

The Sentinel

December 12, 2018

Principal's Message

Last week a number of students and parents gathered for an *Evening with St. Nicholas*, an Advent prayer service which was followed by a reception in the Parish Activities Center. Through music, readings and prayer, the children had an opportunity to learn more about the life and legacy of St. Nicholas, culminating in their presentation of 78 pairs of shoes at the foot of the altar. All of the shoes and \$63.00 collected during the event have been donated to House of Mercy to benefit the needy in our local community. Thank you to those who participated in this event and who through their generosity have helped to brighten the lives of those less fortunate.

Thank you, Mrs. Roccograndi, for once again organizing this beautiful event for our school community. I also wish to thank the members of the Schola who led the music under the direction of Miss McPhilamy as well as the volunteer parents who assisted with the many details behind the scenes. Festive and prayerful, it was an event that truly captured the spirit of Advent.

A Prayer for Advent – Week II

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Help wanted – Diocese of Arlington, Office of Catholic Schools

The Office of Catholic Schools has an immediate opening for an Administrative Assistance supporting the Superintendent of Schools. Please click on this [LINK](#) for information, duties, qualifications and to access the application portal.

Lost & Found

Are you looking for lost items? Please stop by and check the Lost & Found in school cafeteria by December 20th. The Lost & Found will be emptied on the 21st and any unclaimed items will be donated or discarded.

Paul VI High School Varsity Dance Team – Parent’s Night Out

The PVI Varsity Dance Team would like for parents to enjoy a dinner, movie, or last-minute Christmas shopping while your children enjoy games, crafts, pizza and dancing. Friday, December 21st from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please click on the following link for more information and registration form: [Parents Night Out 2018](#)

Bishop O’Connell High School – Upcoming Events

Youth Music Festival= Saturday, January 5 9:00 am-3:00 pm. 6th through 8th grade students are invited to participate in a full day of music clinics and performances. **This event is free, but registration is required.** Participants will get to learn from many different clinicians and work with our students as well. [Click Here to register.](#)

Youth Day for Basketball= We will be hosting Youth Day for any students K-8th grade. Students are invited to attend a Boys’ and Girls’ basketball game. Students who register in advance will receive a bag, water bottle, and free ticket to the game. You can register for the event here: <http://www.bishopoconnell.org/admissions/how-when-to-visit>

Important Reminders

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. 6th 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.

“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.

Advent Holy Hour for Children

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

Open House for 2019-2020 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, January 9th 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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 13th

- 1st Grade Activity Day (1:00-3:00 p.m.)
- Children's Holy Hour with Fr. Noah (4:00 p.m.)

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

Friday, December 14th

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

Sunday, December 16th

- Third Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 17th

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

Wednesday, December 19th

- Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Lesson #3

Thursday, December 20th

- 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 p.m. Rehearsal/7:00 p.m. Performance)

Friday, December 21st

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

Monday, December 24th

- Christmas Holiday Begins

Thursday, January 3rd

- Classes Resume
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 4th

- School Mass – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 7th

- Scantron Testing – 2nd Round Begins (through January 25th)

Tuesday, January 8th

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

Wednesday, January 9th

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

Thursday, January 10th

- Spirit Event: Panera
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 11th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [Kindness to Community Flyer](#)
- [Christmas Kindness Cutouts](#)
- [LINK](#) to Administrative Assistant Job Opening at the Office of Catholic Schools
- [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)
- [Parents Night Out 2018](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)**