

The Sentinel

October 23, 2019

Principal's Message

Yesterday all parents should have received an email with instructions and a link for signing up for Parent-Teacher Conferences in November. If for any reason you did not receive this information or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Horgan, Assistant Principal, for further assistance.

On Saturday evening, the PTO hosted the first-ever Family Game Night during which those in attendance enjoyed trivia questions and a variety of games. It was great to see students, parents and faculty having such a wonderful time and participating in these friendly competitions. Even Fr. Lee joined in and was a strong contributor for the category of "saints"!

Thank you to Mrs. Carol Rice for serving as the coordinator of the event and for planning all of the details. I also wish to thank her husband, Mr. Kevin Rice, for serving as the "host" and the Rice children for their help with many details behind the scenes. With other parent volunteers joining in to assist with the food and clean-up, it was a terrific community gathering...and perhaps the start of a new tradition!

With God All Things Are Possible!

Veterans Day Celebration (November 8)

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite all active duty, reserve, former and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on Friday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be a ceremony in the Parish Activity Center and a reception for our honored guests in Father Kelley Hall.

Open House for 2020-2021 School Year (November 14)

All Saints will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, November 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation and introduction at 9:00 a.m., tours of the facility will

be provided. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, administrative assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Prospective Teacher Information Meeting (November 20)

Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? There are 44 schools within the Diocese offering instructional programs for all ages from pre-school through high school. Perhaps your certification has expired, or perhaps you are thinking of changing careers or returning to teaching after a period of absence. Do you have questions about qualifications to teach? Would you like to learn more about the mission of teaching in a Catholic School in a nurturing and caring, Christ-centered environment? Plan to attend the Information Program for Prospective Teachers on Wednesday, November 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall.

Flu Season Message from the School Nurse

It is that time of year again to make a plan to get your family protected from the Flu.

It is important that children and adults receive the flu vaccination. It is the most effective way to prevent illness caused by seasonal influenza viruses. An annual vaccine is needed to provide continuous protection. Flu viruses are constantly changing and the strains covered in the vaccine are reviewed and adjusted every year.

Make a Plan:

1. Call your doctor office and make an appointment today. Some pediatrician offices have all day events on weekends to provide flu shots for everyone.
2. Visit a local minute clinic while shopping in Target, WalMart, or local pharmacies.
3. Costco Pharmacy does flu shots without a membership or insurance for \$19.99.

Flu Season starts at the end of October and can go through March. It takes around 2 weeks for the vaccine to become effective. So you can get the shot now and be covered!!!

PTO Spirit Event

There will be a PTO Spirit Event at the Ticonderoga Fall Festival on Friday, October 25th at Ticonderoga Farms (26469 Ticonderoga Road, Chantilly).

Visit any time between the hours of 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. for a day of fall fun, including pumpkins, hayrides, jumping pillows, slides, a bamboo maze, and much more. When

purchasing your tickets at the blue Farm Market, tell them that you are visiting from All Saints and Ticonderoga will donate a portion of the ticket fee back to our school.

Link to their website: <https://www.ticonderoga.com/>

J.M. Gaske, Inc. – Request for AD Sponsors

J. M. Gaske is the company that prints our school calendar, directory, folders, excuse pads and calendar magnets. They are looking for businesses to help underwrite the cost. If you would like to have an advertisement appear in these publications, please click on the link below and complete the form at the bottom of the page OR call the printer directly at the phone numbers listed on the form.

[AD Sponsor Form for Directory, Calendar, Folders, etc.](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

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](#)."

Upcoming Events

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

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

Tuesday, October 29

- *Jeans & Jerseys Day* (\$1.00)

Wednesday, October 30

- *Wacky Wednesday* (*Uniforms with Accessories*)
- Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Student Presentation I

Thursday, October 31

- *Dress Down Day* – *Orange, Black & Purple*
- *No Homework Day*

- 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 Set-Up (PAC/Gym)

Saturday, November 9

- Robotics Competition (PAC/Gym)

Monday, November 11

- Noon Dismissal – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Spirit Event: Chuck E. Cheese (12:00-9:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 12

- Noon Dismissal – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 13

- Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Student Presentation III

Thursday, November 14

- Open House (9:00 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 15

- School Mass – St. Albert the Great (8:30 a.m.)

Newsletter Links

- [AD Sponsor Form for Directory, Calendar, Folders, etc.](#)
- [Volunteer Sign-Up for Robotics Competition](#)
- [Veterans Student Packet 2019](#)
- [Pilgrim Virgin Statue Sign-Up](#)
- [Help Counter](#)
- [Online Application for Diocesan Background Check Application](#)
- [VIRTUS](#) – use this link to sign up for VIRTUS training sessions