

The Sentinel

April 18, 2018

Principal's Message

This week I wish to provide you an update regarding Mrs. Reilly who continues to recover from surgery following her injury that occurred over the Easter holiday. She was released from the hospital last week and is now receiving care at a rehabilitation center. She anticipates remaining there for approximately two weeks after which she will be reassessed and the timeline for her full recovery will be determined.

At this point, it is well possible that she will be absent for the remainder of the year. With this in mind, Mrs. Mary Ann Rackowski will serve as the long-term substitute teacher until such time that Mrs. Reilly is able to return. Mrs. Rackowski has been an on-call substitute teacher for us this year and, as such, is already familiar with the routines and procedures of All Saints. She has previous experience teaching introductory Spanish to elementary school students in a before and after school program in Fairfax County, has volunteered as a first grade religious education teacher, and taught music to groups of children enrolled in a private studio program.

Thank you for your continued prayers and well-wishes for Mrs. Reilly. The cards the children have created and the little gifts will no doubt lift her spirits and let her know that she is very much in our thoughts.

As we continue our planning for the upcoming academic year, I want to share with you the staff changes that will be taking place. Mrs. Sherri Dreesen, Resource Teacher, will be relocating out of the area due to her husband's employment. We thank her for her year of service and for all that she has done to assist our Pre-K-3rd Grade students in the learning process. Mrs. Jillian Roth, our school nurse, has decided to resign from her position in order to pursue other opportunities. She has been a wonderful presence in our school for a number of years, tending to the needs of students, faculty and staff alike and partnering closely with parents. We wish her every success and blessing during this time of transition. Mrs. Wilma Marsengill, cafeteria bookkeeper and part-time office assistant, has decided to retire this year in order that she might spend more time with her family. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service and wish her

continued blessings as she begins this next phase of her life. Mrs. Judith Marshall, extended day assistant, is also resigning after a number of years so that she might be able to devote more time to her family. We thank her for her commitment to the program and for her support as a substitute teacher through the years.

We are now accepting applications for these positions as well as that of staffing for the new pre-kindergarten extended day program that will be open from 3:00-6:30 p.m. next year. Those interested in applying are invited to request an application from the office or to contact us for more information.

Middle School Program – Enhanced Parent Access to Google Classroom

In an effort to provide parents with more information regarding their child's progress, within the next two weeks the middle school team will issue "invitations" to parents providing them the ability to view their child's Google Classroom account. When a parent/guardian is invited to Google Classroom, they will automatically receive regular emails about their child's work and classes. These emails, known as guardian email summaries, include information about missing work, upcoming assignments, and class activity. To view an example, follow the link below.

[Guardian Email Summary Example](#)

We remain committed to keeping parents informed regarding their children's work. Although parents will not have direct access to their child's account, the viewing of assignments will increase opportunities for questions and discussion about learning. In that the teachers strive to provide high quality feedback to the students, assignments will be thoughtfully detailed or have an associated rubric.

Per our school policy, the teachers will continue to post grades for tests, assignments and projects within one week. The posting of smaller, less complex assignments in the middle school will take place within two days.

Should you have any questions about these procedures or Google classroom, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Middle School Team.

End of Year Calendar & Events

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| Thursday, May 31 st | Field Day – Grades K-8 (Linton Hall School/9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) |
| Friday, June 1 st | Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten |
| Friday, June 8 th | 8 th Grade Graduation (4:00 p.m.) <u>Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7</u> |
| Thursday, June 14 th | Kindergarten Luau |
| Friday, June 15 th | Kindergarten Graduation (10:00 a.m.) |
| Tuesday, June 19 th | Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7 (11:00 a.m. Dismissal) |

Race for Education – Prize Cards

Prize cards will be distributed to students on Friday of this week.

Students who earned “Dress Down Day” prize cards through the *Race for Education* may redeem them on the following days.

Tuesday, May 1st
 Wednesday, May 9th
 Thursday, May 17th
 Wednesday, May 23rd
 Wednesday, May 30th

Students may begin redeeming Free Ice Cream Cards on Monday, April 23rd and Free Pretzel Cards on Tuesday, April 24th.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Junior Achievement is still seeking volunteer teachers for K2, 2B and 4B. Easy-to-understand money management lessons are taught to the students by our own ASCS parents! Sessions will take place in May and June of 2018. Materials and lesson plans are provided and lessons are age-appropriate. You must be VIRTUS compliant to volunteer. Contact Mary Ann Rackowski at maryann.rackowski@gmail.com if you are interested!

13TH ANNUAL RACE FOR EDUCATION

Our 13th Annual Race for Education will take place in two weeks on **Thursday, May 3, 2018!**

We need many volunteers to make this year’s Race successful. Please take a look at the race times for each class and sign up on the HelpCounter link below.

The race times for each class are:

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| PreK-1, PreK-2, K1, K2, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B | 8:45 - 9:45 A.M. |
| 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B | 10: 15 - 11:15 A.M. |
| PreK-3, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B | 1:15 - 2:15 P.M. |

Our total for donations for our 2018 Race for Education as of Wednesday, April

18th is: \$21,123.81.

Volunteers are also needed to help with our record keeping process for donations arriving to the school office. We meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at different times and locations. If you are in need of earning shares, please consider signing up to help. Any amount of time you can help is appreciated!

Check this link for volunteer

times: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e99d6da9>

Skate-n-Fun Zone Spirit Event

Our next Skate-n-Fun Zone Spirit Event will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The cost for admission is \$8.00 per person; 3 and under are free. This price includes skate rental, one token note, a slice of pizza and a small drink. There is also laser tag for \$4.00 per person. The play zone is included for anyone 48in or under. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bounce Mania Spirit Event during Kindergarten Screening:

There will be no classes for the Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten students on April 30th & May 7th due to the Brigance and the PALS testing of incoming Kindergarten students. There will be a Spirit Event held at Bounce Mania from 10-6 each of these dates. The cost is \$10 per child and a portion of the proceeds will benefit All Saints Catholic School. Have fun on your day off from school!

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 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

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 3 Stewardship Shares (twice the usual amount for a 1.5 hour meeting) plus one free homework pass for each of their children.

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!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 19th

- 3rd Quarter Gold Medal Readers Celebration (1:15 p.m.)
- 1st Grade Reading Celebration (2:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 20th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- *Race for Education* Prize Cards Distributed
- 3rd Quarter Report Cards sent Home

Monday, April 23rd

- 8th Grade Class Trip to Annapolis

Tuesday, April 24th

- SCA Sponsored Earth Day Dress Down Day
- PTO General Assembly Meeting – *Keeping You and Your Family Safe Online*, Mr. Kevin Bohli (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 25th

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

Thursday, April 26th

- ACRE Religion Test – 5th & 8th 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

- [Skate-n-Fun Zone Spirit Event Flyer](#)
- [Pre-K & K Bouncemania Flyer](#)
- [All Saints Parish Festival Silent Auction](#)
- Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps – www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com
- [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](#)