# The Sentinel

January 15, 2020

#### Principal's Message

This week I would like to provide an update regarding our implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a school-wide strategy that will provide a consistent environment for our students. Our faculty and staff are committed to continuing to develop our PBIS system to faithfully set expectations and responses to behaviors in all areas of the school.

Full implementation of the program will occur over the course of three years as we gradually introduce strategies and expectations. For example, since the return from the Christmas holiday, teachers have taught and reinforced lessons about our school-wide "voice-levels." All faculty and staff are familiar with the terminology so they are able to use a common language when addressing students. Brightly colored posters now hang in each of the classrooms and hallways providing students with visual reminders of the following expectations.

Voice Level 0 - Silent (not making any noise)

Voice Level 1 - Whisper (working with a partner)

Voice Level 2 - Table Talk (working as a team)

Voice Level 3 - Presentation (talking to entire group)

Voice Level 4 - Recess (outside voice)

As part of the PBIS program, All Saints has adopted a unified set of four school rules that define student expectations for behavior; *Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be God-Centered.* Visitors will see these rules posted throughout the school in the form of a matrix that specifies how students will implement these behaviors in every area of their school life. As the teachers and staff teach, model and reinforce each expectation, the students will gain the clarity and confidence needed to be successful in each of the four areas.

Achieving this next level of excellence will result in a change in our school culture. As such, the process will be gradual and very focused as we move intentionally through the implementation process. However, one need only visit the cafeteria or walk through our hallways to see that the change is already taking place!

With God All Things Are Possible!

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

#### Re-registration & Fees for 2020

Thank you to the many families who submitted <u>Re-Registration Forms</u> for the upcoming year in November. <u>Those who have not yet submitted the corresponding fee are asked to do so no later than today (Wednesday, January 15) after which time a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied.</u>

The tuition rates for 2020-2021 will be available on our website beginning February 1, 2020.

Should you have any questions about the re-registration process or wish to discuss your plans for next year, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

#### March for Life

On Friday, January 24 the students of All Saints will join their prayers with the thousands who will gather in Washington, D.C. at the annual March for Life. As a school community we will pray for an increase in respect for the sanctity of life at all stages in our society. If your child will be attending the March, please notify his or her teacher via a note by Thursday, January 23.

## 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

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.

#### Volunteers Needed for the Helping Hands Project on January 16 – To be held in the Gym

We are in need of volunteers on January 16th from 5-8pm to help our teachers. Parents don't need to be VIRTUS compliant to help. Opportunities can be found by using the HelpCounter link: <a href="https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea4771ed">https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea4771ed</a>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Theresa Zahorchak, <a href="https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea4771ed">TZahorchak@outlook.com</a>.

## Annual Fund \$15,000 Matching Gift Challenge

During our Matching Gift Challenge, every gift we receive for the Annual Fund by Friday, January 31 (up to an aggregate of \$15,000), will be **doubled.** As of Wednesday, January 13, we have received **\$8,000** in donations toward our Matching Gift Challenge — placing us over half way to our goal! Remember, every contribution made to our Annual Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, making this the perfect time for you to support the Annual Fund and *double your impact!* 

Proceeds from our 2019-2020 Annual Fund will allow us to:

#### • Create a Broadcast Studio

Funds will be used to add a broadcast studio in the library to produce a student-run morning newscast and special video projects.

#### Install the latest ActivPanel technology

Our original Annual Fund goal was to purchase two next-generation ActivPanels to replace older ActivBoards. With this generous Matching Gift, we now have the opportunity to exceed our original goal and purchase ActivPanels for all additional classrooms waiting to upgrade!!

## **Donate Today!**

To participate in this Matching Gift Challenge, please print our <u>Annual Fund brochure</u> and send in your participation form through your child's teacher or simply <u>make your donation online!</u>

## **Virtues in Practice**

Virtue for the Month of January: Gratitude

Definition: Seeing everything as a gift and being thankful.

Saints: St. Francis of Assisi (PK-2), St. Julie Billiart (3-5), St. Josemaria Escriva (6-8)

## **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, January 15

• Deadline: Re-Registration Fees for 2020-2021

Thursday, January 16

- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- PTO Helping Hands (PAC/5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 17

• School Mass – St. Anthony, Abbot (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 20

• Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21

• Band Concert (PAC/2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, January 23

• Science Fair – Awards Ceremony (PAC/6:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 24

• School Mass – St. Francis De Sales (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, January 25

• First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.)

Sunday, January 26

• Catholic Schools Week Begins

Tuesday, January 28

• Picture Day – Teams, Clubs & Candids

Wednesday, January 29

• Catholic Cup – Religion Bee (PAC/8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, January 30

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

## Friday, January 31

- School Mass St. John Bosco (8:30 a.m.
- Race for Education Assembly (11:30 a.m.)
- Trimester II Interims
- Noon Dismissal (Faculty/Staff Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)

# Monday, February 3

• St. Blaise Blessing of Throats – Classroom Visits by Clergy

## Tuesday, February 4

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

# Thursday, February 6

- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Title I Parent Workshop (Science Lab/7:00-8:30 p.m.)

## Friday, February 7

• School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

## **Newsletter Links**

- Past Due: RE-REGISTRATION FORM
- Online Tuition Assistance Application (Elementary School Deadline: March 18, 2020)
- Pilgrim Virgin Statue Sign-Up
- Support the 2019-2020 All Saints Annual Fund
- Help Counter
- Online Application for Diocesan Background Check Application
- VIRTUS use this link to sign up for VIRTUS training sessions