

The Sentinel

October 31, 2018

Principal's Message

Tomorrow is the patronal feast of our school and parish, All Saints Day! It is a day marked by celebration beginning with Mass and the 3rd grade procession of saints followed by the 8th grade presentation of "Saints Alive" in the Parish Activities Center. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for these special moments that are such an important part of our faith tradition.

On this occasion, we thank you for giving your children the gift of a Catholic education and for choosing All Saints for your family. Happy Feast Day!

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). Again this year, 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 will take place 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. In advance, thank you for your generous support of this annual outreach that benefits the fine work of Catholic Charities in our local community.

Thank you for your prayers and the outpouring of support for my mother and family. I was especially touched this week by the many students and parents who stopped me to personally share that they have been praying fervently for my mom. Although she remains in ICU, her condition has improved considerably. We are hoping that she will be transferred to a step-down unit in the near future and are continuing to just take it one day at a time. Again, please know of my great gratitude for your prayers and support.

Newly Elected PTO Vice-President

Thank you to all who participated in the PTO's recent vice-president election. With great enthusiasm, the PTO would like to congratulate Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi. As many of you are aware, Mrs. Roccograndi is an active parent-volunteer within our school community and has successfully served in many roles within the PTO. Mrs. Roccograndi will assume this president-elect position immediately. We would like to thank Sarah for serving our school and wish her the best in this new position. Congratulations, Mrs. Roccograndi!

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.

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.

Diocesan 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.

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Volunteers Needed

Help is needed with set-up, clean-up, food preparation and food service for the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday, November 19th. 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

Upcoming Events

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/8:45 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 (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 7th

- Coffee with the Principal – SWOT Analysis (PAC/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.)

Sunday, November 11th

- Discover Catholic Schools Week

Monday, November 12th

- Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No Classes or Extended Day)
- Book Fair Opens
- Spirit Event: Chuck E. Cheese

Tuesday, November 13th

- Noon Dismissal – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 14th

- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Thursday, November 15th

- Gift of Human Sexuality (Grades 6-8) – Presentation II
- Diocesan Prospective Teachers Meeting (FKH/1:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 16th

- School Mass – St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude (8:30 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)
- [Diocesan Prospective Teacher Information Meeting](#)

- [THANKGIVING LUNCHEON 2018](#)
- [Veterans Student Packet](#)
- [Bishop Ireton 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](#)