

The Sentinel

November 15, 2017

Principal's Message

Plans for the upcoming school year at All Saints are already underway! Applications for new students for academic year 2018-2019 will be available beginning tomorrow to coincide with our first Open House of the season.

Pre-Kindergarten:

*In an effort to respond to the changing needs of the families in our community, I am pleased to share with you the news that All Saints will offer **two full day Pre-Kindergarten** classes that will meet five days per week beginning in the fall of 2018.*

As we refine the program to meet the needs of as many families as possible, we welcome your feedback regarding interest in a half day class as well as the availability of Extended Day services for the Pre-Kindergarten Program. If sufficient demand exists for these programs, we will further explore the feasibility of offering these additional options.

If you have a Pre-Kindergarten student for the 2018-2019 school year, please click the link below to request an application and provide additional input. In advance, we thank you for your prompt feedback as we strive to respond to the changing needs of our community.

LINK TO PRE-K FORM: [2018-2019 Pre-K Application Request & Pre-K Program Input](#)

Siblings of Current School Families for Grades K-8:

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Kindergarten through eight are invited to request an application via email at the following address: office@allsaintsva.org.

As requests are received, applications will be sent home to families with the youngest child currently enrolled in our school.

Completed applications returned to the office on or before Friday, February 23rd will receive first consideration for any openings for the 2018-2019 academic year. As in the past, re-registration of *currently enrolled students* will take place in February. Should you have any questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, Administrative Assistant, at [703-393-1490](tel:703-393-1490).

Big changes are headed to the cafeteria! Beginning on Monday, November 13th, students experienced a refinement of the policies, procedures, and even the look of the cafeteria.

Tables are now arranged in lengthwise rows, allowing students to sit closer to their peers. The new arrangement in the dining space has proven to be a very positive change that is creating great excitement among the classes. Also adding to the enthusiasm, students in grades 3-8 are now allowed to sit with peers from the other class.

Another major change to the cafeteria policy is that students are now being asked to clean their own space. Brooms, dustpans, and sponges have been provided to students for end of lunch period clean-up. We are working to achieve a positive tone in the cafeteria and encouraging personal responsibility for one's own space. We are confident that fostering a commitment to stewardship for the cafeteria environment will help to achieve these goals.

Mrs. Horgan previewed all of the changes with the students last week. Students helped to brainstorm the reasons for the rules in the cafeteria, which are now posted for reference. With an emphasis on safety, respect, and responsibility, we believe that these changes will result in a more pleasant lunchroom experience for our students.

I wish to thank Mrs. Horgan for implementing these program changes and for the leadership that she is providing in the cafeteria. During her first few months in our school, she has demonstrated a great commitment to the formation and success of our students.

Should you have any questions, feedback or concerns regarding the changes in the cafeteria, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Horgan.

Tuition Assistance Applications for 2018-2019

For information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please click on the link below.

[Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program 2018-2019](#)

Please note that the deadline for applications for elementary schools is March 16, 2018. The deadline for families with a student enrolled in Catholic high school is January 22, 2018.

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Monday, November 20th

Parents are asked to arrive and sign in at the front office fifteen minutes prior to their child's assigned lunch time. After signing in, parents are asked to report directly to their child's classroom. The homeroom teacher will provide guidance as to when families should begin to report to the cafeteria for the luncheon.

The schedule for the Thanksgiving Luncheon is as follows:

11:00-11:40.....Grades 6-8 & Full Day Pre-K
11:40-12:20.....Grades 4-5
12:20-1:00.....Grades 2-3
1:00-1:40.....Grades K-1

(Note: Parents attending back-to-back lunch sessions need not wait in line multiple times. Rather, after enjoying lunch with their first child, they may remain seated in the cafeteria where they can watch for their son/daughter in the food service line. Once the child has arrived at the front of the line and has been served, the parent is asked to meet the child there and lead him/her back to the table.)

So that the kitchen staff may begin planning for the event, please be sure to return your order form no later than tomorrow, Thursday, November 16th. We do hope that you will join us for this Thanksgiving tradition!

Thanksgiving Prayer Service & Fresh Food Drive

The annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday, November 21st at 9:30 am. Through a partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, members of the National Junior Honor Society will once again be collecting fresh food to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as follows.

Pre-Kindergarten ---1 package of tortillas
Kindergarten ----- 1 pound bag of fresh carrots
Grade 1 ----- 1 acorn squash or butternut squash
Grade 2 ----- 5-pound bag of fresh white potatoes
Grade 3 ----- 5-pound bag of fresh sweet potatoes
Grade 4 ----- 1 canned ham
Grade 5 ----- 1 bag of apples and oranges
Grade 6 ----- 1 bag of onions
Grade 7 ----- 2 boxes of stuffing (Stovetop)
Grade 8 ----- 2 boxes of cake mix with icing, pie crust with filling, or cookie mix

New this year, we are asking that any family who would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, to drop them off at the front office during morning arrival on Tuesday.

Through the generosity of our school community, many families will enjoy a beautiful meal on Thanksgiving Day.

PTO Teacher Conference Day Luncheons – Thank You!

Thank you to the many parents who provided donations in support of last week's Teacher Conference Luncheons. The teachers & staff enjoyed the delicious food and appreciated the thoughtfulness of the parents who so generously contributed. Thank you, Mrs. Thompson, for all you did to organize and coordinate both luncheons.

Evening with St. Nicholas - December 5th (7:00 p.m.)

The 9th Annual ***Evening with St. Nicholas*** will take place on Tuesday, December 5th.

Please join us for what has become a beautiful tradition at All Saints. The evening will begin with an Advent Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The "Procession of the Shoes" will again be led by St. Nicholas himself! St. Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos (bring your own camera) afterwards in the

Parish Activities Center.

Once again, we will be collecting donations of new shoes, with the proceeds benefitting **House of Mercy**. Donation guidelines are: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes, please.**

Have a question about volunteering or donations? Contact event co-chair Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at Sarah.Roccograndi@gmail.com.

Important Reminders

Open House for 2017-2018 School Year – Tomorrow @ 9:00 a.m.

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, November 16th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Father Kelley Hall. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation and introduction at 9:00 a.m., tours of the facility will be provided. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, administrative assistant, at [\(703\) 393-1490](tel:7033931490).

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 16th

- Spirit Week – Buddy Day
- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- Cyber Safety Presentation for Middle School (1:30 p.m.)
- 1st Grade Reading Celebration
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 17th

- School Mass – St. Elizabeth of Hungary (8:30 a.m.)
- Spirit Week – Teacher Switcheroo (2:00 p.m.)

Monday, November 20th

- 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Show (PAC/9:30 a.m.)
- Thanksgiving Luncheon
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- Final Day of Book Fair

Tuesday, November 21st

- Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 22nd

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Newsletter Links

- [THANKGIVING LUNCHEON 2017 Memo & Order Form](#)
- [DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018-2019](#) - Program Information
- [FACTS Financial Aid Application Link](#)
- [Uniform Closet Request Form](#)
- [Uniform Closet Guidelines](#)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)