# The Sentinel

April 11, 2018

### Principal's Message

Just prior to the Easter holiday, I was delighted to learn that our students contributed \$2,800 to the Lenten CRS Rice Bowl Program. With the addition of \$400 from the Rice Luncheon that took place in March, we will be forwarding a check in the amount of \$3,300 to benefit the ministry of CRS both in our diocese and around the world.

I continue to be inspired by our students and parents who consistently respond with great generosity to alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate. It is my hope that through the experience of these traditions, our children will continue to develop hearts of gratitude rooted in the recognition that all of our blessings are indeed gifts meant to be shared.

There will be no classes for the Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten students on April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 7<sup>th</sup> in order to allow the faculty and staff to administer the screening for incoming Kindergarten students for 2018-2019. Beginning this spring, we will be using two new instruments for this process, the Brigance and the PALS. The combination of these two assessments, which will replace the Early Prevention of School Failure Screening (EPSF), will provide data for the teachers related to each child's developmental readiness as well as their literacy foundation. With the recognition that the Pre-Kindergarten teachers are able to observe and assess their students over the course of the entire year, they will screen only incoming kindergartners as well as those currently enrolled for whom there may exist a question of readiness.

I wish to thank Mrs. Parriott, Director of Pre-Kindergarten, as well as the faculty and staff of the primary grades for coordinating the research, selection and implementation of this new screening process for our school as part of our five year plan.

This week I also wish to share with you the news that Mrs. Reilly, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, fell and seriously injured one of her knees on Thursday evening. She underwent surgery on Friday and will be receiving care at a rehabilitation center for approximately two weeks. While it is too early to know for certain the length of time required for her full recovery, it most likely will be a long-term process. In the days ahead, let us remember

Mrs. Reilly in our prayers. May she experience a swift and full recovery and may she be sustained by our thoughts and prayers.

#### Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of April: Obedience

Definition: Saying "yes" to the loving will of God and those He has set over us Saints: Our Lady (PK-2), St. Juan Diego (3-5), St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (6-8)

#### Junior Achievement

Are you still in need of shares to put towards this school year? Volunteer teachers in grades K-7 are needed for Junior Achievement. This worthwhile introduction to finance and money management is geared toward each grade level. In total, five or six (depending on the grade level) one-hour sessions are taught during the school day. The materials provided are user-friendly and easy to follow! Please contact Mary Ann Rackowski at maryann.rackowski@gmail.com for more information.

#### Parish Festival Cake Walk 2018

The All Saints Parish Festival is right around the corner! Cake donations will be accepted Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> during morning or afternoon carpool and may be dropped off in either the front or back carpool areas. If you are unable to drop off during carpool, you may drop them off during the festival hours. You will earn stewardship shares for your donations or by volunteering your time to the festival. Just go to the <a href="HelpCounter-Volunteer Log-In">HelpCounter</a> Volunteer Log-In and sign up. Hope to see you there!

#### **High School News**

#### Paul VI Catholic High School

Paul VI Catholic High School is currently accepting registrations for summer camps for all ages and interests from fine arts to athletics. Please visit <a href="https://pvisports.net/main/campsclinics/">https://pvisports.net/main/campsclinics/</a>

The PVI Players and ITS present "*Thoroughly Modern Millie*". Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Please see attached flyer for more information, tickets, and pricing.

### Bishop Ireton Catholic High School

Registration is now open for Bishop Ireton's summer camp! This year, we are offering programs in science, athletics, and the arts for students in first through tenth grade -- there is something for everyone! You can find a list of <u>camps we offer here</u> and <u>sign-up</u> to register here. Our camps run June through August and are staffed by certified teachers or coaches. Come and join us on Cambridge Road for a summer of fun and adventure.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

# "Keeping You and Your Family Safe Online" - Parent Presentation (April 24th)

Mindful of the importance of maintaining an awareness of the risks that exist on the Internet as well as strategies for keeping our young people safe, All Saints Catholic School is pleased to host a special presentation for parents entitled *Keeping You and Your Family Safe Online.* This informative session will take place during the PTO General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

Our speaker will be Mr. Kevin Bohli, Executive Director of the Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries for the Diocese of Arlington. In addition to addressing the dangers of pornography, he will provide very specific guidance and resources for parents for effectively managing technology devices.

Given the priority that we place on student safety and the need for parents to be well informed on this issue, at least one parent from those families with a child in grades five through eight are asked to attend. While all parents are cordially invited to participate, the topic will have particular relevance for those with adolescent children.

As an incentive, parents who attend the presentation will earn <u>3 Stewardship</u> <u>Shares (twice the usual amount for a 1.5 hour meeting) plus one free homework</u> pass for each of their children.

Join us for what will be an important and empowering presentation for parents!

### Kindergarten Openings for 2018-2019

A select number of openings are still available in the Kindergarten Program for the

2018-2019 school year. This is a great opportunity for families in our community who may be hoping to send their child to All Saints but have heard that openings are limited due to high demand. Please invite families who may be interested in the Kindergarten program to contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio at (703) 393-1490 or jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org for more information.

Remember, current parents who refer families into our program may earn up to \$400.00 in tuition credit per year through our New Student Referral Program!

### <u>Yearbook - Deadline Extended – Order by April 13th</u>

Celebrate the year at All Saints Catholic School with your own copy of the 2017-18 yearbook. The cost for each book is \$21. Order your yearbook today through one of the following methods:

- Place your yearbook order online at <u>www.ybpay.com</u>. The All Saints school code is 13273518.
- Complete a <u>2017-2018 Yearbook Order Form</u> and send in your payment and completed form in an envelope marked "yearbook money." Please make checks payable to *All Saints Catholic School*.

# 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 <a href="https://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com">www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com</a> to learn more!

# **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, April 11th

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes for Report Card Prep
- Last Day for Yearbook Orders

Thursday, April 12th

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

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 14th

• Diocesan Science Fair

Wednesday, April 18th

- Gold Medal Readers Celebration (1:15 p.m.)
- Alumni Committee Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 19th

• 1st Grade Reading Celebration (2:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 20th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Race for Education Prize Cards Distributed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

Monday, April 23rd

• 8th Grade Class Trip to Annapolis

Tuesday, April 24th

 PTO General Assembly Meeting – Keeping You and Your Family Safe Online, Mr. Kevin Bohli (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 25th

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Luray Caverns
- School Mass Feast of St. Mark (8:30 a.m.)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade United States Presentation for Parents (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Little Veterinarian School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (3:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 26th

- ACRE Religion Test 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony (1:30 p.m.)
- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 27th

- Holiday Parish Festival Prep Day
- Parish Festival

Saturday, April 28th

Parish Festival

### **Newsletter Links**

- 2017-2018 Yearbook Order Form
- PVI and ITS Thoroughly Modern Millie Poster
- Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com
- <u>HelpCounter Volunteer Log-In</u> (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities)
- Uniform Closet Request Form
- UNIFORM CLOSET GUIDELINE-Updated Jan. 2018
- PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE Sign-Up