

The Sentinel

February 22, 2019

Principal's Message

This week I wish to share with you a couple of important updates regarding our uniform program.

In response to parent feedback, I am excited to announce that we will be introducing a new navy polo shirt as part of the summer uniform and phasing out the white polo shirt. It is our hope that this new color will be much easier for parents to maintain and keep clean over time. Additionally, the navy blue shirt will be more modest in appearance.

The new navy blue polo shirt will be available for purchase in advance of the upcoming academic year. The white polo shirt will be "grandfathered" for one year (2019-2020) after which it will be discontinued as part of the uniform.

At All Saints we are also pleased to offer a "Uniform Exchange" program by which parents may purchase gently worn items at affordable prices. As we plan for the year ahead, there will be several modifications to this program that will increase efficiency while continuing to provide a valuable service to our families.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year, we will host three pre-scheduled sales per year, i.e. August, October and one sale during the spring. "On demand" sales will only be available for new families transitioning into the school and at the request of administration to assist families in need. Parents may continue, however, to drop off used uniforms at the front office at their convenience.

In an effort to streamline procedures and in recognition of the affordability of items, the use of credits for those making donations is being discontinued. Those families who have already received credits may, however, use them through the close of this academic year. The price of items (\$1.00-\$4.00) will remain unchanged in the year ahead.

I wish to thank Mrs. Danielle O'Neill for her continued management of the Uniform

Exchange program. With great attention to detail and dedication to her role, she provides a wonderful service to our school community. Additionally, I wish to thank those parents who shared feedback regarding the polo shirts and the PTO for their efforts in revising the Uniform Exchange procedures.

As always, should you have any questions about these changes to our uniform program, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day – Expanded for Next Year!

In response to growing interest, All Saints will offer Extended Day for Pre-Kindergarten students both before and after school beginning in the fall. The registration fee of \$200.00 per Pre-Kindergarten student will continue and families will only be billed for days on which their son/daughter attends. (\$12.00 per morning session/\$20.00 per afternoon session)

Diocesan Teacher Job Fair

Each spring the Diocese of Arlington hosts a *Teacher Job Fair* for those interested in learning more about the ministry of Catholic education. This year the event will take place on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax.

Related to this effort, the Office of Catholic Schools has advertised *Five Reasons to Teach in Catholic Schools*.

- Students come to school ready to learn and grow.
- Parents partner with teachers to help students reach high expectations.
- Parish and school communities support and celebrate teachers.
- Colleagues excel as teachers, mentors and co-workers, forming strong faith-based communities that foster learning, growth and prayer.
- It's a vocation. God may be calling you to do this important work. Listen carefully.

If you're interested in further exploring how you might share your gifts within our diocesan school community, plan to attend this upcoming event. For more details about the Teacher Job Fair, as well as information related to the application process, visit arlingtondiocese.org.

Spelling Bee Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who participated in last week's Spelling Bee and to Robert Gasser, our school champion. We wish Robert every success as he advances to the next level of the Prince William County competition.

1st Place - Robert Gasser
2nd Place - Jesus Santos
3rd Place - Anthony Olivera

Class Representatives:

Luke Rebholz (4A)
Christopher Sheeran (4A)
Grace Karcher (4B)
Aoife Haggerty (4B)
Chimanga Mubanga (5A)
Brielle Appiatse (5A)
Robert Gasser (5B)
Andrew Horgan (5B)
Savanna Loy (6A)
Mikayla Loy (6A)
Amelia Webb (6B)
Jesus Santos (6B)
Sofia Villatoro (7A)
William Odell (7A)
Camden Short (7B)
Leona Kun (7B)
Joseph Corrigan (8A)
Liana Rodriguez (8A)
Anthony Olivera (8B)
Macallan Greissing (8B)

Open House for 2019-2020 School Year (Thursday, March 14th @ 7:00 p.m.)

In response to demand, All Saints will host an evening Open House on Thursday, March 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation by the principal, tours of the facility will be provided. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, administrative assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Important Reminders

PTO General Assembly Meeting – “Education Planning Night” (February 28th)

Plan to join us on February 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center for what promises to be an informative and helpful presentation for parents on the topic of financial planning. Ms. Jacqui Hanson and Mr. Christopher McAllister, Prudential Advisors, will address the challenges that families face when saving for education, the pros and cons of various payment strategies, how to best position yourself for financial

aid and how to reduce your tuition costs by having a coordinated tax deduction strategy. All school parents, parishioners and friends are welcome to attend!

Operation Helping Hands

Operation Helping Hands is in need of volunteers and donations on Thursday March 7th. The event is held from 9-3 in the PAC we will be working to prepare for the Race for Education. This is a fantastic way earn shares. Volunteers do NOT need to be VIRTUS complaint, younger siblings are welcome, and you're welcome to stay for the entire event or just to pop in as your schedule permits. If you have any questions about the event please contact either Floribel Fleisig at ffleisig@hotmail.com or Sarah Roccograndi at Sarah.Roccograndi@gmail.com. Please visit HelpCounter to sign-up. Thank you!

Professional Development Day (No School) - Monday, March 11th

On Monday, March 11th our teachers will participate in a diocesan-wide day of professional development. For this reason, there will be no classes or Extended Day Program that day.

Employment Opportunity – Long-Term Substitute Teacher

All Saints Catholic School is seeking a long-term substitute teacher for the Pre-Kindergarten program beginning in April when Mrs. Parriott will be out on maternity leave. This is a wonderful opportunity for those wishing to support the mission of Catholic education and those who might be seeking a full-time faculty position in our parish school. Candidates interested in learning more about the position or who wish to apply are invited to contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

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.factsmgmt.com/signin/3Q327>

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

Friday, February 22nd

- School Mass – Chair of St. Peter (8:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, February 26th

- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 27th

- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day (American Heart Association)
- Little Medical School (3rd Grade)

Thursday, February 28th

- PTO General Assembly Meeting – “Education Planning”, sponsored by Prudential (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 1st

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Celebration – Buddy Reading Activity

Monday, March 4th

- Middle School Talent Show Auditions (Music Room/3:00-5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 5th

- “Go Forth: Called and Chosen” (Diocesan 8th Grade Vocations Mass) – Cafeteria Closed/Brown Bag Lunch Day
- Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (PAC/2:30 p.m.)
- PTO Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 6th

- Ash Wednesday Mass (10:00 a.m.)
- Little Medical School – 3rd Grade

Thursday, March 7th

- PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Title I Parent Workshop (Science Lab/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 8th

- Middle School Demerit Free Celebration (10:00 a.m.)
- End of Trimester II
- Noon Dismissal – Teacher Work Day (Report Cards)

Saturday, March 9th

- Diocesan Teacher Job Fair (PVI High School/9:00-11:00 a.m.)
- Robotics Team Competition

Newsletter Links

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