

The Sentinel

September 12, 2018

Principal Message

This week I would like to take an opportunity to provide a few reminders regarding our arrival and dismissal procedures and to share with you one policy change.

Morning Arrival – During morning arrival, parents are asked to refrain from dropping off their children prior to 7:40 a.m., the time at which the staff and Safety Patrols begin their supervision of students as they enter the school. Safety Patrols may be dropped off early in the courtyard prior to the official start of the day. However, any other students dropped off prior to 7:40 a.m. must be signed-in at Extended Day in Father Kelley Hall.

Afternoon Dismissal – All parents are reminded to participate in the afternoon dismissal process by parking in their assigned area, i.e. either the front or rear lots. Exceptions are granted for the following parents who may park in front of the church: Pre-Kindergarten parents, parents completing volunteer hours in the school during the afternoon, those awaiting the drop-off of students from the Catholic high schools and those who are parents of Safety Patrols or students attending after-school activities.

As a service to parents, the Safety Patrols are pleased to offer assistance to any parents who are unable to leave their vehicle during afternoon pick-up. In such cases, parents are asked to write the name of their child/ren as well as the corresponding grade levels on an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper or card stock and to hold it out the driver's side window. After collecting the signs, the Safety Patrols will pick-up the children from their lines and escort them to their vehicles.

Parish Office Restroom Policy – Beginning tomorrow, the restroom located in the Parish Office will no longer be available for parent and student use at the time of dismissal. In an effort to maintain an office environment in which services may be provided to parishioners and community members in a confidential manner, parents and students are now encouraged to use the restroom facilities available in the church. As always, in the interest of student safety, parents are asked to supervise their children should they wish to visit the church for this purpose.

In advance, thank you for your support of our efforts to ensure a safe and secure dismissal for our students as well as a welcoming and professional environment for all who visit our Parish Office.

School Messenger Emergency Notification ~ Results of Test

Last week's test of the *SchoolMessenger* notification system was a success. In the event that you did not receive messages via phone, text or email, please contact the school office so that we may update your contact information accordingly.

Holy Hour Invitation for Tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend a holy hour in All Saints church on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. The intention is for victims of abuse and in reparation for sins of the clergy.

Volunteers Needed for the Helping Hands Project on September 20th

We are in need of volunteers who need to earn Shares. There are many spots available in the Operation Helping Hands Project. Parents do not need to be Virtus compliant in order to help. Opportunities can be found by using the Help Counter link: [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#) . If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Floribel Fleisig, ffleisig@hotmail.com.

Are You Interested in Having Your Business Advertise in Our School Folders, Calendars, Etc.?

J.M. Gaske, Inc. is looking for parents and friends who own businesses to advertise in our school folders, calendars, directories, excuse pads and calendar magnets. Please see the link below for more information.

Catholic High School News

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School – Calling All Middle School Science Enthusiasts

St. John Paul the Great Science Department is hosting a Super Science Saturday on September 29th from 9:00 a.m. – noon. You will have the opportunity to work in real high school labs, meet the teachers in the department and hang out with some National Science Honors students. Please see flyer linked below for more details.

Paul VI Catholic High School - Middle School Back to School Night ~~RESCHEDULED~~

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Friday, November 2nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to report directly to their son or daughter's homeroom classroom for the opening session.

Important Reminders

Middle School Back to School Night (Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.)

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Thursday, September 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to report directly to their son or daughter's homeroom classroom for the opening session.

Book Drive Begins Tomorrow!

Parents are reminded of the opportunity to donate gently used books to the school beginning tomorrow and extending through next Thursday. These contributions will help us to create larger classroom libraries in support of our new reading program. Although the school is investing \$1,000 per grade level for the purchase of leveled books, these donations will help us to fill the gaps in our collections.

Next steps: After the donations have been processed and forwarded to classrooms, the teachers will identify additional titles to be included on their Wish Lists. Parents will be eligible to receive *Stewardship Shares* for the purchase of *new books* in support of this initiative.

In advance, thank you for your support of this exciting new program at All Saints!

Picture Day - Monday, October 15th

This year all students are asked to wear their school uniform for picture day on October 15th.

2018-2019 Family Directory

Families who wish to be included in the Family Directory are asked to complete an **Opt-In Form** and submit it to the front office by **Friday, September 14th**. (A copy of this form is attached as a link at the bottom of today's newsletter.)

Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers & VIRTUS Requirements

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers with children are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days of commencing service. To register for an upcoming training, please visit www.virtus.org.

As we begin a new year, in accordance with diocesan policy, only those parents who have completed the criminal background check are eligible to volunteer in the school. Those who have not yet completed the background check process may request a packet of forms from the front office.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 13th

- Used Book Drive Begins
- Confessions – 4B
- Middle School Night (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 14th

- School Mass – Exaltation of the Cross (8:30 a.m.)
- Annual Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- Deadline: Family Directory Opt-In Forms

Monday, September 17th

- Confessions – 5A & 5B
- Installation Ceremony for Newly Elected Officers & Representatives of the Student Council Association (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, September 18th

- Band Lessons Begin

Wednesday, September 19th

- Room Liaisons Meeting (FKH/9:00 a.m.)

Thursday, September 20th

- Paul VI High School Visit with 8th Grade Students & Parents (8:00 a.m.)
- Spirit Wear Day
- PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 21st

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal – Professional Development

Newsletter Links

- [Book Drive Flyer](#)
- [2018-19 FAMILY DIRECTORY OPT-IN](#)
- [St. JP the Great Super Science Saturday Flyer and Permission Form](#)
- [Middle School Night 2018](#) (Rescheduled until Friday, November 2nd)
- [Gaske Ad Sponsorship Form](#)