

The Sentinel

November 21, 2017

Principal's Message

Once again, the Cafeteria Staff did a terrific job of feeding more than 800 students, parents and staff who joined us for the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon yesterday. I want to thank them for their dedication and expertise in coordinating such a large undertaking for our community. Beginning at around 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning, they worked through the day to prepare the more than thirty turkeys and accompanying side dishes. I want to extend a special word of thanks to Mrs. Wendy Matner (Director of Cafeteria Services), Mrs. Liz Werling (Assistant), Mrs. Wilma Marsengill (Cafeteria Bookkeeper) and Mrs. Robin Speicher (Assistant).

I also want to extend a word of appreciation to the members of our maintenance team who worked diligently behind the scenes in support of the event. Without their commitment, the event would not have been the success that it was. Thank you, Mr. Bill Andre (Director of Facilities), Mr. Alex Paul, Mrs. Myra Hayde, Mr. Javier Enriquez and Mr. Paul Sledz.

I wish to also thank the many volunteers who generously donated their time and talent in support of the luncheon. The introduction of a second serving line this year required nearly twice as many volunteers in the kitchen and we are grateful for the wonderful support of parents who stepped forward to assist.

One of the highlights of the luncheon is the fact that our parish priests help with the serving of food. We thank them for their continued care and commitment to the school as so clearly evidenced by their support and involvement.

Thanks to the very generous response of families in our community, our school received \$1,400.00 to benefit the St. Lucy Project as part of *Catholic Schools Care about Catholic Charities Week*. Thank you for your continued kindness and support of this important ministry that benefits the poor in our region.

As we pause from our daily labors to join family and friends and to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, please know of my gratitude for your continued support of

our school and its mission of providing an education of faith and academic excellence.

Thank you for choosing our school for your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

Bethany Food Pantry Initiative

In partnership with the All Saints Catholic Church Bethany Food Pantry, our school will begin a new initiative to provide food donations for those in our community who are served by the pantry. This initiative will replace the prior year grade level monthly donations and will move to a school wide effort. Each month, on one particular day, we will collect “themed-based” items.

For example, for the end of the month of November, our theme is “*Breakfast Time*” and students will be invited to bring in breakfast items (cold cereal, hot cereal, pancake mix, syrup, shelf milk, juice, canned fruit, etc.). Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival, and students from the National Junior Honor Society will then deliver items to the food pantry.

The November Breakfast Time Collection will occur on Thursday, November 30th between 7:40 am and 8:00 am. We hope that you will consider donating a themed item to help those in our community who are less fortunate.

Veterans’ Day Breakfast - Thank You!

This week we wish to acknowledge the very generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Cole who again this year coordinated the reception for our Veterans and honored guests following the ceremony on November 9th. From start to finish, they facilitated all of the catering details, including the smoking of assorted meats for twelve hours one day prior. The hospitality and delicious food were appreciated by all who attended.

Manassas Christmas Parade – December 2nd

Once again All Saints Catholic School will participate in the Annual Manassas Christmas Parade! For more details about the event, including a permission slip for participation, please see the link that follows below. Parents are asked to forward permission slips to the office by Thursday, November 30th.

[Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2017](#)

Important Reminders

Applications for New Students (2018-2019)

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-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).

Pre-Kindergarten Program – Two Full Day Classes (2018-2019)

Beginning in the fall of 2018, All Saints will offer two full day Pre-Kindergarten classes that will meet five days per week. 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](#)

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.

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 22nd

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 23rd

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 24th

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 27th

- Pre-Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 29th

- Pre-Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, November 30th

- “Breakfast Time” Food Pantry Donation Day
- 8th Grade High School Placement Test
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 1st

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

Saturday, December 2nd

- Manassas Christmas Parade

Newsletter Links

- [Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2017](#)
- [DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018-2019](#) - Program Information
- [FACTS Financial Aid Application Link](#)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)