The Sentinel

April 3, 2019

Principal's Message

As we approach the conclusion of Lent, we want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the Rice Bowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

In support of this effort, next Friday the Peace & Justice Players will sponsor a simple lunch, the proceeds of which will benefit the Rice Bowl project. As a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world and in an effort to help the students gain a better understanding of poverty, the lunch will consist of one bowl of rice and water. This will be the only food and drink available for purchase on Friday, April 12th. Although participation is completely voluntary, we are hopeful that many of the children will embrace this opportunity and recognize it as a chance to increase their empathy for those suffering in our world.

The cost of the lunch is \$3.00 and should be submitted as a cash donation rather than through the online lunch accounts. Students may bring a lunch from home if they prefer and are reminded to bring a drink if they so choose as only water will be available in the cafeteria.

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office by Wednesday, April 17th. Please be sure to include a reference to "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds received will be totaled and forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

Additionally, students who have contributed to the project are asked to bring their rice bowls to school on Thursday, April 18th. They will be invited to place their empty boxes on tables arranged in the shape of a cross as they process into church for our Holy Thursday Prayer Service, a gesture symbolizing their sacrificial giving.

Wishing you continued blessings during this Lenten season!

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of April: Forgiveness

Definition: Pardoning those who offend you.

Saints: St. Patrick (PK-2), Blessed Margaret of Castello (3-5), St. Josephine Bakhita (6-

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Bethany Food Pantry – Easter Meal Collection (April 16th)

The National Junior Honor Society, in coordination with the Bethany Food Pantry, is sponsoring a collection of fresh food to provide an Easter meal to families in need. The collection will occur on Tuesday, April 16. Students are asked to bring donations to their classroom and will have an opportunity to deliver the food to the Pantry at a designated time later that day.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as listed below. Through the generosity of our school community, many families will enjoy a beautiful Easter meal!

Pre-Kindergarten 1-pound bag of fresh carrots

Kindergarten 1-pound bag of fresh green beans

Grade 1 Lettuce (head or bag)
Grade 2 Onions and celery

Grade 3 Bottle of oil (any variety)
Grade 4 Apples and oranges

Grade 5 5-pound bag of potatoes

Grade 6 1 dozen eggs

Grade 7 3 bags of Easter candy
Grade 8 3 containers of shelf milk

"Opioids & Vaping: Knowing the Societal Risks" – Parent Presentation (April 9th)

Please join us for the PTO General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, April 9thand the final parent presentation of the year! We are delighted to welcome representatives from the Manassas City Police Department who will present on the topic of the opioid crisis and vaping. This will be an informative session that addresses current societal risks of which we all need to be aware.

This event is open to all parents, neighbors and community members and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center.

End of Year Calendar & Events

Friday, May 24th Field Day – Grades K-8 (All Saints) Friday, May 31st Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Friday, June 7th 8th Grade Graduation (4:00 p.m.)

Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7

Tuesday, June 11th 5th Grade Stepping Up Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, June 12th Kindergarten Luau

Kindergarten Graduation (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, June 13th Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7

(11:00 a.m. Dismissal)

Friday, June 14th Professional Development Day

Performers Needed for the All Saints Catholic Church Spring Festival

The Parish Festival will be taking place on May 3rd, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and May 4th, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Parents of students with special talents interested in participating/performing at the Spring festival are asked to email <u>Allsaintsfestivalperformance@gmail.com</u>

Email should describe the type of performance and include the following information:

- 1. How many groups, if any, will be performing?
- 2. Which day(s) can you perform and what times?
- 3. Do you require any accommodations?
- 4. How long does each performance last?

Spotlight on the Arts in JULY hosted at Nativity & All Saints offers:

- **Drama Bootcamp** introducing Improvisational Comedy, Acting, Movement, and Theatre Games to rising grades 1st-9th graders
- **Broadway Spotlight** offering daily instruction to rising 4th-12th graders in Singing, Dance, Acting, and Production leading to a final showcase.
- Arts & Crafts Fun engaging our youngest campers in creative projects intended to teach new skills in a fun and supportive environment.
- Art Explorer challenging older students who seek to develop greater skills with more elaborate projects and instruction.
- Marie Miller Songwriting Workshop providing one on one support in developing the craft of writing music

• Fools' Improvisational Intensive encouraging teens to develop skills of creating comedy in a fun and safe environment

All instructors are Professional Teachers who have extensive backgrounds in their fields and are faithful Catholics. Teacher Biographies can be seen

here: www.spotlightsummercamps.com/staff/

Early Bird Discounts are offered currently in addition to larger family discounts as well. offered within the Arlington Diocese for families seeking excellence in Theatre and Art education within a Catholic environment for the past 15 years, go to www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

Important Reminders

It's Not Too Late To Order Your Yearbook!

Yearbook sales will be online this year!!

- The yearbook will be \$22.00
- Online order deadline is April 12th
- The link is http://ybpay.com and your school code is 13273519

Upcoming Events

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)

Monday, April 8th

ACRE Testing (Grades 5 & 8)

Tuesday, April 9th

- ACRE Testing (Grades 5 & 8)
- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day
- PTO General Assembly Meeting "Opioids & Vaping" (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 10th

- 3rd Grade United States Presentation (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Little Veterinarian School 4th Grade
- PTO Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper (PAC/5:00 p.m.)
- Catholic Business Network Award Presentation for Excellence in Teaching Mrs.
 Blair

Thursday, April 11th

- NJHS Induction Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 12th

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Lenten Rice Lunch to Benefit CRS Rice Bowl Program (see menu for details)
- Deadline: Yearbook Orders

Saturday, April 13th

• Diocesan Science Fair

Monday, April 15th

• 8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 16th

Food Pantry Collection – Easter Meals

Wednesday, April 17th

- Distribution of Race for Education Prize Cards
- Battle of the Books Practice Meet (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Little Veterinarian School (4th Grade)
- Deadline: Rice Bowl Contributions

Thursday, April 18th

- Holy Thursday
- Prayer Service (Church/9:30 a.m.)
- 7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)
- Trimester III Interim Reports

Noon Dismissal

Friday, April 19th

• Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 22nd

Holiday – Easter Vacation Begins

Monday, April 29th

- Classes Resume Transition to Summer Uniforms
- Kindergarten Screening No-Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Classes

Newsletter Links

- 2019 Flynn-OHara Uniforms-Ways to Order
- Box Tops Are In Bloom-Collection Sheet
- PVI Players Production of Brigadoon Poster
- Seton Musical The Wizard of Oz
- 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
- HelpCounter Sign-Up

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program Sign Up