

The Sentinel

Principal's Message

This week I am pleased to share with you a change we will be trying in regards to our process for the scheduling of Parent-Teacher Conferences. In an effort to increase efficiency and to provide parents with the opportunity to select the day on which they wish to attend their meetings, we are implementing an electronic registration process. Within the next week, all families will receive an email with a link to an online form by which they may request specific times for their conferences.

All conferences will be allotted fifteen minutes, including those in the middle school. Of particular note, for grades 6-8, the first and second conference block of each hour (Example: 2:00-2:15 p.m. & 2:15-2:30 p.m.) will be reserved for meetings with House Advisors. The third and fourth blocks (Example: 2:30-2:45 p.m. & 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.) will be reserved for meetings by request of parents with specific subject teachers.

As a courtesy, the office staff will be contacting those families with four or more children enrolled so that we can schedule sequential conferences prior to opening the registration portal.

Again, look for a sign-up link for the conferences on November 11 & 12 in the days ahead.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With God All Things Are Possible!

Bethany Food Pantry Collection

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will once again be coordinating monthly food drives to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry. Each month, students will be able to participate in a food drive to benefit those less fortunate in our community. The support from our school community will greatly assist the pantry in keeping their shelves stocked.

Our first food drive of the school year will be held on **Thursday, October 24**. The theme will be **Helping Our Neighbors In Need**, and we are looking for donations of **canned fruits, vegetables, and beans**. Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival after which students from the National Junior Honor Society will then deliver items to the food pantry.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important outreach to our local community.

Penny Bazaar and Cupcake Drop Off Information

The Penny Bazaar will take place on Thursday, October 31st. The Penny Bazaar is a

one-hour event of fun and games outside on the back parking lot. Students should plan to bring a small bag of pennies to school that day and might want to bring a grocery/reusable bag carry their pennies and prizes. Students might also want to bring a few quarters to cover the cost of a cupcakes and lemonade which will be sold in the cafeteria.

On Thursday, October 31st, the Safety Patrol will be assisting with the cupcake drop-off during the morning carpool. Additional patrols will be available to take the cupcakes directly from your car as this will minimize the foot traffic during drop-off. Slots are still available for Regular and Allergy Sensitive Cupcakes, please following the link to sign up: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e98919ac>.

All Saints Catholic School Band Fundraiser

The All Saints Catholic School Band is doing a fundraiser with Yankee Candle. The fundraiser helps to defray the cost of the band trip and to help supply funds to buy or maintain needed special instruments as well as other band equipment and materials. Purchases can be made either in person with a band member through 10/21 or online at: yankeecandlefundraising.com . If shopping online, you can either support a band member directly through their individual fundraising accounts (you need to ask them for their seller ID) or the All Saints School Band as a group by entering group #: 990086503. In addition to candles, you can also purchase some bake ware, gift wrap, popcorn, automobile accessories, etc. These items make great gifts. Please consider supporting the All Saints Catholic School Band this year. Should you have any questions, please contact Kerry Balagtas at Kerryb17@verizon.net

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PTO General Assembly Meeting – October 22 (Reading & Writing Program)

Our first presentation for parents this year will take place on Tuesday, October 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Horgan (Assistant Principal) & Mrs. Pryor (Resource Teacher) will be speaking on the topic of our new reading and writing program. Plan to join us for this introduction and overview of the Lucy Calkins' Program!

The Uniform Closet will be open from 6:30 p.m. through the close of the PTO Meeting and the following day, October 23 from 7:40 – 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers Needed for All Saints' Robotics Competition

The excitement is mounting! As announced previously, Robotics will be front and center at All Saints on **Saturday, November 9**, as the parish becomes the site of side-by-side middle school and high school robotics tournaments. All Saints Catholic School will be hosting its first middle school VEX IQ Robotics Competition in the Gym, while Seton School will host a VRC Competition in the Parish Activities Center. Registration for both tournaments is currently open to schools for this day of fast-paced, hands-on STEM learning and discovery.

Volunteers Needed for our Middle School Event

Now in the fifth year of our robotics program, we are pleased to be hosting our first tournament. Participants in the competition, comprised of up to 24 middle school teams, will bring robots that they have designed, built and programmed to compete in the 2019-2020 VEX IQ Challenge: "[Squared Away.](#)"

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed every day to assist in the cafeteria with serving and supervising. This is a vital role in supporting the daily operations of the school and staff. If you are already VIRTUS approved, please go directly on Help Counter and choose the spots that fit to your schedule. <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e9a4d205> If you have any questions please contact Carol Rice ckrice@verizon.net 703-380-5990.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 17

- 6th Grade Field Trip – “The Edge”
- Statewide “Great Shakeout” Earthquake Drill (10:17 a.m.)
- 8th Grade Parent Meeting – Cancelled
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, October 19

- PTO Family Game Night (PAC/6:00-9:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 21

- Picture Day (Uniforms)
- *Red Ribbon Week* sponsored by Student Council Association

Tuesday, October 22

- PTO General Assembly Meeting – Presentation I (Lucy Calkin’s Reading & Writing Program – Mrs. Horgan & Mrs. Pryor) + Uniform Sale (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 23

- Uniform Sale (PAC/7:40 – 9:00 a.m.)
- St. John Paul the Great High School 8th Grade Visit (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, October 24

- Bethany Food Pantry Collection – “Helping our Neighbors” (Canned Fruits, Vegetables and Beans)
- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

- Battle of the Books Field Trip (St. Timothy – Author Presentation)
- Middle School Activity Night (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 25

- Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day
- Spirit Event: Ticonderoga Farms (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 28

- 1st Grade Field Trip – National Zoo
- *Spirit Week* (Sponsored by SCA)

Wednesday, October 30

- Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Student Presentation I

Thursday, October 31

- Penny Bazaar (1:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 1

- All Saints Feast Day
 - School Mass & 3rd Grade Procession of Saints (8:30 a.m.)
 - 8th Grade “Saints Alive” Presentation (PAC/following Mass)
- Transition to Winter Uniforms
- Spirit Event: Chuck E. Cheese (3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

- Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation II
- 3rd Grade Field Trip – Colvin Run Mill

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

- Veterans’ Day Mass & Assembly/Reception (8:30 a.m.)
- Robotics Competition (PAC/Gym)

Saturday, November 9

- Robotics Competition (PAC/Gym)

Newsletter Links

- [PTO Trivia Night 2019](#)
- [Volunteer Sign-Up for Robotics Competition](#)
- [Veterans Student Packet 2019](#)
- [Pilgrim Virgin Statue Sign-Up](#)
- St. John Paul the Great High School's Super Science Sat. on Oct. 19th from 9-noon for 6-8th graders: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/superscience>
- [Help Counter](#)
- [Online Application for Diocesan Background Check Application](#)
- [VIRTUS](#) – use this link to sign up for VIRTUS training sessions