

The Sentinel

December 19, 2018

Principal's Message

Each year during Advent it is a joy for me to review the student work samples posted in the hallways in which the children describe the "gifts" they wish to give to Jesus at Christmas. Always heartfelt, their sentiments are often quite poignant and a source of inspiration.

Here are a few examples from the children that I thought you might enjoy.

I will give the gift of a crib and blanket. (2nd Grade)

I'll spend more time with mom and dad. (1st Grade)

I will send a note to my grandma. (1st Grade)

I will help my mom wash the dishes. (1st Grade)

I will be generous and give the gift of a baseball hit on a mild summer night. (2nd Grade)

And, of course, the greatest gift that we might offer: *I will love Jesus forever. (1st Grade)*

On behalf of the faculty & staff of All Saints Catholic School, I wish all of you a blessed Christmas Season! May the holiday be filled with great joy as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Merry Christmas!

A Prayer for Advent – Week III

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory, and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Saints Spreads Kindness to the Community

Last year the Ambassadors introduced the theme of "Spreading Kindness like Confetti". In December, we will put the focus on "kindness to community". As this is the season of giving, we would like our students to learn about giving to people in need in

the community. Let us show our children how to help others through kind words, kind acts and generosity. We have sent a flyer home with each child with ideas of how to spread kindness in the community. Please consider doing a kind act in our community as a family. For every kind act, please fill out a piece of confetti (back of the flyer) and put it in our "kindness jar of confetti" in the front office. Did you donate shoes to House of Mercy or donate food to Bethany Food pantry? Don't forget to write those acts of kindness down and bring them to the front office too. Let's see how our *small* acts of kindness add up to make a *big* impact in our community!

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School

January 12th: "How To High School" A Readiness Skills Workshop for 7th and 8th Graders, hosted by the Faculty of Saint John Paul the Great, on Saturday, January 12th from Noon - 4pm! Workshop sessions include "How to Ace the Test," "How to Make the Team," "How to Manage Money," "How to Explore Your Brain," and more! This event includes lunch and is free of charge. For more information contact us at howtohighschool@jpthegreat.org. You can RSVP your child here: tiny.cc/howtohighschool.

APPLY TODAY! Saint John Paul the Great's accredited college-preparatory curriculum is a rigorous course of study, featuring a unique formation in Bioethics in a community-oriented environment, with the Dioceses' original House System. John Paul is also proud to offer Special Services, which includes an inclusive Options Program: a special education program for students with moderate intellectual or cognitive disabilities. You can apply at www.jpthegreat.org. Please contact us for more information: admissions@jpthegreat.org or 703.445.0218.

January 12th: High School Placement Test! It is not too late! Saint John Paul the Great still has space on Saturday, January 12 at 8:30. Please let us know if you are coming by emailing us at admissions@jpthegreat.org or registering at www.jpthegreat.org. If you are not taking the test at John Paul, our code is 77!

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.

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 20th

- Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant (Church/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](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)**