

The Sentinel

September 25, 2019

Principal's Message

Central to the mission of Catholic education is a commitment to the formation of the whole person within the light of the teachings of the Gospel. At All Saints our effort to educate all dimensions of the child ~ spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional ~ has been an essential and consistent element of our mission.

As a Catholic school, All Saints also affirms the role of parents as the primary educators of their children and we are privileged to have the opportunity to work with you as partners in this regard. In recent years we have grown increasingly concerned about the many confusing messages that society as a whole, and the media in particular, place before the young people of today, particularly in regards to the topic of human sexuality. It is increasingly important that we insure that the children learn the beautiful teachings of the Church on this topic and that they fully realize and understand the gift of human sexuality within this framework. Not to share this information with the children leaves them unprepared for the world they face and the many choices that await them in the years ahead.

All Saints Catholic School has implemented a middle school family life curriculum that supports our goal of educating the whole child. The program is coordinated by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, Mr. Kevin Bohli, and is tailored to the specific needs of each school community. The program consists of a parent presentation during which Mr. Bohli provides an outline of the curriculum as well as resources for parents. Following this presentation, he and an associate, Ms. Carmen Briceno, will meet with the students for three one hour lessons designed to provide them with an understanding of the Church's teachings on the topic of human sexuality.

One of the advantages of this program is the involvement of outside professionals. In addition to bringing a high level of expertise as presenters, Mr. Bohli and Ms. Briceno are unfamiliar to the students, which may put the students at greater ease in asking questions and discussing this topic. A second advantage of this program is that it is designed to take place in a single-sex setting; Mr. Bohli will address the boys and Ms. Briceno will speak with the girls. Finally, in accordance with diocesan policy, this

program is designed as an *opt-in* opportunity for parents and students. Accommodations will be made for those children whose parents prefer that they not participate in the program.

By way of this letter I wish to invite you to a presentation for parents to be held on Wednesday, October 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. *As this is such a very important topic related to the development of your child, I ask that at least one parent from each family new to the middle school be present at the meeting.*

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With God All Things Are Possible!

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, All Saints Catholic School families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary in a special way. On Friday, October 11, after a blessing that will occur at the school Mass, two statues of Our Lady of Fatima will begin traveling to the homes of our school families for week-long visits.

Families who wish to participate in this program this year may sign up online at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CAEAB22A02-pilgrim>

While the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together either part of or the entire five-decade rosary for the intentions of our school as well as for their private intentions.

To create awareness about the program, the two statues will begin traveling from classroom to classroom on Monday. In addition to informing the students of the opportunity to host one of the statues in their home, the teachers will lead the students in praying a novena that will conclude on October 10, one day prior to the start of the program.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the

rotation coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at gmpascua@outlook.com.

Extended Day Program – Important Request Regarding Lunch/Snacks

On Friday and on all other noon dismissal days, students who will be attending Extended Day are reminded to bring a lunch.

In accordance with licensing standards, please note that all lunches and snacks brought from home for Extended Day must include the name of the child and the date. Thank you for your support of this important procedure which ensures the health and safety of the students in the program.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Paul VI Catholic High School

Paul VI Catholic High School will be hosting their annual OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, October 27th from 1-4 pm at the Fairfax Campus.

Group presentations will take place at 1:15 and 2:15 in Father Heet Auditorium. This is a perfect opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit www.paulvi.net or ehanley@pvipanther.net for additional information about PVI.

Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a **PANTHER FOR A DAY** experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net.

Middle School students and their families are invited to *Middle School Night Under the Lights* at **Paul VI Catholic High School** in Fairfax. Join us at 6:00PM on Friday, October 4th for pizza, tee shirts, games and tons of prizes. All are invited to join the *VI Man* cheering on our Panther varsity football team. Free to all and no reservations are needed.

Email: ehanley@pvipanther.net with questions.

Open House at Bishop O'Connell

October 13, 1:00-4:00. Presentation begins at 1:00. You and your family are invited to

see a presentation, meet our faculty and coaches, and tour through our building. [Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 26

- Lions' Club Screening (Grades 3 & 7)

Friday, September 27

- School Mass – St. Vincent de Paul (8:30 a.m.)
- **Noon Dismissal – Professional Development Day**

Tuesday, October 1

- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 2

- Gift of Human Sexuality Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 3

- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 4

- School Mass – St. Francis of Assisi (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, October 5

- CYO Track & Field Event

Wednesday, October 9

- St. Paul VI Catholic High School 8th Grade Visit (8:00 a.m.)

Thursday, October 10

- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 11

- School Mass – St. John XXIII (8:30 a.m.)
- Trimester I Interims

Monday, October 14

- Holiday – Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 16

- School Mass – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 17

- 6th Grade Field Trip – “The Edge”
- Statewide “Great Shakeout” Earthquake Drill (10:17 a.m.)
- 8th Grade Parent Meeting – Cancelled

Newsletter Links

- [Pilgrim Virgin Statue Sign-Up](#)
- [PVI Open House Post Card 19](#)
- [PVI Middle School Night 2019](#)
- [Help Counter](#)
- [Online Application for Diocesan Background Check Application](#)
- [VIRTUS](#) – use this link to sign up for VIRTUS training sessions