

The Sentinel

March 22, 2018

Principal's Message

This week I am pleased to share with you an update regarding the design of our Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2018-2019 academic year.

As you are aware, in addition to offering two full day classes, we have also been exploring strategies in support of a half day option for those in our community who prefer this schedule.

After consideration of the space limitations and challenges related to the possibility of opening a new classroom, it has been determined that offering a separate half day class will not be feasible. However, in an effort to meet the needs of those families seeking the half day experience, we will implement a “blended” model in which a small group of students will depart each day at 11:15 a.m. By reserving five spots in each of our full day Pre-Kindergarten classes, we will be able to provide a half day option for all of our current families who have expressed a preference for this schedule and be able to accommodate several new applicants as well.

In light of the significant demand for after school care, we will be offering Extended Day services from 3:00-6:30 p.m. for Pre-Kindergarten students in the full day program. We will be limiting attendance to twenty students which will allow us to accommodate those who through the application process have already confirmed their interest in the program. As there is very small demand for before school care, Extended Day services will not be available for Pre-Kindergarten children prior to the start of the school day.

Further details regarding the Extended Day Program for Pre-Kindergarten students, including the fee structure, will be announced in the weeks ahead.

I wish to thank Mrs. Parriott (Director of Pre-Kindergarten), Ms. Reardon (Director of Extended Day), Mrs. DeVore (Director of Marketing and Development) and Mrs. D'Eugenio (Administrative Assistant) for their assistance in revising our programs to better meet the needs of families in our community.

We look forward to the year ahead and the expansion of our full day Pre-Kindergarten!

CRS Rice Bowl – Important Reminders

As we near the conclusion of Lent, we want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the Rice Bowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office by Wednesday, March 28th. Please be sure to include a reference to “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds received will be totaled and forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Additionally, students who have contributed to the project are asked to bring their rice bowls to school on Thursday, March 29th. They will be invited to place their empty boxes on tables arranged in the shape of a cross as they process into church for our Holy Thursday Prayer Service, a gesture symbolizing their sacrificial giving during the Lenten season.

NJHS Easter Food Collection

In conjunction with the Lenten Rice Bowl initiative, All Saints Catholic School families are invited to participate in a food drive to assist the Bethany Food Pantry in providing an Easter meal for less fortunate families in our community.

Grade levels are invited to donate items as listed below on Thursday morning. The students of the National Junior Honor Society will then package the meals so that they may be distributed by the food pantry staff on Good Friday.

Grade 8	1 Can of Vegetables (Carrots, Corn, Mixed)
Grade 7	1 Can of Fruit
Grade 6	1 Box of Side Dish Potatoes
Grade 5	1 Canned Ham
Grade 4	1 Can of Pie Filling
Grade 3	1 Box of Pie Crust Mix
Grade 2	1 Can of Fruit
Grade 1	1 Can of Vegetables (Carrots, Corn, Mixed)

Kindergarten	1 Can of Sweet Potatoes
Pre-K	2 Boxes of Biscuit or Corn Muffin Mix

Cafeteria Menu Updates

Due to the inclement weather and school closures, the cafeteria menu has been updated.

Friday	Fish Sticks, Mixed Vegetables, Chilled Pears
Monday	Meat & Cheese Nachos, Seasoned Corn, Cornbread, Apple Slices
Tuesday	Ham & Cheese on Soft Pretzel Roll, Potato Salad, Chilled Mixed Fruit
Wednesday	Sloppy Joe on Bun, Spiral Fries, Seasoned Corn, Fresh Grapes

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

This year Junior Achievement will be held from May – June, 2018 for grades K-7. We are seeking volunteers who are willing to teach the class sessions! You must be VIRTUS certified to volunteer. Please look for an informational letter which will be going home later in the week. If you have previously volunteered and know that you would like to volunteer again, please contact Mary Ann Rackowski, the JA Site Coordinator for ASCS at maryann.rackowski@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers 1 week day camps called Camp Broadway, Drama Bootcamp, Arts & Crafts Fun Camp, and Art Explorer Camp this July at All Saints in Manassas and the Church of the Nativity in Burke. Older Teens will enjoy advanced level training in Acting, Dance, Music, and Art while younger kids will be introduced to wonderful new activities through drama and art. Students are split by age group and placed in small classes to maximize instruction. All teachers are masters of their subject and are strong Catholics. This is truly a unique opportunity. See www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to learn more!

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 23rd

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

Saturday, March 24th

- Running with the Saints 5K (8:15 a.m.)
- Diocesan Band Festival (Bishop Ireton High School/8:45 a.m.)

Monday, March 26th

- 8th Grade Graduation Meeting for Parents (FKH/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 28th

- CRS Rice Bowl Contributions Due
- Battle of the Books – Mock Competition (PAC/2:00 p.m.)
- Little Medical School

Thursday, March 29th

- Holy Thursday

NJHS Easter Food Collection
Prayer Service (Church/9:30 a.m.)
7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)
Noon Dismissal

Friday, March 30th

- Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 2nd

- Holiday – Easter Week

Monday, April 9th

- Classes Resume
- Transition to Summer Uniforms

Tuesday, April 10th

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

Wednesday, April 11th

- Little Medical School – Final Class & Graduation

Thursday, April 12th

- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 13th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- End of 3rd Quarter

Saturday, April 14th

- Diocesan Science Fair

Newsletter Links

- [HelpCounter Volunteer Log-In](#) (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities)
- [Uniform Closet Request Form](#)
- [UNIFORM CLOSET GUIDELINE-Updated Jan. 2018](#)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)