

The Sentinel

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Principal's Message

This week the teachers are sending home appointment slips to confirm the date and time for each of the parent-teacher conferences that will be taking place on November 12th & 13th.

In an effort to provide middle school parents with as much information as possible regarding the progress of their child, conferences will be taking place with the house advisors. These conferences will be scheduled during the second and third quarter of each hour with the first and fourth quarters open for unscheduled "drop-in" conferences with any of the middle school team. For example, during the first hour of the day middle school conferences will take place with house advisors from 8:15 – 8:45 in fifteen minute increments with 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. reserved for impromptu meetings.

Should you have any questions about the schedule or process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher or house advisor.

Veterans Day Celebration

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 9th at 8:30 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be a ceremony in the Parish Activity Center and a reception for our honored guests in Father Kelley Hall.

Each family 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.

Prospective Teacher Information Meeting

Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? There are 44 schools within the Diocese offering instructional programs for all ages from pre-school through high school. Perhaps your certification has expired, or perhaps you

are thinking of changing careers or returning to teaching after a period of absence. Do you have questions about qualifications to teach? Would you like to learn more about the mission of teaching in a Catholic School in a nurturing and caring, Christ-centered environment? Plan to attend the Information Program for Prospective Teachers on Thursday, November 15th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall.

25th Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Monday, November 19th we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. All parents are cordially invited to attend this special event with their child(ren). For the fourth year in a row, we are linking this celebration to an outreach effort to benefit the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. This initiative is in support of *Catholic Schools Care about Catholic Charities Week* which is scheduled for the week of December 2nd. Again this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the order form from the cafeteria for more details (a copy of the order form is linked below). Additionally, the NJHS will set up a collection station at the entrance to the cafeteria. We invite your participation again as we work together to support the mission of Catholic Charities and to make a positive difference in our community of Manassas.

Open House for 2019-2020 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, November 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation and introduction at 9:00 a.m., tours of the facility will be provided. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, administrative assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Coffee with the Principal & SWOT Analysis

There was so much interest by new families in our September "Coffee with the Principal" that we've decided to offer a second event and open it to all school parents. This time our main focus after gathering with Mr. Conroy will be to gain your perspective and input through a community-wide, interactive **SWOT Analysis**. During this forum, we will ask you to share what you perceive to be All Saints' internal **S**trengths and **W**eaknesses, and external **O**pportunities and **T**hreats. The end result will assist us as we evaluate focus areas for strategic planning and marketing messaging.

You can choose to attend either the morning or evening event, and those in attendance will receive Stewardship Shares (one share per hour):

- **Morning:** Tuesday, October 30 — 8:15-9:45 AM
- **Evening:** Wednesday, November 7 — 7:00-8:30 PM

Don't miss this special opportunity to provide your input and help formulate a strategic vision for our school.

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Volunteers Needed

Help is needed with set-up, clean-up, food preparation and food service for the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday 11/20. Volunteer shifts are designed so you will be able to sit and enjoy your meal with your children. Please consider helping for at least one shift throughout the day. Sign-up on Help

Counter: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea5813bc> (VIRTUS required) Any questions, please contact Carol Rice ckrice@verizon.net

Bethany Food Pantry November Collection

The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur on **Monday, November 5th**. Our theme for the November collection is “*Breakfast Time*” and students are invited to bring in breakfast items (***cold cereal, hot cereal, pancake mix, syrup, shelf milk, juice, canned fruit, etc.***). Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival, and students from the National Junior Honor Society will then deliver items to the food pantry. We hope that you will consider donating a themed item to help those in our community who are less fortunate.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Paul VI Catholic High School

PVI will be hosting their annual OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, October 28th 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 or 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.

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 with questions.

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. Click on link below to sign up.

Bishop Ireton High School

Bishop Ireton Theatre Arts will present *Radium Girls* in the Garwood Whaley Auditorium, Thursday, November 8th through Saturday, November 10th. See flyer linked flyer for times.

Important Reminders

Annual Fund (2018-2019)

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.

Parents are invited to support the initiative by completing the form distributed last week 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.

Penny Bazaar Cupcake Drop Off!

On Wednesday, October 31st, 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>

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 25th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 1st Grade Reading Celebration
- Middle School Activity Night

Friday, October 26th

- Professional Development Day – No Classes
- Spirit Event: Ticonderoga Farms (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 29th

- 1st Grade Field Trip – National Zoo

Tuesday, October 30th

- Coffee with the Principal – SWOT Analysis (8:15 a.m.)
- Uniform Exchange Sale (PAC/7:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 31st

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

Thursday, November 1st

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

Friday, November 2nd

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

Sunday, November 4th

- Vocations Awareness Week

Monday, November 5th

- Picture Re-Take Day
- NJHS Food Pantry Collection (“Breakfast Time”)

Tuesday, November 6th

- 7th Grade Field Trip – Williamsburg
- PTO Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 7th

- Coffee with the Principal – SWOT Analysis (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 8th

- Gift of Human Sexuality (Grades 6-8) – Presentation I

Friday, November 9th

- Veterans’ Day Mass & Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)
- [Diocesan Prospective Teacher Information Meeting](#)
- [THANKGIVING LUNCHEON 2018](#)
- [Veterans Student Packet](#)
- [Ticonderoga Fall Festival Spirit Event Flyer \(10/26/2018\)](#)
- [Bishop Irenton Theatre Production - Radium Girls](#)
- [PVI Middle School Night 2018](#)
- [JP 5K Fun Run/Walk for Options - Sign-Up](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)**