

# The Sentinel

March 13, 2019

## Principal's Message

With the weather beginning to turn and the arrival of spring-like temperatures, I am hopeful that the potential for snow and additional delays and closures has now passed. With this in mind, I anticipate being able to confirm the end of year calendar by the close of this month so that families can plan accordingly.

As our school has been closed or delayed numerous times this year due to inclement weather, I am now considering the question of whether we might initiate a policy change by which All Saints Catholic School would follow the decision of Manassas City Public Schools rather than Prince William County Schools in the year ahead.

As a starting point, a quick review of our demographics indicates that in 2018 approximately 60% of school families resided in Manassas with 39% living in Nokesville, Bristow, Gainesville and Haymarket. As the weather and road conditions in these outlying areas are often similar to those in Manassas, I believe that this change may be feasible for us.

Prior to making a policy decision, I would welcome feedback from parents, particularly as this question pertains to student safety and there may be factors of which I am not aware. As such, we will be sending a brief electronic survey to parents within the next week to solicit input. In advance, thank you for your participation in this process.

On another topic related to student safety, as a follow up to my email of two weeks ago I wish to provide an update regarding the "Momo challenge". As many of you are now aware, both *The Atlantic* and *New York Times* have reported that the Momo challenge was in fact an online hoax. Although the disturbing image of "Momo" has appeared in online videos, media reports have asserted that there are no credible reports of children who have been "meaningfully influenced" by the image. Nevertheless, such online phenomenon serve as a strong reminder of the importance of being aware of what our young people may be encountering in the online world and engaging them in open dialogue about the potential risks. Count on our commitment to continuing to share with you any information that we believe will be helpful to you as parents in safeguarding

your children in an increasingly complex world.

*Wishing you continued blessings during this Lenten season!*

**Lunch Menu Change for Tomorrow, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

The lunch menu for tomorrow Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> will be Cheese Pizza Sticks, Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread, Celery & Carrot Sticks & Tropical Fruit.

**Bethany Food Pantry Collection – March 18, 2019**

The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur on Monday, March 18. Our theme for the March collection is "**Lenten Abstinence**". **Students are invited to donate dry beans and rice**. 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.

**CYO VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL**

When: March 16th

Where: BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

Who: Grades 3rd - 8th

Cost: FREE

SCHEDULE: 3rd - 5th grades: 10 am - 11:30 am; 6th - 8th grades: noon - 1:30 pm

For more info contact coach Mehdi [melalaoui@bishopoconnell.org](mailto:melalaoui@bishopoconnell.org)

**Important Reminders**

**Open House for 2019-2020 School Year (Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.)**

In response to demand, All Saints will host an evening Open House on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – Application Deadline is Friday!**

Parents interested in applying for tuition assistance are reminded that the deadline for submitting all forms through FACTS is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information about

the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the following link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3Q327>

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).

### **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 [jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org](mailto:jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org) or (703) 393-1490. *Tell your friends, relatives and neighbors to come and experience the dynamic, faith environment of All Saints.*

### **Upcoming Events**

*Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>*

- Robotics Team Competition (Bishop McNamara High School)
- PTO Bingo (PAC/5:00 p.m.)

*Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>*

- Little Medical School (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
- Little Veterinarian School (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- **(Note: The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Virginia Presentation has been rescheduled for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.)**

*Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>*

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

*Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>*

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum (PAC/1:15 p.m.)
- CYO Challenge Cup (Gym/4:30 p.m.)

*Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>*

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

*Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>*

- Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)
- "Rise & Read Celebration" – Grades 2-5 (1:30 p.m.)
- Little Veterinarian School (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

### **Newsletter Links**

- Yearbook: [www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com) - All Saints school code is 13273519
- [Bingo Flyer 2019](#)
- [CYO VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL](#)
- [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](#)**