

The Sentinel

May 1, 2019

Principal's Message

Happy Easter! I hope that you and your families enjoyed the holiday!

As we near the end of the school year, I wish to share with you some of the changes that will be taking place among our faculty and staff at the close of this academic year.

After many years of dedicated service, four of our faculty & staff will be retiring in June.

Mrs. Suzanne Blair (Art Teacher) – For the past two decades, Mrs. Blair has provided our students a very enriched introduction to the world of art. Twice the recipient of the *Washington Post Educational Foundation Grant* as well as the 2019 Catholic Business Network (Prince William County Chapter) Teacher Award, Mrs. Blair has been exceptionally effective in her role and inspired her students to high levels of creativity and excellence.

Mrs. Jane Carroll (Technology Teacher/Powerschool Administrator) – Beginning her career at All Saints several decades ago, Mrs. Carroll served as a classroom assistant. Through the years, she expanded her skill set, ultimately taking the lead on technology integration, computer instruction and management of our student information system (Powerschool). Detail oriented and knowledgeable about both hardware and software applications, she has been an integral part of our school's advancement in technology through the years.

Mrs. Wendy Matner (Director of Cafeteria Program) – After working in the kitchen at All Saints for a number of years, Mrs. Matner served as our director of the program for more than a decade. In addition to enhancing the daily lunch through an increase in nutritional options for the students each day, she has continued some of the most beloved traditions in our school, most especially the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Werling (Cafeteria Assistant) – For more than a decade and after several years of employment as our cafeteria bookkeeper, Mrs. Werling has worked as an

assistant in the kitchen, helping with the daily preparation of food and the serving of students during the three lunch sessions. Behind the scenes she has tended to many of the small details that have helped to ensure the success of the lunch program each day.

We are grateful for the dedication of each of these individuals and for the generosity with which they have shared their gifts over the course of so many years. We wish each of them many blessings during their retirement and pray that it may be a time of rest and relaxation with their families and loved ones.

Here are three additional changes taking place among our staff at the close of the year.

Mrs. Theresa Parriott (Pre-Kindergarten Director/Teacher) has decided to resign from her position in June in order to care for her newborn baby, Bennett. We thank her for her commitment to our program and her enthusiastic leadership of the Pre-Kindergarten the past couple of years. We wish her and her family continued blessings!

Mrs. Mary Beth Keenan (Library Assistant) will be leaving All Saints at the end of the year in order to continue her graduate studies in library/media science. We thank her for the steadfast support that she has provided to Mrs. Coyle and our students and wish her every success as she pursues advancement in her educational career.

Mrs. Samantha Pryor (2nd Grade) will be returning to All Saints in the fall and serving as the Resource Teacher for grades Pre-K – 2. With a Master's Degree in Literacy, her high level of expertise and experience will be very beneficial as she assists our young students in the learning process.

14th Annual Race for Education – Tomorrow!

Tomorrow all students will participate in the *14th Annual Race for Education*. The following is a list of important reminders for all students and parents regarding the event.

1. All students in grades K-8 are asked to wear their P.E. uniforms to school on Thursday. Students enrolled in the Pre-K are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing appropriate for running. Note: Students may wear either the uniform P.E. shoes or running/athletic shoes for the day.

2. While all students will be participating in the *Race for Education* activities, only those students who brought in sponsor names or a flat donation will be eligible for prizes.
3. Students need not bring water bottles to the *Race for Education*. Two water stations will be available to students throughout the race.
4. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria at the regularly scheduled time.

Parents, relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend the event as a sign of support for all of our student runners. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for a wonderful day of fun and fellowship!

There are many opportunities to earn shares by volunteering on Race Day, all of which can be completed while you are cheering on your child. Volunteers are still needed to track the students' laps, pass out water, and to supervise the students as they run. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on our HelpCounter link.

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e99d6da9>

We are also still accepting donations on line. You can donate by clicking on the following link: <https://allsaintsvaschool.org/parent-resources/pto/race-for-education/> and hitting the "donate now" button on the page.

The following is the schedule for this special event:

Grades Pre-K, K, 1 & 2	8:45a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Grades 3-5	10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Grades 6-8	1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Prize Cards for Dress-Down Days have been distributed to students who met the criteria and may be redeemed on the following days:

Wednesday, May 8th
Wednesday, May 15th
Monday, May 20th
Wednesday, May 29th

Students may begin redeeming "Ice Cream Cards" on the days assigned for their grade levels starting this week.

As of Wednesday, April 17th, the counting team has already processed \$16,715.92. in donations and more contributions continue to arrive in the school office each day! Thank you to all students, parents, relatives and friends of our community for your steadfast support!

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of May: Responsibility

Definition: Being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions.

Saints: St. Peter (Gr. PreK-2), St. Henry II (Gr. 3-5), Bl. Bartolo Longo (Gr. 6-8)

Graduation Day (June 7th) – Noon Dismissal

Since 8th Grade Graduation will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the church on Friday, June 7th, school will dismiss at noon that day.

FACTS Enrollment & Tuition Assistance Update

As we make plans for the upcoming year, one of our priorities is that of continuing to provide as much tuition assistance as possible for families in our community. Through the generous and on-going support of our parish and the diocese, we have been able to provide financial aid totaling more than \$330,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year.

In an effort to secure as much financial support as possible for our community, we have submitted applications on behalf of our school families for funding through the *Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation* and the *St. Beatrice Special Tuition Assistance Program* (Note: Applications for these two distinct programs have been completed by school personnel and require no additional paperwork on the part of individual families.)

Diocesan allocations related to all of these sources of tuition assistance will be confirmed in the weeks ahead. Once these recommendations are received, final decisions regarding tuition assistance for our families will be determined. Notification of tuition assistance funding for those who have applied will take place in May. The FACTS re-enrollment process for 2019-2020 and selection of online tuition payment plans will also occur during May with June 7th being the deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount.

Should you have any questions about this process or if we can be of assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Stewardship Shares Program ~ Year End Totals

Again this year each family at All Saints has been asked to earn 25 Stewardship Shares. Those who are unable to do so are asked to submit a check at the conclusion of the year for any outstanding “shares” that remain. (1 share = \$20.00) As we approach the end of the year, parents are reminded to update their “shares total” online so that the database accurately reflects their contributions over the course of the entire year.

At the beginning of May, the office will issue individualized letters to each family, confirming the number of shares reflected in the school database. For this reason, we ask that those families who have not recently updated their totals to do so by Wednesday, May 8th.

Bethany Food Pantry Collection – May 9, 2019

The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur on Thursday, May 9. Our theme for the May collection is **"Spring Is Here"**. **Students are invited to donate canned fruits and vegetables.** 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.

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is excited to announce their 2019 SUMMER CAMPS! Whether you're looking for an enrichment and leadership experience or a sports program for your child, the John Paul Summer Camps are full of opportunities for children in grades 2 through 12. Have questions? Contact camps@jpthegreat.org or 703-445-0300.

Camp descriptions and registration information here: [JP the Great - Summer Camps](#)

Foster's Spirit Event

Our next Spirit Event is scheduled at Foster's Grill in Old Town Manassas on May 1st from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Please bring the attached voucher and present it to at the register when ordering so All Saints can get credit:

[Fosters Grill Spirit Event Dining for Dollars Voucher](#)

Important Reminders

Middle School Houses – End of Year Outreach Project

The Middle School Houses are sponsoring an outreach project to benefit the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic in Manassas. For Mother's Day they will be collecting grade-level donations and creating "new mother bags" that will be made available to those in need. Our middle school students will be collecting these items between April 29 – May 8, after which they will organize and evenly distribute items into care packages for new mothers. Your generous support of this outreach project will greatly benefit the ministry of the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic as they provide care to those less fortunate in our community.

The following is a list of requested grade-level donations:

Pre-Kindergarten	2 Bottles of Baby Wash/Shampoo
Kindergarten	New Receiving Blankets/Baby Blankets
Grade 1	Diapers/Baby Wipes
Grade 2	Diapers/Baby Wipes
Grade 3	New Burp Cloths
Grade 4	New Packages of Onesies
Grade 5	New Newborn Clothing (0-3 months)
Grade 6	Swaddle Blankets
Grade 7	2 Sets of New Pacifiers
Grade 8	New Baby Bottle Feeding Sets

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 1st

- Spirit Event: Foster's (Old Town/4:00-9:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 2nd

- 14th Annual Race for Education
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- **Extended Day (Afternoon Session) – Relocated to Art Room & Music Room to allow for Parish Festival Set-Up**

Friday, May 3rd

- Holiday – Parish Festival Prep Day

Saturday, May 4th

- Parish Festival

Monday, May 6th

- Scantron Testing Begins (Through May 24th)
- Kindergarten Screening – No-Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Classes
- 8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal (6:00-8:15 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 7th

- 8th Grade World Language Exam
- 8th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal (6:00-8:15 p.m.)
- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 8th

- Race for Education – Dress Down Day Option
- Deadline: Middle School Houses Outreach Collection

Thursday, May 9th

- Bethany Food Pantry Collection – “Spring is Here” (Canned Fruits & Vegetables)
- 8th Grade Spring Musical (1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 10th

- School Mass & May Crowning (8:30 a.m.)
- 1st Communion & 8th Grade Graduation Photos (9:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal – Professional Development Day

Saturday, May 11th

- 8th Grade Confirmation (10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.)

Monday, May 13th

- 8th Grade Class Trip to Annapolis
- 4th Grade Virginia Presentation (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 14th

- Diocesan Battle of the Books
- Seniors' Luncheon Band Concert (12:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 15th

- *Race for Education* – Dress Down Day Option

Thursday, May 16th

- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day
- 1st Grade Reading Celebration
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 17th

- Band Trip (King's Dominion)
- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal

Saturday, May 18th

- First Communion (10:00 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [Fosters Grill Spirit Event Dining for Dollars Voucher](#)
- [JP the Great - Summer Camps](#)
- [2019 Flynn-OHara Uniforms-Ways to Order](#)
- [Mealtrain for Derreon Keng](#) and [Gofundme for Derreon Keng](#)
- [Spotlight On the Arts Summer Day Camps 2019 Brochure](#)
- [HelpCounter Sign-Up](#)
- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program [Sign Up](#)**