

The Sentinel

November 28, 2018

Principal's Message

Next week we will begin our annual journey of Advent, a time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Through the years at All Saints we have established several traditions that help to create a tone of anticipation and waiting as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

Advent Wreath Prayer Services ~ On Monday morning the students will assemble in the Parish Activities Center at 8:15 a.m. for a school-wide prayer service highlighting the meaning of the Advent Wreath. During the second and third weeks of Advent, each Monday students will gather around three separate wreaths in each of the wings of the school where they will participate in grade level prayer services.

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ Each of the students in grades three through eight will have an opportunity to encounter Christ in this beautiful Sacrament of healing and forgiveness during two Penance Services.

Grades 6-8 December 5th (1:30 p.m.)

Grades 3-5 December 10th (10:00 a.m.)

"Basket of Joy" to Benefit the Children of the Saint Gabriel Mission ~ The NJHS and the SCA will be sponsoring a "Basket of Joy" outreach project to benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission. We are asking that those families interested in participating, donate a gallon size zip lock bag containing five (5) items, which in turn will be placed in a small basket to distribute to the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission on Christmas Day. Suggested items for the basket are toys, candy, books, coloring books, crayons, pencils, stickers, etc., most of which can be purchased at a local dollar store. Baskets will be provided by the NJHS and the SCA. Donations should be given to your child's teacher no later than December 14. Through the generosity of our school families, we will bring joy to the less fortunate children in our community.

Bethany Food Pantry Collection ~ The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur on Thursday, December 6. Our theme for the December collection is "*Holiday*

Desserts". Students are invited to donate dessert items such as flour, Maseca corn flour, oil, sugar, cookie mixes, cake mixes with icing, sprinkles, etc. Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival. In advance, thank you for your generous support of this parish outreach to the local Manassas community.

This week I share with you the news that Mrs. Janet Baldwin, first grade assistant, has decided to resign from her position at the close of this calendar year. We thank her for her dedication and service to All Saints during her years in our program and wish her every continued success and blessing.

Those interested in learning more about the role of instructional assistant or applying for the position are encouraged to contact the office to request an application or additional information. (703-368-4400)

A Prayer for Advent ~ Week I

All-powerful God,
increase our strength of will for doing good
that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming
and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven,
where He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of December: Purity

Definition: Keeping your soul free of sin.

Saints of the Month: St. Dominic Savio (PreK-2), St. Agnes (3-5), St. Maria Goretti (6-8)

Support our Military Dress Down Day - December 6th

The SCA is sponsoring a dress down day in support of our military on December 6th. Students are asked to dress in one of the military branch colors or red, white and blue.

“Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.”

All proceeds from the December 6 dress down day will be donated to *Wreaths Across America*. If you would like to participate as a family, members of the SCA will be

attending the event on December 15, 2018. Please see details below and go to the link to sign up to volunteer.

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>

Important Reminders

Applications & Re-Registration

Applications for new students for academic year 2019-2020 are now available.

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 the youngest child currently enrolled in our school.

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 following link:

<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.

Annual Fund Update

Parents are invited to support this initiative by completing the Annual Fund form and submitting contributions to the office or by making an online donation through our website. [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)

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

Manassas Christmas Parade – December 1 (Permission Slips Due Tomorrow!)

All Saints Catholic School will again participate in the *Annual Manassas Christmas Parade!* For more details about the event, including a permission slip for participation, please see the link that follows below. Parents are asked to forward permission slips to the office by Thursday, November 29th. Link to permission slip: [Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2018](#)

The position of the All Saints float is “45 Red” which is located on Mathis Avenue across from the Islamic Center. Those participating in the event are asked to gather in this location by 9:30 a.m.

The float will report directly to All Saints at the conclusion of the parade. Parents are asked to pick-up their children promptly at that time.

Parade participants are encouraged to be prepared for rain and to dress accordingly.

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 5 (7:00 p.m.)

The 10th Annual *Evening with St. Nicholas* will take place on Wednesday, December 5th.

Please join us for what has become a beautiful tradition at All Saints. The evening will begin with an Advent Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The “Procession of the Shoes” will again be led by St. Nicholas himself! St. Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos (bring your own camera) afterwards in the Parish Activities Center.

Once again, we will be collecting donations of new shoes, with the proceeds benefitting **House of Mercy**. Donation guidelines are: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown.** *No character tennis shoes, please.*

Have a question about volunteering or donations? Contact event co-chair Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at Sarah.Roccograndi@gmail.com

Skate-n-Fun Zone Spirit Event

Come out this Thursday, November 29th between 6:30pm - 8:30pm for our 1st skate night event at Skate-n-Fun Zone (7878 Sudley Rd., Manassas VA 20109). \$8.00 includes: skate rental, 1 token, a slice of pizza, and a 12oz drink. An awesome deal for

dinner and a fun night of skating with friends!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 28th

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29th

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

Friday, November 30th

- School Mass – St. Andrew (8:30 a.m.)
- Middle School Demerit Free Breakfast (9:30 a.m.)
- End of Trimester I
- Noon Dismissal – Teacher Work Day

Saturday, December 1st

- Greater Manassas Christmas Parade (Mathis Avenue/9:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 2nd

- First Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 3rd

- Advent Prayer Service (PAC/8:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 4th

- PTO Board Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 5th

- Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (1:30 p.m.)
- Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (Church/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 6th

- Bethany Food Pantry Collection – “Holiday Desserts”

- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day to Support the Military

Friday, December 7th

- School Mass – St. Ambrose (8:30 a.m.)
- Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Early Acceptance Deadline
- Report Cards Sent Home

Sunday, December 9th

- Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 10th

- Advent Wreath Prayer Gatherings (8:15 a.m.)
- Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 12th

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Celebration (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 13th

- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 14th

- Spirit Wear Day
- 8th Grade Field Trip – Holocaust Museum
- 2nd Grade Christmas Around the World (PAC)
- PTO Sponsored Christmas Ornament Painting (Gym/6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2018](#)
- [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)**