

# The Sentinel

September 26, 2018

## Principal's Message

Central to the mission of Catholic education is a commitment to the formation of the whole person within the light of the teachings of the Gospel. At All Saints our effort to educate all dimensions of the child ~ spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional, has been an essential and consistent element of our mission.

As a Catholic school, All Saints also affirms the role of parents as the primary educators of their children and we are privileged to have the opportunity to work with you as partners in this regard. In recent years we have grown increasingly concerned about the many confusing messages that society as a whole, and the media in particular, place before the young people of today, particularly in regards to the topic of human sexuality. In this day and age, it is increasingly important that we insure that the children learn the beautiful teachings of our Catholic faith on this topic and that they fully realize and understand the gift of human sexuality within this framework. Not to share this information with the children leaves them unprepared for the world they face and the many choices that await them in the years ahead.

As you may recall, All Saints Catholic School has implemented a family life curriculum that supports our goal of educating the whole child. The program is coordinated by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, Mr. Kevin Bohli, and is tailored to the specific needs of each school community. The program consists of a parent presentation during which Mr. Bohli provides an outline of his presentations as well as resources for parents. Following this presentation, he and an associate, Ms. Carmen Briceno, will meet with the students for three one hour lessons designed to provide the children with an understanding of the Church's teachings on the topic of human sexuality.

One of the advantages of this program is the involvement of outside professionals. In addition to their expertise and experience, Mr. Bohli and Ms. Briceno are unfamiliar to the students, which may put the students at greater ease in asking questions and discussing this topic. A second advantage of this program is that it is designed to take place in a single-sex setting; Mr. Bohli will address the boys and Ms. Briceno will speak with the girls. Finally, in accordance with diocesan policy, this program is designed as

an *opt-in* opportunity for parents and students. Accommodations will be made for those children whose parents prefer that they not participate in the program.

By way of this letter I wish to invite you to a presentation for middle school parents to be held on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall.

*As this is such a very important topic related to the development of your child, I ask that at least one parent from each family new to the middle school be present at the meeting.*

Should you have any questions about this program or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to let me know.

### **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program**

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, All Saints Catholic School families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary in a special way. On Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, after being blessed at the school Mass, two statues of Our Lady of Fatima will begin traveling to the homes of our school families for week-long visits.

Families who wish to participate in this program this year may sign up online at:

### **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program**

[Sign Up](#)

While the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together either part of or the entire 5-decade rosary for the intentions of our school as well as for their private intentions.

To create awareness about the program, the two statues will begin traveling from classroom to classroom on Friday. In addition to informing the students of the opportunity to host one of the statues in their home, the teachers will lead the students in praying a novena that will conclude on October 11<sup>th</sup>, one day prior to the start of the program.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the rotation coordinator, Mrs. Julie Mantooth ([mantooth06@msn.com](mailto:mantooth06@msn.com)).

### **Important Reminders**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Mrs. Kessinger and Mrs. DeBruyne will host a meeting for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall. Important information will be shared regarding the high school application process and the special events & activities that are part of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade experience at All Saints. At least one parent from each 8<sup>th</sup> grade family is asked to attend this important session.

### **Upcoming Events**

*Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>*

- Confessions – 6A & 6B
- Bishop O’Connell High School Visit to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (9:30 a.m.)

*Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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

*Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

- St. Francis Feast Day – Blessing of Animals (6:00 p.m.)

*Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>*

- Holiday – Columbus Day

*Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>*

- Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Parent Meeting (FKH/7:00 p.m.)

*Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>*

- St. John Paul II High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit (10:00 a.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (FKH/7:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

*Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>*

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Trimester I – Interim Reports

### **Newsletter Links**

- [Gaske Ad Sponsorship Form](#)
- [Box Tops "Things to Buy" Collection Sheet](#)
- [St. JP the Great Super Science Saturday Flyer and Permission Form](#)
- [Middle School Night 2018](#) (Rescheduled: Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- [Kings of the Court 3 on 3-Basketball Tournament-Queen of Apostles School Fundraiser Oct 26-28](#)