

The Sentinel

December 6, 2017

Principal's Message

On Saturday morning about a dozen students participated in our school float as part of the Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade. Dressed in costumes borrowed from our 6th grade theater arts program, the children presented a living nativity scene, winning first place in the sponsored division. I want to thank Mrs. Pereira for coordinating the design of the float and the many details that led to such success. It was a great joy to see our students proudly riding the float and providing such an enthusiastic witness to the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Savior.

Last night students and parents gathered for our tradition of the Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service which was followed by a reception in the Parish Activities Center. Through music, readings and prayer, the children had an opportunity to learn more about the life and legacy of St. Nicholas, culminating in their presentation of 75 pairs of shoes at the foot of the altar. All of the shoes collected during the event have been donated to House of Mercy to benefit the needy in our local community. For those who were unable to attend but would like to donate shoes, they may be placed in the collection box in front of the school office through Friday.

Thank you Mrs. Roccograndi, for once again organizing this meaningful event for our community. I also wish to thank the members of the Schola who led the music under the direction of Miss McPhilamy; Vincent Olivera for providing beautiful background piano music for the reception; Mrs. Cole for transporting the donations to House of Mercy; and the volunteer parents who assisted with the many details surrounding the reception. It was a wonderful event, both festive and prayerful, that captured the spirit of Advent.

On Tuesday we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Immediately following the liturgy, the students will gather around the Statue of Mary in the courtyard where they will learn more about the feast day and pray one Decade of the Rosary. *Students are cordially invited to bring single roses to school on Tuesday to be presented to Our Lady by class representatives.* After the ceremony, the students will process to the Parish Activities

Center where they will enjoy authentic Mexican treats and the music of the parish Spanish Choir. We look forward to this joyful celebration of Our Lady and hope that many of you will be able to join us for the occasion.

A Prayer for Advent – Week II

God of power and mercy,
Open our hearts in welcome.
Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy,
So that we may share His wisdom
And become one with Him
When He comes in glory,
For He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

All Saints Christmas Pageant

The students of Grades K, 1, 4, 5, and 6 will participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, The Living Crèche. Over the last several weeks, the students have been preparing songs in music class to help portray this beautiful story. Please note the following information:

Date: Monday, December 18, 2017

Time: 7:00PM

(Grade K, 1, 4, 5 students report to school by 6:30PM. Grade 6 reports to 6th grade rooms by 6:25PM.)

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

Students in Grades K, 1, 4, and 5 are asked to wear their school uniforms. Some students in Grade 6 will be in costume.

Open House for 2017-2018 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, January 10th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish 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).

Important Reminders

Academic Year 2018-2019 – 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:7033931490).

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 following link: [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.

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 8th

- School Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8:30 a.m.)
- 2nd Quarter Interims

Tuesday, December 12th

- School Mass – Our Lady of Guadalupe (10:00 a.m.)
- PTO Executive Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 14th

- 2nd Grade Christmas around the World (PAC/9:30 a.m. – Noon)
- Children's Holy Hour with Fr. Noah (4:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Monday, December 18th

- Pre-Kindergarten Pageant & Reception (10:00 a.m.)
- Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten prior to Christmas
- Christmas Pageant (7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 19th

- SCA Sponsored Christmas Dress Down Day
- Parish Advent Penance Service & Confessions (6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 20th

- Bethany Food Pantry Collection – Desserts
- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Classroom Christmas Parties (10:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal

Thursday, December 21st

- Christmas Holiday Begins

Newsletter Links

- [All Saints Concert Series - Advent Lessons and Carols 12/16/2017](#)
- [Peace & Justice Mitten Collection Flyer](#)
- [DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018-2019](#) - Information
- [FACTS Financial Aid Application Link](#)
- [Helpcounter Volunteer Log-In](#) (Sign-Up for Stewardship Opportunities)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)