Leader. Through their collaboration and commitment, we have been able to continue to provide wonderful before and after school care for students in our program.

School Messenger Emergency Notification ~ Results of Test

Last week's test of the *SchoolMessenger* notification system was a success. In the

event that you did not receive messages via phone, text or email, please contact the school office so that we may update your contact information accordingly.

Operation Helping Hands

Please join us on **Thursday September 14th** after morning drop-off as we gather in the PAC to assist our wonderful teachers and staff in project preparation (cutting out, tearing perforated papers, etc.) for their classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn some shares early in the year. You do NOT need to be Virtus certified and are welcome to bring younger children. Although if bringing children, we ask that you not bring crayons or markers. Visit <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea4771ed> to sign-up!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Middle School Back to School Night – Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Thursday, September 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to report directly to their son or daughter's homeroom classroom for the opening session.

Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers & VIRTUS Requirements

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers with children are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days of commencing service. To register for an upcoming training, please visit www.virtus.org.

All parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training.

As we begin a new year, in accordance with diocesan policy, only those parents who have completed the criminal background check are eligible to volunteer in the school. Those who have not yet completed the background check process may request a packet of forms from the front office.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 14th

- Confessions – 4B (9:15 a.m.)
- PTO Helping Hands Project (PAC/8:00 a.m.)

- Middle School Night (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 15th

- School Mass – Our Lady of Sorrows (8:30 a.m.)
- Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Monday, September 18th

- Confessions – 5A (9:15 a.m.) & 5B (9:45 a.m.)
- SCA Installation of Officers & Representatives (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, September 19th

- Band Lessons Begin
- Confessions – 6A (9:15 a.m.)

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 P.E. Uniforms)
- Noon Dismissal – 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.)

Newsletter Links:

- [Uniform Closet Request Form](#)