

The Sentinel

November 26, 2019

Principal's Message

The tradition continues! What a wonderful celebration that we shared as a community as hundreds of students, parents, relatives, alumni and staff enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon yesterday. I am so grateful to the Cafeteria Staff for their great work and commitment to this beloved tradition. In a particular way I want to acknowledge and thank the members of our new team: Mrs. Sandy Weitendorf (Director of Cafeteria Services), Mrs. Flori Fleisig, Mrs. Leticia Gutierrez, and Mrs. Myriam Slaiby.

I also want to extend a word of appreciation to the members of our maintenance team who worked diligently behind the scenes in support of the event. Without their commitment, the event would not have been the success that it was. Thank you, Mr. Bill Andre (Director of Facilities), Mr. Alex Paul, Mr. Javier Enriquez, and Ms. Carmen De La Cruz.

I wish to also thank the many volunteers who generously donated their time and talent in support of the luncheon. From assisting with the set-up and decorations to helping with food service during the event, our parents, former staff and students provided wonderful support. Thank you, Mrs. Carol Rice, for once again coordinating the volunteer efforts, training sessions and the online sign-up process.

It is always a great joy for the students and parents to see our parish priests helping with the food service. We thank them for all that they do for our community and the level of care that they demonstrate each and every day.

As we pause to join family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, please know of my gratitude for your continued support of our school and its mission of providing an education of faith and academic excellence.

Thank you for choosing our school for your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

With God All Things Are Possible!

Celebrating Advent

A Special Message from Bishop Burbidge

*Next week the diocese will launch an Advent and Christmas campaign called **#JustOneYes** (JOY). The goal is to encourage the faithful to agree to make intentional acts of prayer, service, and self-sacrifice—big and small—to help draw them closer to God. By saying one “yes” to God and through the work of the Holy Spirit, we will transform the world by turning darkness to light, division to unity, and chaos to peace.*

Watch for more details in the week ahead!

Through the years at All Saints we have established several traditions that help to create a tone of anticipation and waiting as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

Advent Wreath Prayer Services

On Monday morning the students will assemble in the Parish Activities Center at 8:30 a.m. for a school-wide prayer service highlighting the meaning of the Advent Wreath. During the second and third weeks of Advent, each Monday students will gather around three separate wreaths in each of the wings of the school where they will participate in grade level prayer services.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Each of the students in grades three through eight will have an opportunity to encounter Christ in this beautiful Sacrament of healing and forgiveness during two Penance Services.

Grades 6-8	December 4	(1:30 p.m.)
Grades 3-5	December 11	(10:00 a.m.)

“Baskets of Joy” to Benefit the Children of the Saint Gabriel Mission

The National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a “Baskets of Joy” outreach project to benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission. Families interested in participating

may donate any of the following items: toys, games, stuffed animals, books, coloring books, crayons, candy, etc. Donations should be given to your child's teacher no later than December 13. Students from the NJHS will then sort and deliver the items to the Saint Gabriel Mission. Through the generosity of our school families, we will bring joy to the less fortunate children in our community.

Bethany Food Pantry Collection – Tuesday, December 17

The monthly Bethany Food Pantry collection will occur on Tuesday, December 17. Our theme for the December collection is *"Holiday Desserts"*. Students are invited to donate apples, oranges, flour, sugar, oil, cake mixes, cookie mixes and icing. Collection of these items will occur in the breezeway during morning arrival. In advance, thank you for your generous support of this parish outreach to the local Manassas community.

Middle School Student Wins Honorable Mention!

Congratulations to Emily S. who won Honorable Mention in the 2019-2020 VFW Post 7589 Educational Awards for her essay entitled "What Makes America Great". She and the other honorees will be recognized at an upcoming awards ceremony.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Annual Fund 2019-2020

During our 2019-2020 ***Empowering the Next Generation*** campaign, we invite you to prayerfully reflect on the difference that All Saints makes in your child's life and to show your support through Gifts of Prayer, Gifts of Involvement & Gifts of Financial Participation.

All proceeds from this year's campaign will focus on expanding **innovations in learning** in the following areas.

- o Studio space in the library to produce a student-run morning newscast and special video projects.

Goal = \$5,000

- o Next-Gen ACTIV Panels to replace ACTIV Boards

Goal = \$10,000

Your gift – *no matter the size* – **will benefit your child** now and into the future as we invest in these state-of-the-art resources for our students.

Within the next week all families will receive an Annual Fund brochure that provides additional information. Parents are invited to support the initiative by completing the corresponding form or by making an online donation through our website. In advance, thank you for your continued generous support of All Saints!

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 5 (7:00 p.m.)

Mark your calendars for Thursday December 5 and join us for an *Evening with Saint Nicholas*. This has become a beautiful tradition here at All Saints and a wonderful way to start off our Advent season. The evening will begin with an Advent Prayer Service and traditional Advent carols in the church at 7:00 p.m. The “Procession of Shoes” will be led by Saint Nicholas himself. Then join us in the Parish Activities Center for cookies and cocoa where Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos (please bring our own camera). We ask that you bring a donation of a pair of new shoes in honor of Saint Nicholas. All donations will go to House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes.**)

Questions please contact Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at sarah.roccograndi@gmail.com

Manassas Christmas Parade – December 7

All Saints Catholic School will again participate in *the Annual Manassas Christmas Parade!* For more details about the event, including a permission slip for participation, please see the link below. Parents are asked to forward permission slips to the office by Thursday, December 5.

- [Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2019](#)

Applications for 2020-2021

Applications for new students for academic year 2020-2021 are now available. Again this year, All Saints Catholic School is offering an *Early Acceptance* deadline of **Friday, December 6** for new families looking to secure their spot in our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs for the upcoming year. For planning purposes, current families wishing to enroll a **new** child in our program are encouraged to also apply by this deadline.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight may request an application via email at the following address: schooloffice@allsaintsva.org. As requests are received, applications will be sent home to families with the youngest child currently enrolled in our school.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Application 2020-2021

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid is now available online. 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](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#)

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 Events

Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 28

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29

- Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, December 2

- Advent Prayer Service (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 4

- Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, December 5

- Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 6

- School Mass – St. Nicholas (8:30 a.m.)
- Spelling Bee (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Early Acceptance Deadline – New Pre-K & K Applicants

Saturday, December 7

- Manassas Christmas Parade

Monday, December 9

- Advent Wreath Prayer Service (8:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 10

- Trimester I Report Cards Sent Home
- PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

Wednesday, December 11

- Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 12

- School Mass & Reception – Our Lady of Guadalupe (8:30 a.m.)

Friday, December 13

- Spirit Wear Day (Free!)
- Deadline for Donations: “Baskets of Joy”
- PTO Sponsored Pottery Painting Event (Gym/6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Monday, December 16

- Advent Wreath Prayer Service (8:15 a.m.)

Thursday, December 19

- Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant and Reception (10:00 a.m.)
- Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to Christmas Holiday
- Christmas Pageant (Dress Rehearsal at 1:45 p.m. & Evening Performance at 7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 20

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Schola Christmas Concert (10:00 a.m.)
- Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

[Newsletter Links](#)

- [Christmas Parade Permission Slip 2019](#)
- [RE-REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#)
- [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