

The Sentinel

2/8/2018

Principal's Message

On Monday, February 12th, the Student Council Association will sponsor a Valentine's Dress Down Day entitled "Jeans for Genes" to benefit "Great Strides", a national fundraising organization that supports those fighting Cystic Fibrosis. This is a cause that has particular meaning for our community as we currently enroll a student, Jack Nelson (Kindergarten), who has this diagnosis. In supporting this student-led effort, our school will be providing funding that will help to alleviate the emotional and financial stress faced by families across our nation who are battling this illness.

In an effort to help our students understand more about Cystic Fibrosis, the teachers will be hosting classroom presentations on Thursday and Friday of this week in preparation for the dress down day.

If you and your family would like to learn more about Great Strides, specifically Jack's Attack Pack, or register for a regional 5K taking place in September, please see the following link for more details.

http://fightcf.cff.org/site/TR/GreatStrides/78_Metro_DC_Washington_DC?team_id=70331&pg=team&fr_id=6600

In advance, thank you for your support of this effort and prayers offered for Jack and the entire Nelson Family.

Thank you for your generous support of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. The Faculty/Staff Luncheon on Friday afternoon was delightful. I wish to thank Mrs. Roccograndi, who coordinated the event, and the many parents who contributed to the effort. It was a wonderful ending to a week that truly highlighted our mission as a Catholic school.

The outpouring of support for the Mother of Mercy Medical Clinic through last week's dress

down day was tremendous! We collected a total of \$1,351.45 to benefit this new ministry of Catholic Charities located here in Manassas. Thank you to the many families who so generously contributed to this outreach.

13th Annual Race for Education

On Friday, February 2nd, All Saints kicked off the *13th Annual Race for Education* with an assembly for the students. All parents and guardians should have received this year's *Race for Education* packet full of important information. If you have not, please ask your child's teacher for one or pick up a packet in the front office. Please make sure your child's *Race for Education* label sheet is returned to the school by Monday, February 12th.

As stated in the packet, potential sponsors may be family members, relatives, close friends & neighbors, as well as your child's doctor, dentist, piano teacher, etc. Please print neatly on the label or print the addresses from your computer and save them for next year's Race. It is important to make sure all the information fits on one label. Thank you to the families who have begun to return their label sheets to the school. Let's make this year's Race a successful one!

Our goal for this year's *Race for Education* is \$50,000 with 10% of proceeds being donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The remaining funds from the *13th Annual Race for Education* will be allocated to PTO initiatives, such as field trip subsidies and classroom funding.

PTO General Assembly Meeting (February 20th) – "How Mindset Can Impact Performance"

Ever wonder how a teacher motivates a student to succeed at difficult tasks? Are you interested in learning strategies for fostering resiliency and perseverance in your child? Plan to attend the next PTO General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, February 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Mr. Conroy will be sharing insights from current research on achievement and the role of a "growth mindset" in learning. Join us and learn about some of the inspiring insights that the faculty have been incorporating in their classrooms.

Catholic Cup Competition

Congratulations to the following students who represented their classes in the Catholic Cup Competition and to Anthony Olivera, our school champion, and Dan Coleman, our runner-up. The event was a wonderful display of the students' knowledge of our Catholic faith.

William Reynolds (4A)
Julianna Algeier (4B)
Savanna Loy (5A)
Nikhil Varma (5B)
Isaac Fleisig (6A)
Josseline Avila de la Trinidad (6B)
Machiko Mubanga (7A)
Anthony Olivera (7B)
Daniel Coleman (8A)
Timothy Mills (8B)

Save the Date

All Saints Catholic Church's summer Vacation Bible School will be June 25-29. Registration will begin in April.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Open House for 2018-2019 School Year – Tomorrow (9:00 a.m.)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* tomorrow beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about the parish school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation by the principal and director of pre-kindergarten, 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](#)

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 8th

- School Mass – St. Josephine Bahkita (8:30 a.m.)
- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- 1st Grade Activity Day

Friday, February 9th

- Spelling Bee (Gym/8:30 a.m.)
- Scantron Test Scores Sent Home
- Deadline: Cafeteria Survey

Monday, February 12th

- Race for Education Mailing Labels Due
- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day – “Jeans for Genes” to benefit Cystic Fibrosis
- Classroom Valentines’ Day Parties (1:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 13th

- 100th Day Celebration
- Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (2:30 p.m.)
- PTO Executive Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 14th

- Ash Wednesday School Mass (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, February 15th

- Gift of Human Sexuality – Presentation I
- 1st Grade Reading Celebration
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, February 16th

- Re-Registration Deadline for 2018-2019

Monday, February 19th

- Holiday – Presidents’ Day

Tuesday, February 20th

- PTO General Assembly Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, February 22nd

- Gift of Human Sexuality – Presentation II
- Title I Parent Workshop
- Stations of the Cross, K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, February 23rd

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

Saturday, February 24th

- VIRTUS Training (FKH/9:00 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [HelpCounter Volunteer Log-In](#) (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities including 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](#)