

# The Sentinel

October 10, 2018

## **Principal's Message**

This year Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Within the next couple of weeks, the teachers will send home individual conference slips confirming the date and time of each meeting.

*It is important to note that the conferences will occur prior to the close of the first marking period which ends on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.* Although we are transitioning to a trimester calendar this year, the diocese has determined that conferences will continue to occur during the second week of November. One of the advantages of this approach is that parents will receive detailed feedback regarding their child's progress prior to the end of the marking period, allowing for additional support and encouragement in any areas for growth.

In an effort to provide you with some preliminary information regarding your child's learning, on Friday of this week the teachers will send home Interim Reports. Additionally, they will also forward copies of Scantron scores for the *Performance Series* testing that occurred in September for students in grades 3-7.

We are hopeful that this information will provide insights to you regarding your son/daughter's progress. In advance of the conferences in November, should you have any questions or concerns of a more immediate nature, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

### **Field Day – May 24<sup>th</sup> at All Saints!**

For more than 40 years All Saints has enjoyed a wonderful partnership with Linton Hall by which our community has been extended the opportunity to use their fields and facilities for our annual Field Day. We remain grateful for their hospitality and generosity in providing such a warm welcome for so many years.

Lasts spring, due to unpredictable weather conditions, we opted to host the event at All Saints. After consideration of the success of that day, we decided to further explore the

option of hosting future Field Day events on site. Some of the advantages of doing so include the flexibility for scheduling the event and making adjustments due to inclement weather; the efficiency and ease of hosting the activities and food service on site; greater access to restroom facilities; and most importantly, our familiarity with our school site and ability to implement our safety/security plan should the need ever arise.

For these reasons, we are pleased to announce that Field Day will take place at All Saints on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. (Note: The specific event times and schedule will be confirmed later in the year.)

### **Seton School – Deferred Acceptance Program**

Although your child may currently be enrolled in the primary or elementary grades at All Saints, many of you are already beginning to consider the next step in your son/daughter's Catholic education.

In the Diocese of Arlington, we are blessed with an outstanding selection of high school programs: *Bishop Denis J. O'Connell* (Arlington), *Bishop Ireton* (Alexandria), *Paul VI* (Fairfax/Loudoun), *Saint John Paul the Great* (Dumfries), and *Seton* (Manassas). Each of these schools maintains websites and admissions programs that can provide helpful information to you in this discernment process.

Seton School is unique among these options, offering a program that begins at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. For a number of years, Mrs. Carroll, the principal, has graciously extended to the students of All Saints the option of deferred acceptance. Through this arrangement, students at All Saints who apply for admission to Seton for their 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade years may defer their acceptance until 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This, of course, is dependent upon each student continuing to meet the academic and behavioral criteria for acceptance at Seton.

The benefit of this partnership is that our students are able to complete their elementary and middle school years at All Saints, enjoying all of the opportunities for leadership, while being guaranteed a space for their freshman year. It is important, however, that students who wish to complete the program at All Saints and then attend Seton School for their high school years pursue this deferred acceptance option.

Admissions testing for Seton will take place on the following days at 10:00 a.m.

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

Should you have any questions about this partnership or about any of the Catholic high schools in our diocese, please contact our office for more information.

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

All are invited to attend our monthly parish holy hour: October 11 at 7pm in the church. We will pray the rosary and have time for silent adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, concluding with benediction.

**A Message From Our School Nurse**

Hello Parents! Autumn is Here and all the goodness that comes with it; fun family gatherings, football season, colors surround us and cool nights please us. However, with this beautiful time of year, we also get increased illnesses and cold and flu symptoms. I would like to remind everyone that a Flu shot is the best protection for every student and family member. Visit your doctor's office or a nearby Flu Clinic and get protected now. The CDC recommends October as the best time to get your flu shot. Last year Flu statistics were very high and this year the flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses. The influenza B/Victoria component was changed and the influenza A/H3N2 component was updated. Hopefully, this change will control the number of flu cases this year. Remember that proper and frequent handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of germs.

*Patrice Snowden, RN*

**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.

Each family recently received a packet of information 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](#)

### **Important Updated from FACTS**

We wanted to make you aware of an upcoming change that may affect your login experience for FACTS. On Friday, October 12, FACTS is launching a new website design and logo at [FACTSMgt.com](#) related to the merging of their company with RenWeb.

### **What does this mean for you?**

- The way you log into your FACTS account will not change. Your usernames and passwords will remain the same.
- After October 12, you will go to [FACTSMgt.com](#), click “Parent Log In” in the upper right hand corner and select “Pay Tuition/Apply for Aid”.

Thank you for your flexibility and please let the school office know if you have any other questions regarding the change.

### **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 [www.ticonderoga.com/fall-festival-2018/](http://www.ticonderoga.com/fall-festival-2018/).

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

### **Paul VI Catholic High School**

**PVI will be hosting their annual Open House on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fairfax Campus.** Group presentations will take place at 1:15 and 2:15 in Father Heet Auditorium. This is a perfect opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit [www.paulvi.net](http://www.paulvi.net) or [ehanley@pvipanther.net](mailto:ehanley@pvipanther.net) for additional information about PVI.

Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a *PANTHER FOR A DAY* experience by emailing [gfarello@pvipanther.net](mailto:gfarello@pvipanther.net).

**Middle School students and their families** are invited to *Middle School Night Under the Lights* at **Paul VI Catholic High School** in Fairfax. Join us at 6:00PM on **Friday**,

**November 2** for pizza, tee shirts, games and tons of prizes. All are invited to join the *VI Man* cheering on our Panther varsity football team. Free to all and no reservations are needed. Email: [ehanley@pvipanther.net](mailto:ehanley@pvipanther.net) with questions.

### **Important Reminders**

#### **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 announce that Mrs. Horgan, Assistant Principal, will be speaking on the topic of technology in the classroom.

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- 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)

#### **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**

*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.)
- Parent Meeting (FKH/10:45 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity Day

*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.)

*Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>*

- SCA Sponsored Spirit Week

*Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

- PTO General Assembly Meeting – “Google Classroom”, presented by Mrs. Horgan

*Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Colvin Run Mill

*Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>*

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Middle School Activity Night

*Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>*

- Professional Development Day – No Classes
- Spirit Event: Ticonderoga Farms (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.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](#)
- [Kings of the Court 3 on 3-Basketball Tournament-Queen of Apostles School Fundraiser Oct 26-28](#)
- [Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program Sign Up](#)