The Sentinel

October 30, 2019

Principal's Message

Friday is the patronal feast of our parish and school, All Saints Day! It is a day marked by celebration beginning with Mass and the 3rd grade procession of saints followed by the 8th grade presentation of "Saints Alive" in the classrooms and Parish Activities Center. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for these special moments that are such an important part of our faith.

On this occasion, we thank you for giving your children the gift of a Catholic education and for choosing All Saints for your family. Happy Feast Day!

On Monday, November 25 we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. All parents are cordially invited to attend this special event with their child(ren). For the fifth year in a row, we are linking this celebration to an outreach effort to benefit the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. This initiative is in support of *Catholic Schools Care about Catholic Charities Week* which will take place the week of December 1. Again this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the link below for more details.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON 2019

Additionally, the National Junior Honor Society will set up a collection station at the entrance to the cafeteria. We invite your participation again as we work together to support the mission of Catholic Charities and to make a positive difference in our community of Manassas.

With God All Things Are Possible!

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Volunteers Needed

Help is needed with set-up, clean-up, food preparation and food service for the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday, November 25. Volunteer shifts are designed so that parents will be able to sit and enjoy the meal with their children. Please consider helping for at least one shift throughout the day.

Sign-up on Help

Counter: https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea5813bc (VIRTUS required). Any questions, please contact Mrs. Carol Rice ckrice@verizon.net.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Veterans Day Celebration (Friday, 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 (Thursday, 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 (Wednesday, 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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 31

- Dress Down Day Orange, Black & Purple
- No Homework Day
- Penny Bazaar (1:30 p.m.)
 - Note: The Penny Bazaar will be held "rain or shine". If necessary, all events will be moved indoors and take place in the Gym, Parish Activity Center and Father Kelley Wing.)

Friday, November 1

- All Saints Feast Day
 - School Mass & 3rd Grade Procession of Saints (8:30 a.m.)
 - o 8th Grade "Saints Alive" Presentation (PAC/10:00 a.m.)
- 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.)

Sunday, November 17

Discover Catholic Schools Week

Monday, November 18

- Book Fair Opens
- Picture Day Make-Ups

Wednesday, November 20

Diocesan Prospective Teachers Meeting (FKH/1:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 21

- 8th Grade High School Placement Test
- Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, November 22

School Mass – St. Cecilia (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, November 25

• Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 26

- Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)
- End of Trimester I
- Noon Dismissal

Newsletter Links

- THANKGIVING LUNCHEON 2019
- St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School Open House Flyer
- 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