

The Sentinel

December 13, 2017

Principal's Message

Yesterday our community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Following the school Mass at 10:00 a.m., the students placed roses at the feet of the statue of Our Lady in the courtyard and recited a Decade of the Rosary in Spanish and English led by Fr. Juan and Fr. Noah. With the joyful singing of the parish Guadalupe Choir and delicious Mexican doughnuts for everyone to enjoy, it was a festive celebration of our faith and cultural heritage. I wish to extend a special word of thanks to the Spanish Choir who shared their musical gifts and to the Ventura Family for so generously donating the treats for our students and staff. I also want to thank Fr. Mauricio for his assistance in planning the celebration and Miss McPhilamy for coordinating a program of bi-lingual music during the liturgy.

Today I wish to provide an update regarding the recent challenges with our computer network and Internet connectivity. To date, our Internet provider has completed exterior repairs and replacement of equipment. Additionally, our IT team has partnered closely with the vendors responsible for our Wi-Fi hardware and firewall device. In short, many measures have been implemented, but we are unfortunately continuing to experience challenges with connectivity. Although the faculty and students are able to access the Internet, the connection is at times sporadic and download speeds are sluggish.

In recognition that this situation continues to impact student access to Accelerated Reader, the teachers in grades 2-5 have determined that students will not receive grades for completion of AR tests during the second quarter.

Our IT support team continues to troubleshoot the issues and are now consulting with another firm that began a high level analysis of our infrastructure last week. I am continuing to receive daily reports on the analysis of our network and the strategies being implemented. As this matter is resolved or additional impacts are anticipated, I will keep you apprised. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through this challenge.

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

Due to the fact that Religious Education classes will be in session on Monday evening, students are asked to report to the following classrooms by 6:30 p.m. Sixth grade students are asked to report by 6:25 p.m.

Kindergarten – Kindergarten classrooms located on the first floor of the new wing

1st Grade – 1st Grade Classrooms

4th Grade – Rooms 213 (7th Grade) & 214 (Art) on the second floor

5th Grade – Rooms 221 (8th Grade) & 222 (8th Grade) on the second floor

6th Grade – Rooms 203 (Science Lab) & 230 (Spanish) on the second floor

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

Running with the Saints 5K

Start training now for our 6th Annual Running with the Saints 5K on March 24, 2018. Registration will begin in January 2018. We have many volunteering opportunities, please contact Joan Coleman at jcoleman02@comcast.net or search Help Counter.

Running with the Saints 5K Poster Contest - CALLING ALL STUDENTS

Support our 5K and #MichaelStrong by entering our Poster Contest. The Winning Poster will be used in our Advertising materials. Top 3 posters will receive a gift card. Michael Munsell will choose the winning posters! See flier for more information or contact Joan Coleman at jcoleman02@comcast.net

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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).

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

Thursday, December 14th

- 2nd Grade Christmas around the World (PAC/9:30 a.m. – Noon)
- 1st Grade Activity Day
- Children's Holy Hour with Fr. Noah (4:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 15th

- Tornado Drill

Monday, December 18th

- Pre-Kindergarten Pageant & Reception (10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten prior to Christmas

- Christmas Pageant (Dress Rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. & Evening Presentation at 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

- [Running with the Saints 5K Poster Contest](#)
- [All Saints Concert Series - Advent Lessons and Carols 12/16/2017](#)
- [Peace & Justice Mitten Collection Flyer](#)
- [DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018-2019](#) - Program Information
- [FACTS Financial Aid Application Link](#)
- [Helpcounter Volunteer Log-In](#) (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)