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Principal's Message

As the first trimester draws to a close, we are already making plans for the 2019-2020 academic year at All Saints! Here are a few important highlights that I wish to share with you this week.

Applications & Re-Registration

Applications for new students for academic year 2019-2020 are available beginning today to coincide with our first Open House of the season.

All Saints Catholic School is adding an Early Acceptance application deadline for new families looking to secure their spot in our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programs for the 2019-2020 school year. For planning purposes, current families wishing to enroll a new_child in Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten are encouraged to also apply by this deadline.

- Early Acceptance Deadline (New PK & New K) Friday, December 7
- Re-Registration Deadline (Current Students) Friday, February 1 (Forms to be provided in January)
- Regular Acceptance Deadline (New PK-8) Friday, February 15

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight are invited to request an application via email at the following address: schooloffice@allsaintsva.org.

As requests are received, applications will be sent home to families with theyoungest child currently enrolled in our school.

Pre-Kindergarten

Again next year and in response to the needs of families in our community, All Saints will offer two full day Pre-Kindergarten classes that will meet five days per week. However, the half day option will be phased out at the conclusion of this academic year.

The decision to discontinue the half day program is being made in response to financial considerations. Faced with the future potential loss of funding from the Diocesan Scholarship Foundation, a revenue stream that yields more than \$100,000 in tuition assistance for our community, it is important that we take steps to further strengthen our

financial position. The restructuring of the program will help to offset this potential challenge while meeting the high demand for full-day classes within our community.

Tuition Assistance

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS for the upcoming year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the link below.

https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3Q327

High School Deadline – January 22, 2019 Elementary School Deadline – March 15, 2019

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, Administrative Assistant, at 703-393-1490 or jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org.

<u>Thanksgiving Luncheon – Monday, November 19</u>

Parents are asked to arrive and sign in at the front office fifteen minutes prior to their child's assigned lunch time. After signing in, parents are asked to report directly to their child's classroom. The homeroom teachers will provide guidance as to when families should begin to report to the cafeteria for theluncheon.

The schedule for the Thanksgiving Luncheon is as follows:

11:00-11:40 Grades 6-8 & Full Day Pre-K 11:40-12:20 Grades 4-5 12:20-1:00 Grades 2-3 1:00-1:40 Grades K-1

(Note: Parents attending <u>back-to-back</u> lunch sessions need not wait in line multiple times. Rather, after enjoying lunch with their first child, they may remain seated in the cafeteria where they can watch for their son/daughter in the food service line. Once the child has arrived at the front of the line and has been served, the parent is asked to meet the child there and lead him/her back to the table.)

NJHS Thanksgiving Prayer Service & Fresh Food Drive

The annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the church. Through a partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, members of the National Junior Honor Society will once again be collecting fresh food to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as follows. Families who wish to donate a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, are invited to drop them off at the front office at the start of theschool day on Tuesday.

Pre-Kindergarten	2 packages of rolls or 2 boxes of bread mix
Kindergarten	1-pound bag of fresh carrots
Grade 1	1 canned ham
Grade 2	1 5-pound bag of fresh white potatoes
Grade 3	1 large bag of apples or 1 large bag of oranges
Grade 4	2 cans of pie filling and 2 pie crusts (ready-made or mix)
Grade 5	1 3-pound bag of onions
Grade 6	2 large fresh squash
Grade 7	3 boxes of Stove-top stuffing mix & 2 large jars of gravy
Grade 8	3 large cans of sweet potatoes
	Important Reminders

Diocesan Prospective Teacher Information Meeting – Tomorrow @ 1:00 p.m.

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.

Upcoming Events

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.)

Monday, November 19th

- 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Presentation (PAC/9:30 a.m.)
- Thanksgiving Luncheon

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Tuesday, November 20th

• Thanksgiving Prayer Service (church/9:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 21st

Thanksgiving Holiday Begins

Monday, November 26th

Classes Resume

Tuesday, November 27th

Picture Retakes

Wednesday, November 28th

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

Thursday, November 29th

- 8th Grade High School Placement Test
- Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 30th

- School Mass St. Andrew (8:30 a.m.)
- 8th Grade High School Placement Test Make up Day
- Middle School Demerit Free Breakfast
- End of Trimester I
- Noon Dismissal Teacher Work Day

Newsletter Links

- Passport to Reading Book Fair 2018
- 2018-19 Annual Fund
- Diocesan Prospective Teacher Information Meeting
- THANKGIVING LUNCHEON 2018
- HelpCounter Sign-Up
- Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program Sign Up