

# The Sentinel

October 17, 2018

## Principal's Message

This week we are excited to launch our 2018-2019 Annual Fund campaign. Having celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of All Saints last year, there is no better time than the present to recommit ourselves to the mission of our school!

Through the years, your previous support of our Annual Fund campaign has resulted in new opportunities for our students, most especially in the area of STEM programs. As we look to the future we recognize the importance of continuing to update our infrastructure in order to provide our students with access to the most current technologies. Working together, we can continue to move full STEM ahead!

During our 2018-2019 ***Empowering the Next Generation of Learners*** campaign, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on the difference that All Saints makes in your child's life and show your support through Gifts of Prayer, Gifts of Involvement & Gifts of Financial Participation.

All proceeds from this year's campaign will focus on expanding innovations in learning in the following areas.

Your gift – *no matter the size* – **will benefit your child** now and into the future as we expand our Robotics program and update to next generation technology in the classroom.

This week all families will receive an Annual Fund brochure that provides additional information. Parents are invited to support the initiative by completing the corresponding form or by making an online donation through our website.

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/alumnisupport/annual-fund/>

In advance, thank you for generously supporting the mission of All Saints!

### **Annual Fund Prayer**

Good and gracious Father, we are grateful for the many gifts you have given us. Thank you for all those who have so lovingly and generously given of themselves throughout the years to benefit All Saints Catholic School. Your gift of grace and the sacrifices and hard work of so many have made it possible for us to continue the mission of Jesus and His church in our community.

We ask your blessings on our efforts in our annual fund appeal, and especially on those who will join us as partners through their gifts of prayers, involvement and financial participation. May these gifts encourage a generosity of spirit and help All Saints continue its mission to cultivate a Christ-centered community that inspires students to use their talents and abilities to serve God in the world. Amen.

### **Special Message from Mrs. Keenan (Library Assistant) – Mission Trip to Mexico**

It is with gratitude that I share that I will be journeying to Cholula, Mexico for a week of solidarity from October 26th to November 2nd. I will be a part of a group of 10 other Virginia Tech, Newman Catholic Campus Ministry alumni. We go with open hearts and flexible hopes; with aims to serve through a ministry of presence. We go with the intention of solidarity- of “being with”, rather than “doing for”. With this intention, we seek to better understand the realities of life for our brothers and sisters in Christ and the privileges we may experience here in our daily lives. We anticipate continuing our ministry of presence by retelling the stories we hear and experience upon our arrival back to the United States.

I ask for your support through prayer in this journey. Prayers not only for safe travels and meaningful work for us that are going, but also prayers for those we will meet in our travels. Should you feel called to support our mission financially, you may donate directly to our host community partner, [Enlaces Comunitarios Internacionales](#). Please click on this link for directions on how to wire money to Enlaces Comunitarios Internacionales.

I will carry you with me in my prayers during my time away for this ministry.

In Him,

Mrs. Mary Beth Keenan

**Looking for a way to send some “warmth” to your child’s teacher or staff member?**

The PTO has compiled a list of their favorite fall beverages. The list is posted on the school website and linked below for your reference.

[Teachers & Staff Fall 2018 Favorite Beverages](#)

**Ticonderoga Farm Spirit Event**

Don’t miss our upcoming PTO Spirit Event at the Ticonderoga Fall Festival on Friday, October 26 at Ticonderoga Farms (26469 Ticonderoga Road, Chantilly).

Visit any time between the hours of 10:00AM – 5:00PM for a day of fall fun, including pumpkins, hayrides, jumping pillows, slides, a bamboo maze, and much more. When purchasing your tickets at the blue Farm Market, tell them that you are visiting from All Saints and Ticonderoga will donate a portion of the ticket fee back to our school.

Friday, October 26 is a professional development day, so school will not be in session. Come out and enjoy this family-friendly, special fall event!

[Ticonderoga Fall Festival Spirit Event Flyer \(10/26/2018\)](#)

**Hospitality Opportunity!**

The Hospitality Committee is looking for Volunteers. We are in need of a few volunteers to help coordinate the Teacher Conference Luncheons coming up in November. The dates are November 12th and November 13th. Duties include coordinating lunch donations via Help Counter, setting up the PAC for the luncheons, and general clean up afterwards. Please contact Rachel Weigler at [rfalls1@yahoo.com](mailto:rfalls1@yahoo.com) or Elena Cooper at [elenakcooper@gmail.com](mailto:elenakcooper@gmail.com) if interested.

**Penny Bazaar Cupcake Drop Off!**

On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Safety Patrols will be assisting with the cupcake drop-off during the morning carpool. Additional patrols will be available to take the cupcakes directly from your car as this will minimize the foot traffic during drop-off. Here is the link to sign up for Regular and Allergy Sensitive Cupcakes, please following the link to sign up: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e98919ac>

### **St. John Paul the Great Special Needs Program 5K/Fun Run**

Come enjoy an official 5K run or a Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 10th at 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, 22026. The race starts at 9 with the Fun Run and other great activities for the whole family immediately after, followed by a pancake breakfast! All proceeds benefit our Special Services Programs: "Options" for our intellectually disabled students and "Laudare" for our students with learning disabilities.

Sign up now and receive a T-Shirt at [JP 5K Fun Run/Walk for Options - Sign-Up](#).

### **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 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)

#### **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](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

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

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (The Edge)
- Earthquake Drill
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity Day (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

*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.)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Reading Celebration
- 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.)

*Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip – National Zoo

*Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>*

- Penny Bazaar (1:30 p.m.)

*Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

- All Saints Feast Day
- School Mass & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Procession of Saints (8:30 a.m.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Saints Alive Presentation (PAC/Following Mass)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Saints Presentations (Classrooms/9:45 a.m.)
- Change to Winter Uniforms
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

*Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>*

- Middle School House Blessings (PAC/9:35 a.m.)

### **Newsletter Links**

- [Ticonderoga Fall Festival Spirit Event Flyer \(10/26/2018\)](#)
- [Teachers & Staff Fall 2018 Favorite Beverages](#)
- [Veterans Student Packet](#)
- [JP 5K Fun Run/Walk for Options - Sign-Up](#)
- [Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Parent-Teacher Handout](#)
- [529 FAQ Virginia Handout](#)
- [Gaske Ad Sponsorship Form](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program**

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