

The Sentinel

May 15, 2019

Principal's Message

Congratulations to the members of our 8th grade class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. I am so proud of each of them for the individual commitment they have made to their Catholic faith and pray that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that they experienced will guide them through their future years. Thank you, Mr. Tessier, and to all of the teachers who provided the students such wonderful religious formation during their years at All Saints.

As we approach the end of our first year of implementation of the Lucy Calkins' *Units of Study* reading program, I want to provide an update to you regarding the assessments that we use. Currently, teachers in the elementary grade levels administer both the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) and the Fountas & Pinnell assessment. Both are wonderful tools for assessing the reading development of students and provide teachers with specific information regarding each student's literacy foundation. They both screen for phonological awareness, alphabet/letter sound knowledge, word knowledge, concept of word and oral reading. However, the Fountas & Pinnell assessment additionally provides teachers the opportunity to observe and quantify student reading behaviors. For example, teachers engage students in conversations regarding comprehension that extend beyond a simple retelling of the story. Recognizing the similarity of these two assessments and in an effort to reduce redundancy, beginning this spring All Saints will only be administering Fountas & Pinnell. Should you have any questions about this change or our reading program in general, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Pop Up Follett Book Fair

The Library will be hosting a Pop Up Follett Book Fair, Monday, May 20th – Friday, May 24th. See flyer below for additional information.

Important Reminders

Tuition Assistance Awards & FACTS Enrollment Process for 2019-2020

Friday, May 17th is the deadline for those who wish to make a change to their payment plan for 2019-2020. Those who wish to continue with the same payment schedule need not respond to the FACTS email of this week as they will automatically be re-enrolled in their current plan.

Tuition assistance awards will be finalized within the next several weeks and communicated to applicants via an official letter.

The deadline for Payment in Full with a 2% discount is Friday, June 7th.

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

Thank you to the many families who have updated their Stewardship Shares count online and who have already fulfilled their volunteer requirement for the year. We appreciate your commitment to the mission of our school and value our partnership with you.

Parents who have not yet completed their shares requirement will receive a reminder notification from the office with the request for payment for unfulfilled shares by Friday, May 31st. Should you have any questions about this program or your balance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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.

REMINDER – Field Day forms are due by this Friday, May 17th.

Upcoming Events

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.)
- Field Day Forms Due
- Noon Dismissal

Saturday, May 18th

- Algebra Practice Exam (8:30 – 10:00 a.m.)
- First Communion (10:00 a.m. & Noon)

Monday, May 20th

- *Race for Education* – Dress Down Day Option
- Book Fair Opens

Tuesday, May 21st

- Kindergarten Field Trip – Roer's Zoofari
- Spring Band Concert (2:00 & 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 22nd

- School Mass – St. Rita (8:30 a.m.)
- Title I Parent Workshop (Meeting Room 1/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 23rd

- SCA Election of Officers (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 24th

- Field Day (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)/Extended Day beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25th

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

Monday, May 27th

- Holiday – Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29th

- *Race for Education* Dress Down Day Option
- 4th Grade Field Trip – Mount Vernon

Thursday, May 30th

- 2nd Grade Field Trip – National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- 1st Grade International Day
- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 31st

- School Mass – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8:30 a.m.)
- Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten
- Last Day for *Accelerated Reader* Tests
- Library Books Due

Newsletter Links

- [Pop Up Follett Book Fair Flyer](#)
- [Field Day Flyer 2019 \(Updated\)](#)
- [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](#)**