

# The Sentinel

December 5, 2018

## **Principal's Message**

On Saturday some of our students and parents participated with our school float in the *Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade*. I want to thank Mr. Joe Ortiz and his family for coordinating the design of the float and the many details that led to such a wonderful experience for those who attended. It was great to see our students and parents proudly riding the float and providing witness to the true meaning of Christmas - the coming of our Savior!

Next Wednesday we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Immediately following the liturgy, the students will gather around the Statue of Mary in the courtyard where they will learn more about the feast day and pray one Decade of the Rosary. Students are cordially invited to bring single roses to school on Wednesday to be presented to the Statue of Our Lady by class representatives. After the ceremony, the students will process to the Parish Activities Center where they will enjoy authentic Mexican treats and the music of the parish Guadalupe Choir. We look forward to this joyful celebration of Our Lady and hope that many of you will be able to join us for this beautiful tradition.

## **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.

## **All Saints Christmas Pageant**

The students of Grades K, 1, 4, 5 & 6 will participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, The Living Crèche. Please note the following information:

Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Students report to school by 6:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to report to their homeroom classrooms by 6:25 p.m.)

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

*Students in Grades K, 1, 4, and 5 are asked to wear their school uniforms. Some students in Grade 6 will be in costume.*

### **Open House for 2019-2020 School Year**

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish 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.

### **Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation Rescheduled**

Due to the snow day in November, the third middle school lesson on the Gift of Human Sexuality will take place on Wednesday, December 19.

### **MANY THANKS FROM THE LIBRARY**

A big THANK YOU goes out to all parents, students, faculty and staff that supported the **Passport to Reading Book Fair!** Snow days and delays did not stop students from having a great time discovering the world with books. This fun-filled event could not be accomplished without our devoted All Saints families that graciously volunteered to make the Book Fair a huge success. It is a blessing to have so many parents extend their volunteer hours to handle sales transactions, sort inventory, write wish lists and pack up the enormous selection of books. It truly is a team effort and a wonderful example of our community sharing their gifts.

### **Advent Holy Hour for Children**

All our students and their families are welcome to attend an Advent Holy Hour for Children on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Please meet at the church entrance nearest to the school.

### **Important Reminders**

#### **Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service – Tonight @ 7:00 p.m.**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual **Evening with St. Nicholas** will take place tonight. 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.*

#### **Bethany Food Pantry Collection – Tomorrow**

The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur tomorrow, 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.

### **“Basket of Joy” to Benefit the Children of the Saint Gabriel Mission**

The NJHS and the SCA is 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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org).

### **Net Promoter Survey Reminder**

Just a reminder that the deadline to complete the Net Promoter Survey is Friday, December 7. Designed to measure your overall satisfaction with our school, the Net Promoter Survey asks you to respond to the Ultimate Question:

***On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you in recommending All Saints Catholic School to family, friends and acquaintances?***

Your response will help to provide an important perspective and inform our vision for the future. Most importantly, this tool provides an opportunity to ensure that we are in step with parent perceptions and actively responding to the needs of our community members. Please click on the following

link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/259TS3M>

### **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!

### **Upcoming Events**

*Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>*

- Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (Church/7:00 p.m.)

*Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*

- Bethany Food Pantry Collection – “Holiday Desserts”
- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day to Support the Military
- Accelerated Reader Star Party (1:30 p.m.)

*Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*

- Second Sunday of Advent

*Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Activity Day
- Advent Holy Hour for Children (Meet at church entrance nearest the school/4:00 p.m.)
- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

*Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*

- Third Sunday of Advent

*Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>*

- Advent Wreath Prayer Gatherings (8:15 a.m.)

*Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>*

- Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Lesson #3

*Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*

- Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant (10:00 a.m.)

Note: Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to Christmas Holiday

- Christmas Pageant – Grades K,1,4,5 & 6 (2:00 Rehearsal/7:00 p.m. Performance)

*Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>*

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

### **Newsletter Links**

- [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)