

The Sentinel

January 3, 2018

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed the Christmas holiday and the many opportunities to celebrate the season.

The second round of Scantron Testing will begin on Monday and extend through the next three weeks. The format will be identical to that of the first round, i.e. approximately one hour assessments in math, reading and language arts completed by students in grades 3-7.

Significant progress has been made regarding our computer network and the stability of our Internet connections over the course of the past several weeks. Nevertheless, to ensure an optimum testing environment for our students, we will be administering the Scantron assessment in the computer lab and library media center where many of the devices are hardwired and there is less dependency on our wireless network. In the days ahead, we will finalize the testing schedule and I'll forward a copy to you so that you can be aware of the days and times when your children will be completing the assessment.

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of January: Fidelity

Definition: Being faithful to promises and commitments.

Saints: St. Cecilia (PK-2), Blessed Luigi & Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi (3-5), St. Gianna Molla (6-8)

The Gift of Human Sexuality Program – Parent Meeting (January 10 @ 7:00 p.m.)

All Saints Catholic School has implemented a middle school family life curriculum that supports our goal of educating the whole child. The program is coordinated by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, Mr. Kevin Bohli, and is tailored to the specific needs of each school community. The program consists of a parent presentation during which Mr. Bohli provides an outline of his presentations as well as resources for parents. Following this presentation, he and an associate, Ms. Carmen Briceno, will meet with the students for three one hour lessons designed to provide the children with an understanding of the Church's teachings on the topic of human sexuality.

One of the advantages of this program is the involvement of outside professionals. In addition to their expertise and experience, Mr. Bohli and Ms. Briceno are unfamiliar to the students, which may put the students at greater ease in asking questions and discussing this topic. A second advantage of this program is that it is designed to take place in a single-sex setting; Mr. Bohli will address the boys and Ms. Briceno will speak with the girls. Finally, in accordance with diocesan policy, this program is designed as

an opt-in opportunity for parents and students. Accommodations will be made for those children whose parents prefer that they not participate in the program.

Parents of middle school students are invited to a presentation to be held on Wednesday, January 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. (Note: This is the meeting that was originally to have occurred in October but was rescheduled due to calendar conflicts.)

As this is such a very important topic related to the development of your child, we ask that at least one parent from each family new to the middle school be present at the meeting. Should you have any questions about this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Uniform Closet

Please be sure to have all Uniform Closet items you would like to receive credit for turned into the office before January 8, 2018. Please be sure to include your contact information to receive proper credit. Donations for credit will be picked up and processed on January 9, 2018. Following the donation credits all requests must be turned in before January 22nd in order to be processed during the week of January 22, 2018. All request forms must be emailed to uniformexchange@allsaintsva.org or dropped off at the school office. See attached document for the guidelines and request form. Please note that the Uniform Closet Guideline includes the donation processing and uniform request dates for the rest of the year.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Registration Schedule for 2018-2019

Current families who wish to enroll a new student in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the 2018-2019 academic year are invited to request an application via email at the following address: office@allsaintsva.org. Applications will be sent home to families with the youngest child currently enrolled in our school.

Re-registration forms for current students will be sent home to families early in February.

Open House for 2018-2019 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](#)

Due dates for submission of applications and supporting documentation are as follows:
High Schools January 22, 2018
Elementary School March 16, 2017

NOTE: All families with children enrolled in both high school and elementary school will need to submit an application by the January high school deadline.

All applications and supporting documentation must be received by FACTS by the deadlines listed above to be considered. Only complete applications will be considered. Late applications will be processed as they arrive and as funds allow.

Families interested in applying for Tuition Assistance for the Pre-Kindergarten program are also invited to complete the FACTS process. Although pre-kindergarten students are not eligible for financial assistance through the diocese, the analysis provided by FACTS will guide the process for determining disbursements from funding through our school and parish.

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 5th

- School Mass – St. John Neumann (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 8th

- Scantron Testing (2nd Round) – Begins

Tuesday, January 9th

- PTO Executive Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 10th

Open House (9:00 a.m.)

- Gift of Human Sexuality Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, January 11th

- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 12th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Application Deadline for Catholic High Schools

Monday, January 15th

- **Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Tuesday, January 16th

- **Professional Development Day (Faculty/Staff Day of Recollection) – No School**

Friday, January 19th

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

Newsletter Links

- [Uniform Closet Request Form](#)
- [UNIFORM CLOSET GUIDELINE-Updated Jan. 2018](#)
- [Running with the Saints 5K Poster Contest](#)
- [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](#)