

The Sentinel

March 6, 2019

Principal's Message

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Each of the students has received a cardboard rice bowl into which they can place their donations during Lent. All of the funds will benefit CRS Rice Bowl which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

While the act of sacrificial giving is an important part of our Lenten tradition, the experience takes on even greater meaning when our students understand the plight of those less fortunate and recognize the difference that they can make to alleviate suffering. So that the children may develop this appreciation of the needs of those around the world, each week of Lent the teachers will lead discussions and lessons using the materials made available by Catholic Relief Services. It is our hope that these conversations will inspire sacrificial giving among our students as they place their contributions into their Rice Bowls. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to convert the contributions from their children into a check to be submitted to All Saints after which our school will forward all of the funds to CRS.

Here are some strategies that you may wish to consider in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the online *Stories of Hope* and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes for simple meals can be found on the CRS website.

For more information, including spiritual reflections, short video presentations on the topic of Lent, and even virtual Stations of the Cross, please see the link below.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>

Wishing you and your families a blessed Lent!

A Prayer for Lent

God of all people,

You walk with us on our life's journey.

You know our joys and struggles.

You know us better than we know ourselves.

This Lenten season, may we too learn to walk with others.

Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may we encounter you in our neighbors in need and live your call to serve our human family.

Amen.

Menu Change – Tomorrow – Dr. Seuss Birthday!

Tomorrow's lunch will be:

One Fish, Two Fish Sticks, Mac N'Cheese Please OR Turkey & Cheese on Wheat Bread, Green Beans

Katoo Birthday Cup Cakes

Wednesday Walkthroughs

Wednesday Walkthroughs are a wonderful opportunity to see All Saints Catholic School in action. Every Wednesday at 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM, you can come to our school and take a tour without an appointment with a member of our Admissions Team. If you are unable to attend a Wednesday Walkthrough, tours are also available by contacting Joyce D'Eugenio at ideugenio@allsaintsva.org or (703) 393-1490. *Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors to come and experience the dynamic, faith environment of All Saints.*

5K T-shirt Contest

Thank you to all our participants in the Running with the Saints 5K T-shirt Contest!

Emma Kate Coleman (6B) - 1st Place

Shirley Corella (2B) - 2nd Place

Orla Haggerty (6B) - 3rd Place

Important Reminders

Diocesan Teacher Job Fair – Saturday, March 9th

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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>

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.

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!

PTO BINGO – SATURDAY MARCH 16

The PTO is sponsoring a family friendly Bingo Night on Saturday, March 16 starting at 5pm. Bingo, Pizza & Prizes. Pre-Orders are encouraged. Please see flyer linked below.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 6th

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes for Report Card Prep

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.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (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

Monday, March 11th

- **Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day**

Wednesday, March 13th

- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day to Benefit St. Gabriel Mission
- Little Medical School (3rd Grade) & Little Veterinarian School (4th Grade)

Thursday, March 14th

- Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)
- Open House (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 15th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Report Cards Sent Home
- **FACTS Tuition Assistance Application Deadline**

Saturday, March 16th

- PTO Bingo (PAC/5:00 p.m.)

Monday, March 18th

- Lenten Penance Service & Confessions – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 19th

- School Mass – St. Joseph (8:30 a.m.)
- Statewide Tornado Drill (9:45 a.m.)

Wednesday, March 20th

- Little Medical School (3rd Grade)
- Little Veterinarian School (4th Grade)

Thursday, March 21st

- Spirit Wear Day
- Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 22nd

- 5th Grade Wax Museum (PAC/1:15 p.m.)

Saturday, March 23rd

- 6th Annual Running with the Saints 5K (8:15 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- Yearbook: www.ybpay.com - All Saints school code is 13273519
- [Bingo Flyer 2019](#)
- [Spotlight On the Arts Summer Day Camps 2019 Brochure](#)
- [Bishop Ireton Theatre Arts Presents Musical Comedy CURTAINS](#)
- [2018-19 Annual Fund](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)**