

The Sentinel

May 30, 2018

Principal's Message

This week I wish to invite all of our school families to our upcoming graduation festivities. The students will gather in the church at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 8th to observe the *Pass-it-On Ceremony*, an annual tradition and prayer service during which the 8th grade students “pass on” their leadership role to the rising 7th grade class as symbolized by the handing on of the 8th grade honor medals. Following a special breakfast for the graduates at 11:00 a.m., the 8th grade students will participate in the *Walk of Honor*, a custom by which all of the students in grades K-7 line the hallways and applaud for the graduates as they exit the building for the final time as students. The celebration culminates with a Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Graduation Ceremony and a reception in the Parish Activities Center. I hope that you and your family will be able to join us for some of these special moments as we congratulate our 8th grade students and celebrate their success.

Important Reminder: As Graduation will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8th, school will dismiss at noon for students in grades K-7. Extended Day services will remain available.

Field Day Postponed - Monday, June 4th

Due to a forecast for rain and thunderstorms tonight and again tomorrow, Field Day has been rescheduled for Monday, June 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Linton Hall School.

Thank you to those parents who previously confirmed their interest in volunteering in support of the event. If this schedule change affects your availability and you will be unable to attend, please notify Mr. Redman at predman@allsaintsva.org so that he can plan accordingly.

Tomorrow will be a regular day of school with Extended Day services available both before and after school. The menu will be as follows: Cheese Pizza or Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread, Tossed Salad and Chilled Pineapple.

5th Grade Parent Letters (Message from the Superintendent/VA Department of Health)

Every year the Virginia Department of Health distributes information regarding the HPV (vaccine) to rising 6th grade girls. This relates to state legislation and our diocese cooperates by distributing this letter. However, we also distribute a letter from Dr. Bigelow, Superintendent of Schools, which includes statements and insights from the two Bishops of Virginia. This week the parents of rising 6th grade students will receive copies of these two letters in sealed envelopes. After reviewing the correspondence, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Immunization & Health Record Requirements for 2018-2019

To the parents of Pre-K students arriving in the Fall 2018:

It is required that an immunization form be in each student's record by the date of the child's admission. The first day of Pre-K is Tuesday, September 4th, 2018. Immunizations must be recorded and dated on either the Health Department form (MCH 213F or MCH 213G) or a physician's form, include the child's name, and be signed/stamped and dated by a licensed physician, the physician's designee, or an official of a local health department. For all immunizations a child receives after July 1, 2018, the form must contain a statement (typed or handwritten) that the child is adequately immunized.

The current Form MCH213G is available at the following website:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/school_entrance_form/school_entrance_form.pdf

To the parents of Kindergarten students arriving in Fall 2018

A new Physical Exam is necessary, dated less than one year from the time of admission. Kindergarten begins on Monday, August 27th. This Exam should be on, or accompanied by, the Virginia Department of Health form MCH 213G. (See the website above for the form). Tip: Print out the MCH213G and hand it to the physician before the physical exam for this year, if possible, so as to avoid an additional charge to complete it outside the office visit.

The Physical must include all of the immunizations required by the Commonwealth of

Virginia as indicated by the chart on the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Extended Day Program

Extended Day services will continue through Monday, June 18th.

There will be no Extended Day Program on Tuesday, June 19th. All students will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. following the Closing Mass & Awards Ceremony. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up if you anticipate being unavailable at that time.

Report Cards

Report cards and awards will be issued on the final day of school, June 19th. Since the office will have a record of your child's final grades at the close of the year, you may retain these cards.

Medications

All medications must be picked up from the clinic no later than Monday, June 18th. Since students are not authorized to carry medication, parents are asked to visit the clinic to pick up medications prior to the close of the year. Medications remaining after the final day will be discarded.

Summer Office Hours

The school office will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. during the months of June and August. Should you need to contact school personnel during the summer months, please do not hesitate to leave a message on the answering machine or contact us via email. We will make every effort to assist you in a timely manner.

Important Dates for the Upcoming Year

- Orientation Day (Students and parents are invited to visit the school, meet new teachers, and pick up supply orders.) – Friday, August 24th.

- 12th Annual Back-to School Barbecue hosted by the PTO - Friday, August 24th (5:30-7:30 p.m.)
- First Day of School ~ Noon Dismissal (Grades K-8) - Monday, August 27th
- First Day of Pre-Kindergarten – Tuesday, September 4th

Bethany Food Pantry Collection

Our theme for the May food pantry collection is “*Spring is Here*”. **On Thursday, June 7**, students are invited to bring in canned fruits and vegetables. Items should be able to maintain shelf life and not require refrigeration. Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival after which students from the National Junior Honor Society will then deliver items to the food pantry.

Our theme for the June final collection of the year is “*Let's Play*”. **On Thursday, June 14**, students are invited to bring in canned meat and chicken, peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, crackers, chips, juice boxes and shelf milk. Items should be able to maintain shelf life and not require refrigeration. Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival after which students from the National Junior Honor Society will then deliver items to the food pantry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for the outpouring of generosity this year in support of the Bethany Food Pantry. We truly made a difference to those less fortunate in our community.

From the Spirit Events Committee:

We have one more Skate-n-Fun Zone Spirit Event this year. It is this Thursday, May 31st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! This year has been a very successful year for the Spirit Events Committee. Thanks to all who have attended the events and supported our school. If you are interested in serving on the Spirit Events Committee next year, then please contact Megan Davies at megandavies1970@gmail.com.

Summer Camps in the Arts in a Catholic setting for K - 12

This July offers **Camp Broadway, Arts & Crafts Fun Camp, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer Camp**, plus **new Comedy Camps** and a **Marie Miller Songwriting Camp!** All instructors are Catholics, educators, and experts in their field. There are higher level courses for teens, beginner level for young kids, and everything in between. Go to www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to learn more and register before the spots fill up!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Tuition Assistance Awards & FACTS Enrollment Process for 2018-2019

The diocese is continuing to review applications for tuition assistance and to determine allocations from the Scholarship Foundation Fund. For this reason, we anticipate that

decisions regarding financial awards will not be confirmed and communicated to families for a couple more weeks.

In the meantime, all returning families who have not applied for financial aid should have received a customized email from FACTS confirming their tuition balance and payment plan for 2018-2019. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. D'Eugenio at 703-368-4400.

Employment Opportunities for 2018-2019

All Saints Catholic School is now accepting applications for the following positions for the 2018-2019 school year.

Extended Day Assistants – Part Time

Cafeteria Bookkeeper/Kitchen Assistant – Full Time

Those interested in learning more are invited to request an application at the front office or contact the principal for more information. (703-368-4400)

Stewardship Shares Program

Parents who have not yet completed their shares requirement are reminded to submit payment for any unearned shares by Friday, June 1st. Should you have any questions about this program or your balance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

All Saints Vacation Bible School: SonRise National Park!

Vacation Bible School at All Saints is June 25 - June 29. **As kids explore SonRise National Park VBS, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus!**

Children who are rising kindergartners through rising 5th graders in the 2018-2019 school year may be registered for VBS. Registration is online through Event Smart at <https://allsaintsreligiouseducation.eventsmart.com>. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 6/6/18. The fee is \$50 per child which includes a t-shirt, music CD, crafts, supplies, and snacks.

Sign up to volunteer and experience the VBS with your child! Adult (over the age of 18) volunteers receive a 50% discount on their child's registration fee and a free t-shirt. Please note: adult volunteers with a VBS child must register themselves FIRST in order to receive the child registration discount code. A nursery is available for the young children of volunteers. Contact the RE office at (703) 393-2142 to for more information about the nursery.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 30th

- Little Veterinarian School – 4th Grade (3:00 p.m.)

- Talent Show (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 31st

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes at 3:00 p.m.
- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, June 1st

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- **Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten (Dismissal at 11:45 a.m. for Pre-K students)**
- Middle School Skate Party (Gym/6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, June 2nd

- Algebra I Exemption Exam

Monday, June 4th

- **Field Day (Linton Hall School/9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**
 - **No Extended Day Program**

Tuesday, June 5th

- **Race for Education Celebration**
 - **Awards Assembly (8:15 a.m.)**
 - **Pizza with the Principal**
 - **Classroom Movie/Popcorn Parties**

Wednesday, June 6th

- 2nd Grade Fiesta (11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Thursday, June 7th

- NJHS Food Pantry Collection
- 8th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff Volleyball Game (2:00 p.m.)

Friday, June 8th

- Graduation Day
 - Pass it On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.)
 - Graduation Breakfast (10:00 a.m.)
 - Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.)
- **Noon Dismissal (Grades K-7)**
- **Graduation Mass & Ceremony (4:00 p.m.)**

Monday, June 11th

- Middle School Demerit Free Breakfast

Tuesday, June 12th

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

Wednesday, June 13th

- 7th Grade Retreat
- Final Day of Library Classes
- Gold Medal Readers Celebration (1:15 p.m.)

Thursday, June 14th

- 1st Grade International Day
- Kindergarten Luau

Friday, June 15th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Kindergarten Graduation (church/10:00 a.m.)

Monday, June 18th

- 5th Grade Stepping Up Ceremony (PAC/8:30 a.m.)
- End of Year Class Parties (1:30 p.m.)
- **Last Day of Extended Day Program**

Tuesday, June 19th

- Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7
- Closing of the Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)
- Cookies in the Courtyard for Parents (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)
- **Final Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)**
 - **No Extended Day Program**

Wednesday, June 20th

- Teacher Work Day

Thursday, June 21st

- Teacher Work Day

Newsletter Links

- [Skate-n-Fun Zone Spirit Event Flyer 5-31-18](#)
- [Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps...NEW CAMPS ADDED](#)
- [Field Day Flyer 2018 - Revised](#)
- [HelpCounter Volunteer Log-In](#) (Sign-Up for Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities)
- [PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - Sign-Up](#)