# **The Sentinel**

January 24, 2018

## Principal's Message

Next week we will participate in the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, an annual opportunity to highlight our heritage and distinct mission. The theme for this year is *Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.* 

The schedule for our week-long celebration is as follows:

## Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Celebrate our Parish

 Students are encouraged to wear their school uniforms to the weekend Masses
Mr. Conroy will be joined by Kindergarten students for a brief presentation following the 5:30 p.m. (Saturday) Mass and the 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (Sunday) Masses.

## Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Celebrate Our Community

- Fundraiser to benefit the newly opened Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic in Manassas – Bring a donation and get to dress down!
- National Junior Honor Society monthly food collection to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry. The theme for this month is "Hot Soup for a Cold Day". Students are invited to donate soup items (dry bean soup mix, canned stew and chili, hearty soups, biscuit/bread mix). Items should be able to maintain a shelf life and not require refrigeration. Collection of these items will take place in the breezeway during morning arrival.

## Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Celebrate Our Students

 Lunchtime Celebration - Doughnut Hole Treats & Saint-Themed Guessing Jars Game
No Homowork Night

## $_{\circ}$ No Homework Night

#### Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Celebrate Our Parents

• Morning Surprise for Parents during Arrival!

 Catholic Cup Competition (PAC/8:15 a.m.). We are excited to welcome our Superintendent, Dr. Bigelow, who will serve as a judge for this special event!

## Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Celebrate Our Priests and Vocations

- Spiritual Bouquets comprised of Random Acts of Kindness completed in honor of our priests
- Prayer for Vocations during Morning Prayer

### Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Celebrate Faculty and Staff

- ∘ School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- oCoffee & Breakfast Cart for Faculty/Staff, sponsored by NJHS
- Noon Dismissal
- Faculty & Staff Luncheon, hosted by the PTO

Throughout the week, students are invited to participate in an essay and poster contest highlighting the new theme. For additional details about this contest, please click on the following link.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KChouQb51sdEsZv9RbfMec\_XHEL1d2zQ4aadM n\_gq6c/edit?usp=sharing

#### Arlington Diocese Honor Band

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th Grade All Saints Band students who have been invited to participate in the 2018 Arlington Diocese Honor Band. These students will meet with 100 additional students from around the diocese on Monday evenings from February through the end of April. A final Honor Band concert will take place at Bishop Ireton High School in May.

#### Those selected for the 7th/8th grade group:

Christina Santiago (8<sup>th</sup>) - clarinet Anthony Olivera (7<sup>th</sup>) - alto sax Kevin Balagtas (7<sup>th</sup>) - trumpet Ian King (7<sup>th</sup>) - trombone Machiko Mubanga (7<sup>th</sup>) - trombone Krysta Drone (7<sup>th</sup>) - tuba Alyssa Newman (8<sup>th</sup>) - bass clarinet

#### Those selected for the 5th/6th grade group:

Matthew Kreitzer (6<sup>th</sup>) - drums Camden Short (5<sup>th</sup>) - trumpet Nhu-y Nguyen (6<sup>th</sup>) - bass clarinet Taylor Henman (6<sup>th</sup>) - bass clarinet

#### Winter Cabaret

All parishioners and friends are invited to the WINTER CABARET next weekend, February 2nd & 3rd in the Parish Activity Center. Featuring Musical Theatre Song & Dance plus Fools Comedy Improv and a One Act Play called The Robe of the Galilean, the evening is suitable for all ages as the audience reclines at tables with the opportunity to be served food by our performing waiters. This night serves as a fundraiser for Youth Ministry.

#### From the Spirit Event Committee:

Happy New Year All Saints Family! We have our Chick-fil-A Spirit Event scheduled for Friday, January 26th from 6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. There is a noondismissal, so drop in for breakfast, lunch, snack, or dinner. Remember that we only early credit for sales at the Liberia Avenue restaurant. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Catholic Schools Week Luncheon – Donations & Volunteer Opportunities**

The Catholic Schools Week Luncheon is less than two weeks away and we need to help to make this event successful. Are you in need of shares but do not have VIRTUS Certification? We are still in need of volunteers to help set up and serve. VIRTUS certification is not required. Let's show our faculty and staff just how much we appreciate all their hard work. If you would like to donate a dessert please drop it off at the school office the morning of the event February 2nd. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at 703-489-0598 Sarah Roccograndi.

Click on this link to log in to see volunteering opportunities: <u>https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e992571f</u>

If clicking does not work, copy and paste into a browser

## VIRTUS Training

All parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training. Background paperwork is available at the school office.

All Saints will be hosting a live VIRTUS training session on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. in Fr. Kelley Hall. If you wish to attend, it is recommended that you register online at <u>www.virtus.org</u> as soon as possible so that you can reserve your spot. Background check paperwork is available at the school office.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

## Tuition Assistance Applications for 2018-2019

For information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please click on the following link: <u>Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program 2018-2019</u>

The deadline for submission of applications and supporting documentation for elementary school families is <u>March 16, 2018</u>.

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**

Thursday, January 25th

- Science Fair (Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.)
- Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, January 26th

- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- National Geography Bee (PAC/10:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal Teacher Work Day (Report Card Prep)
- Spirit Event: Chick-fil-A (Liberia Avenue/6:30 a.m. 9:30 p.m.)
- PTO Family Night Event Bingo in the PAC (5:00 p.m.)

### Saturday, January 27th

- First Reconciliation (10:00 a.m.)
- Sunday, January 28th
  - Catholic Schools Week (See Schedule Above)

#### Monday, January 29th

• Dress Down Day (Donations to benefit the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic)

Tuesday, January 30th

• Picture Day – Teams, Clubs & Candids

#### Wednesday, January 31st

• Catholic Cup Competition (PAC/8:15 a.m.)

## Thursday, February 1st

- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Spirit Event: Skate 'N Fun Zone (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
- Open House Evening Event (Art Room/7:00 p.m.)

## Friday, February 2nd

• School Mass – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (8:30 a.m.)

- Middle School Demerit Free Breakfast (9:30 a.m.)
- Race for Education Kick-Off Assembly (11:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal Faculty/Staff Catholic Schools Week Luncheon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards sent Home

#### Saturday, February 3rd

Robotics Team Vex IQ Competition

### Newsletter Links

- January 2018 Chick-Fil-A Flyer
- Bingo Flyer 2018
- <u>HelpCounter Volunteer Log-In</u> (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities including Bingo Night and Running with the Saints 5K)
- 5K Running with the Saints 2018-Flier and Registration
- Uniform Closet Request Form
- UNIFORM CLOSET GUIDELINE-Updated Jan. 2018
- DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2018-2019 Program Information
- FACTS Financial Aid Application Link
- PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE Sign-Up