

The Sentinel

February 14, 2018

Principal's Message

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school community will participate in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Each of the students has received a cardboard rice bowl into which they can place their donations during Lent. All of the funds will benefit CRS Rice Bowl which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

While the act of sacrificial giving is an important part of our Lenten tradition, the experience takes on even greater meaning when our students understand the plight of those less fortunate and recognize the difference that they can make to alleviate suffering. So that the children may develop this appreciation of the needs of those around the world, each week of Lent the teachers will lead discussions and lessons using the materials made available by Catholic Relief Services. It is our hope that these conversations will inspire sacrificial giving among our students as they place their contributions into their Rice Bowls. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to convert the contributions from their children into a check to be submitted to All Saints after which our school will forward all of the funds to CRS.

Here are some strategies that you may wish to consider in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the online *Stories of Hope* and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes for simple meals can be found on the CRS website.

For more information, including spiritual reflections, short video presentations on the topic of Lent, and even virtual Stations of the Cross, please see the link below.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

Wishing you and your families a blessed Lent as we together, in the words of Cardinal Dolan, continue our journey back to God.

This week I also wish to share with you the news that Mrs. Robin Speicher, cafeteria assistant, has resigned from her position, effective next Monday, in order to pursue another employment opportunity. We thank her for her years of dedicated service in the school kitchen and wish her every continued success and blessing.

A Prayer for Lent

God of all people,

You walk with us on our life's journey.

You know our joys and struggles.

You know us better than we know ourselves.

This Lenten season, may we too learn to walk with others.

Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we encounter you in our neighbors in need and live your call to serve our human family.

Amen.

Spelling Bee – School Results

Congratulations to the following students who participated in last week's Spelling Bee and to Anthony Olivera, our school champion, and Anna Downes, runner-up. We wish Anthony every success as he advances to the next level of the Prince William County competition.

Robert Gasser (4A)
Aidan Ragland (4A)
Julianna Algeier (4B)
Thomas Brophy (4B)
Jesus Santos (5A)
Haley Fifield (5A)
Liam Nino (5B)
Noah Mendiola (5B)
Ivana Alakroush (6A)
Camden Short (6A)
Anna Downes (6B)
Tania Garcia (6B)
Anna Baity (7A)
Mary Collins (7A)
Anthony Olivera (7B)
Luke Tessier (7B)
Lizzie Mangilit (8A)
Chloe Davies (8A)
Sabrina Yap (8B)
Michael Short (8B)

From the Spirit Event Committee

Come and join your All Saints family at our annual Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Event on Monday, February 19th. There is no school so come any time between 12-9 p.m. Remember to mention All Saints as we earn 15% of the proceeds. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lost & Found

The Lost & Found has been emptied of all school uniform items. If your child has lost a piece of their school uniform please send an email to uniformexchange@allsaintsva.org before February 17th to see if your item has been collected! All remaining Lost & Found items will be removed and donated on February 19th.

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 – Rescheduled for Friday (9:00 a.m.)

Due to the cancellation of last week's event, our *Open House* will now take place on Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. 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).

Re-Registration Deadline - Friday

Re-registration forms are due in the office on Friday, February 16th. Applications for students *new* to All Saints, including *siblings* who will be eligible by age for Pre-Kindergarten, are also available.

If you are interested in enrolling another child from your family and have not yet requested forms, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio at [703-393-1490](tel:7033931490) or office@allsaintsva.org. Application forms for new students are due by Friday, February 23rd.

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.

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 15th

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

Friday, February 16th

- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- Re-Registration Deadline for 2018-2019

Monday, February 19th

- Holiday – Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20th

- PTO General Assembly Meeting - "How Mindset Can Impact Performance" (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 21st

- Little Medical School – 3rd Grade (Session I)

Thursday, February 22nd

- Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School 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.)

Monday, February 26th

- "Read Across All Saints", sponsored by the Library
- Lenten Penance Service, Grades 6-8 (1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 28th

- Gold Medal Readers Celebration – rescheduled (1:15 p.m.)

- Little Medical School – 3rd Grade

Thursday, March 1st

- Stations of the Cross, Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 2nd

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 3rd Quarter Interim Reports

Newsletter Links

- [Chuck-e-Cheese Spirit Event Flyer 2-19-18](#)
- [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](#)