

# The Sentinel

October 3, 2018

## **Principal's Message**

Through the generosity of donors and the commitment of our diocese and parish, in recent years All Saints has been able to provide significant tuition assistance for families in our community who meet the criteria for financial aid. One of the most significant streams of revenue for this effort has been generated through the *Diocesan Scholarship Foundation*.

**We have received notification through the Virginia Catholic Conference that the continuation of the Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit, the program that funds the Diocesan Scholarship Foundation, is at risk.**

In that the benefit to families in our community exceeds \$100,000 in financial aid, this is a significant concern. As such, I wish to invite you to become an advocate for this program by sharing testimonials, meeting with legislators, donating to the foundation and educating friends and colleagues about the program.

For information about the tax credit program and ways to show your support as well as details regarding the Virginia 529 Plan, please see the links below.

[Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Parent-Teacher Handout](#)

[529 FAQ Virginia Handout](#)

*Tomorrow and Friday I will be away on retreat with the principals of our diocese. As I gather with colleagues in West Virginia for this annual event, please know of my prayers for our school community and the needs of our families.*

### **PTO General Assembly – October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Google Classroom Presentation)**

Our first presentation for parents this year will take place on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. We are pleased to

announced that Mrs. Horgan, Assistant Principal, will be speaking on the topic of technology in the classroom and will focus on:

- the importance of technology in the classroom
- the use of Google Classroom as a learning tool
- how G-Suite tools can help to support both learners and educators
- helping students gain an adaptive set of skills that will assist in future educational endeavors

Parents who attend any of our PTO meetings earn Stewardship Shares. (1 hour = 1 share)

### **Virtues in Practice – October**

Virtue of the Month: Friendship

Definition: Sharing a mutual love that seeks the good of the other.

Saints: Saints Benedict & Scholastica (PK-2), Saints Basil & Gregory (3-5), Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (6-8)

### **Book Drive – Thank You!**

Thank you to the many families who participated in our recent Used Book Drive in support of our new reading program. We received more than 1,200 books, all of which have been processed – thanks to the PTO Helping Hands – and are now being forwarded to classroom libraries!

### **Veterans Day Mass, Assembly & Reception**

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite all active duty, reserve, former and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on **Friday, November 9 at 8:30 AM**. After Mass, there will be an assembly in the PAC, followed by a reception for our honored guests in Father Kelley Hall.

Students will be receiving a packet of information this week about our Veterans Wall of Honor, an annual tradition in which we show our gratitude for those within our school community who have served our nation through military service. For your convenience, a link to the packet is provided at the bottom of this newsletter.

**2018 Veterans Student Packet link:** [Veterans Student Packet](#)

### **Bethany Food Pantry Collection**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will once again be coordinating monthly food drives to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry. Each month, students will be able to participate in a theme-based food drive.

Our first food drive of the school year will be held on **Thursday, October 11**. The theme will be **Oktoberfest**, and we are looking for donations of **hot dogs, bratwurst, and Italian sausage, as well as hot dog rolls/sandwich rolls, canned Vienna sausage, canned potatoes, canned sauerkraut, and canned peppers and onions**. 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.

### **Ticonderoga Farm Spirit Event**

Join us on Friday October 26th for a day of fall fun at Ticonderoga Farm (26469 Ticonderoga Rd, Chantilly VA 20152). Visit any time during the hours of 10am - 5pm for pumpkins, hayrides, jumping pillows, a bamboo maze, and so much more! For more information, go to <http://www.ticonderoga.com/fall-festival-2018/>

When purchasing your tickets at the booth, tell them that you are visiting from All Saints and Ticonderoga will donate a portion of the ticket fee back to our school.

### **Important Reminders**

#### **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program**

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, 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](#)

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)).

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

- St. Francis Feast Day – Blessing of Animals (Courtyard/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 (Meeting Room 2/7:00 p.m.)

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

- NJHS Food Pantry Collection – “Octoberfest”
- Lions’ Club Screening – Grades 3 & 7
- St. John Paul the Great 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

*Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*

- Fall Picture Day (Students Wear Uniforms)

*Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>*

- SCA Sponsored Autumn Dress Down Day to Benefit St. Gabriel Mission

*Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (The Edge)
- Earthquake Drill

*Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>*

- VIRTUS Training (FKH/9:00 a.m.)

### **Newsletter Links**

- [Veterans Student Packet](#)
- [Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Parent-Teacher Handout](#)
- [529 FAQ Virginia Handout](#)
- [Bishop Ireton 2018 Cheer Clinic Flyer](#)
- [Gaske Ad Sponsorship Form](#)
- [Middle School Night 2018](#) (Rescheduled until Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- [Kings of the Court 3 on 3-Basketball Tournament-Queen of Apostles School Fundraiser Oct 26-28](#)

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