The Sentinel

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Principal's Message

Last week I had the opportunity to tour the construction site for the new Paul VI Catholic High School in Loudoun County. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2020, it will be a beautiful campus with expansive facilities for academic and athletic programs. As a graduate of Paul VI from its early days in Fairfax, it was a great joy for me to have a first-hand glimpse into the exciting future of the school!

For those interested in taking a closer look at the design and plans, here is a link to a video tour recently released by the school.

Tour of New Paul VI High School

This week I also wish to provide an update regarding the Pre-Kindergarten program and our plan for staffing while Mrs. Parriott is out on maternity leave. I am pleased to share with you that Mrs. Angela Ward, the instructional assistant, will assume the role of lead teacher for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. Familiar with the classroom routines and having developed a wonderful rapport with the children, she will provide continuity for our young learners during the closing weeks of their year. She will be assisted by Mrs. Stacy Heresi who will serve as the long-term instructional aid. As a school parent at All Saints, Mrs. Heresi has acquired extensive experience as a volunteer both in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms over the course of the past several years. As such, she brings to her role not only an understanding of the program but also an appreciation for the mission and philosophy of our school.

I wish to thank the members of the Pre-Kindergarten Team for their continued collaboration and for all that they continue to do to provide such a warm and nurturing learning environment for the children. Let us continue to pray for Mrs. Parriott as she prepares for the birth of her baby and for the team as they plan for the closing of the year.

Finally, I want to provide an update regarding Derreon Keng, a former first grade student at All Saints who is continuing to battle cancer. Derreon has started her second round of chemotherapy as part of an extensive treatment plan. I know that many of you have been touched by this story and have already supported the family through prayers and donations. The family extends appreciation for all of your support and generosity.

As they continue to deal with this devastating illness, here are some ways you can continue to help Derreon and her family.

- 1) Prayers Please continue to pray for healing for Derreon and strength for her whole family.
- 2) Meals Derreon's family would be most appreciative of meals as they have very little time or resources to devote to anything but her treatment and care. To participate in the meal program, please see the link below.

Mealtrain for Derreon Keng

- 3) Donations The family would welcome donations of gift cards to area restaurants (Haymarket, Bristow, Gainesville and Manassas). Gift cards may be dropped off at the front office to be forwarded to the family.
- 4) Financial contributions Please see the link below to participate in the Gofundme effort.

Gofundme for Derreon Keng

Wishing you continued blessings during this Lenten season!

14th Annual Race for Education takes place on May 2, 2019

Preparations for this year's *Race for Education* have begun! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered at the Helping Hands event. Our school mailed 4916 mailers to family and friends to 49 [US states, 2 US territories: Guam & Puerto Rico, and 11 countries: Austria, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and West Africa. All Saints is covering the globe! The only state we did not send a mailer to was Wyoming!

Soon donations will begin to arrive at the school and we are looking for parent volunteers to help with our record keeping process. We will meet on Thursdays at various times and locations beginning in the next 1-2 weeks throughout the month of April. If you are interested in volunteering any amount of time, a link to sign up on Help Counter will be sent out shortly.

For our fourth year in a row, we are offering a link to donate online to our *Race for Education*. When donating online, please remember to make one donation transaction for all the runners you are sponsoring and use the memo box online to indicate to which runner and classroom you are donating.

Here is the online link: http://allsaintsvaschool.org/parents/pto/race-for-education/

Thank you for your support to making this fundraiser a success!

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the *Race for Education* Coordinator, Mrs. Jeanine Fehrman, at racforeducation@allsaintsva.org

Seton School proudly presents The Wizard of Oz!

Tickets on sale right now at Seton's front office 9314 Maple St. Manassas VA 20110. April 5, 6, 12, and 13th at 7pm and a Sunday matinee April 7th at 3pm. \$10 per person. \$40 family max. Online tickets are available for a limited time at: https://setonmusical.com/tickets/ For more information call 703-368-3220 or go to www.setonmusical.com/tickets/

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Day Camps

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Day Camps have been offered within the Arlington Diocese for families seeking excellence in Theatre and Art education within a Catholic environment for the past 15 years. **Drama Bootcamp** introduces Improvisational Comedy, Acting, Movement, and Theatre Games to rising grades 1st-9th. **Broadway Spotlight** offers daily instruction to rising 4th-12th graders in Singing, Dance, Acting, and Production leading to a final showcase. **Arts & Crafts Fun** engages our youngest campers in creative projects intended to teach new skills in a fun and supportive environment. **Art Explorer** challenges older students who seek to develop greater skills with more elaborate projects and instruction. Professional Catholic Performing Artists offers the **Marie Miller Songwriting Workshop** plus teens can learn all about comedy at the **Fools' Improvisational Intensive**. All instructors are Professional Teachers who have extensive backgrounds in their fields. Teacher Biographies can be seen here: http://www.spotlightsummercamps.com/staff/ Early Bird Discounts are offered currently in addition to larger family discounts as well. Camp Registration and more information can be found at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

Important Reminders

Running with the Saints

The Running with the Saints 5K is this **Saturday March 23** at 8:15 AM at All Saints Catholic School. If you have already registered, the PTO will have two opportunities for packet pick-up at the PAC:

Packet Pickup:

- Friday, March 22nd from 2:00-6:00 PM
- Saturday, March 23rd from 7:00-7:45 AM

All packets that are unclaimed at start time will be forfeited.

Registration:

If you have not yet registered, registration is still open by visiting https://register.chronotrack.com/r/45829 or we will have race day registrations the morning of the race in the Parish Activity Center.

Volunteers:

We still need additional volunteers. Come out and join in the fun! Please see Helpcounter to sign

up: https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e997e264

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 atideugenio@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 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.)
- Running with the Saints 5K Packet Pick-Up (PAC Atrium/2:00-6:00 p.m.)
- CYO Challenge Cup (Gym/5:30 p.m.)

Saturday, March 23rd

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

Tuesday, March 26th

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

Wednesday, March 27th

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

Friday, March 29th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Monday, April 1st

• Lenten Penance Service/Confessions – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, April 2nd

• PTO Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 3rd

• Little Veterinarian School – 4th Grade

Thursday, April 4th

- Stations of the Cross K-8 (2:15 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Middle School Talent Show (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 5th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 5th Grade Field Trip Luray Caverns
- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 6th

Band Festival (Bishop Ireton High School)

Newsletter Links

- Race for Education
- Mealtrain for Derreon Keng
- Gofundme for Derreon Keng
- Yearbook: www.ybpay.com All Saints school code is 13273519
- Spotlight On the Arts Summer Day Camps 2019 Brochure
- 2018-19 Annual Fund
- HelpCounter Sign-Up
- Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program Sign Up