

The Sentinel

November 6, 2019

Principal's Message

Last week we enjoyed a wonderful celebration of All Saints Day! I wish to thank the 3rd grade students and their teachers for so beautifully representing the saints during our school Mass. I also want to thank the members of the Schola and Miss McPhilamy for preparing such inspiring music for the occasion. It was a joy to see so many parents who joined us for the Mass as well as the 2nd & 8th grade presentations that followed. Congratulations to all of our students who through their words and art work shared the stories of the saints!

In conjunction with Spirit Week, students were reminded of the importance of saying “no” to drugs as part of our Red Ribbon Awareness Day earlier in the week. Related to this, the Fairfax County Health Department recently released a letter to parents that highlights concerns related to vaping and electronic cigarettes. As this is an increasing challenge in our society, I’m forwarding it to you for your review with the hope that you might take a few minutes to discuss the dangers with your children.

- [Fairfax County Vaping and E-Cigarettes Letter-English Version](#)
- [Fairfax County Vaping and E-Cigarettes Letter-Spanish Version](#)

Despite the rain, the Penny Bazaar was a great success. I want to especially thank Mrs. Castro and Mrs. Horgan for working out the details of our rain plan. Thanks to the generous participation of our students, we collected \$627.43 which will be forwarded to the Options Program at St. Paul VI Catholic High School.

Finally, looking ahead to next week, I wish to thank those parents who have already signed up to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference. Those who have not yet done so are asked to complete this process no later than tomorrow. Should you have any questions or experience difficulty with the online registration, please do not hesitate to let us know.

During the conferences the teachers will have an opportunity to review and discuss your child’s Scantron scores for students in grades 3-7. With this in mind, I am including a link to a diocesan flyer that provides a detailed overview of the Scantron testing program. I hope that this information is helpful to you as you prepare for your conference.

- [Scantron - A Parents Guide to Performance Series](#)

We look forward to seeing many of you on Friday as we acknowledge and thank our Veterans for their service to our country!

With God All Things Are Possible!

Virtues in Practice - November

Virtue of the Month: Stewardship

Definition: Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure.

Saints: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Pre-K -2); Blessed Fra Angelico (Gr. 3-5); St. Joseph Moscati (Gr. 6-8)

NJHS Thanksgiving Prayer Service & Fresh Food Drive

The All Saints Catholic School Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held on Tuesday, November 26 at 9:30 am. Through a partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, members of the National Junior Honor Society will once again be collecting fresh food to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as follows. We are also asking that any family who would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, include that with their grade level donation during the Prayer Service.

Through the generosity of our school community in providing the items below, many families will enjoy a beautiful meal on Thanksgiving Day!

Pre-Kindergarten --- 2 stalks of celery
Kindergarten -----1 2-pound bag of fresh carrots
Grade 1 ----- 1 3-pound bag of onions
Grade 2 ----- 1 2-pound bag of fresh green beans
Grade 3 ----- 1 3-pound bag of apples
Grade 4 ----- 2 dessert mixes (pie filling/pie crust or cake/icing)
Grade 5 ----- 1 48-ounce bottle of oil
Grade 6 ----- 1 5-pound bag of sugar
Grade 7 ----- 1 5-pound bag of flour or Maseca
Grade 8 ----- 1 5-pound bag of white potatoes

Re-registration for 2020-2021 (Deadline for Forms: November 15)

As we approach the mid-point of the year, planning is already underway for the 2020-2021 academic year. To assist us in this process, we ask that you complete and return the Re-Registration Form linked below by November 15.

• [RE-REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Students of families who return their forms by this due date will each receive a ticket for a free "Spirit Wear Day" on Tuesday, November 19.

If you plan to register an additional child for next year, please be sure to include his/her name on this form as well so that we may send a sibling registration packet home to you. Registration for new students will open on November 14. The tuition rates for 2020-2021 will be available on our website beginning February 1, 2020.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Application 2020-2021

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid for the upcoming school year will be available beginning on Friday, November 8. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

- [2020-2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program Overview](#)
- [2020-2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program Overview Espanol](#)

High School Deadline – January 10, 2020
Elementary School Deadline – March 18, 2020

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, Administrative Assistant, at 703-393-1490 or jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org.

Upcoming Spirit Events

Please join us Monday November 11th for a spirit at the Chuck E Cheese in Manassas, 7730 Streamwalk Ln. Children can play while you connect with fellow parents.

We've got dinner covered, on Tuesday November 12th join us for a spirit event at Chipotle 9511 Liberia Ave between 5:00-9:00.

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.

Thanksgiving Luncheon (Monday, November 25)

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

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)

- FACTS Grant & Aid Applications available online

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
- Spirit Event: Chipotle (Liberia Avenue/5:00-9:00 p.m.)

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.)
- Deadline: Re-registration Forms for 2020-2021
- Spirit Wear Sale Closes

Sunday, November 17

- Discover Catholic Schools Week

Monday, November 18

- Book Fair Opens
- Picture Day Make-Ups

Tuesday, November 19

- Spirit Wear Day (for those returning re-registration forms by November 15)

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

Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 28

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Newsletter Links

- [Scantron - A Parents Guide to Performance Series](#)
- [RE-REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- [THANKGIVING LUNCHEON 2019](#)
- [AD Sponsor Form for Directory, Calendar, Folders, etc.](#)
- [Volunteer Sign-Up for Robotics Competition](#)
- [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