

The Sentinel

February 12, 2020

Principal's Message

It was a great honor for us to welcome Mrs. Aimee Viana, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Mr. Michael Chamberlain, Special Assistant for Rural Outreach, to All Saints yesterday. Joined by a number of distinguished guests that included Dr. Joseph Vorbach (Superintendent of Schools), Mrs. Renee White (Assistant Superintendent for Enrollment and Marketing), Mayor Hal Parrish (City of Manassas) and Mrs. Theresa Coates Ellis (Manassas City Council Member), it was a remarkable moment in the life of our school.

In recent days a number of people have inquired as to when I learned of the visit and how All Saints was actually selected. I received a call from the Department of Education just last week indicating that a member of their leadership would be in the area and would be pleased to visit All Saints. After learning of All Saints through some of their contacts and completing their own research, they had decided to reach out to us to inquire whether a visit might be possible so that they might learn first-hand what makes All Saints unique.

In this regard, the visit provided us an opportunity to showcase specific aspects of our school that were of particular interest to the U.S. Department of Education, namely differentiation of instruction, integration of technology and the benefits of the tax credit program for families in our community.

There were many highlights throughout the event, such as the visits to classrooms and the one-on-one interaction that our students enjoyed with our special guests. Perhaps the most poignant was the listening session during which a small group of students, parents and faculty shared their perspective on the "All Saints experience". Prompted with a single question as to why they had chosen All Saints and what makes our school so distinct, each individual spoke from the heart, sharing the impact that All Saints has had on their family through the years. It was a moment of tremendous school pride and recognition of the gift of Catholic education.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our participants. I wish to specifically

thank and congratulate Camden (President of the SCA) and Brenda (Vice President of the SCA) who represented the entire student body and beautifully articulated the difference that All Saints has made in their lives.

Start to finish, the visit was a wonderful experience for our school community – and a great affirmation of all that we have achieved together through the years. Indeed, with God all things are possible!

Volunteers Needed for the Race for Education Helping Hands on March 6th

We are in need of volunteers on March 6th from 8am-noon in the PAC to help prepare the Race for Education mailers. Parents don't need to be VIRTUS compliant in order to help and young children are welcome. Opportunities can be found by using the HelpCounter link: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140ea4771ed>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Open House – March 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 5 beginning at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Following a presentation by the principal, tours of the facility will be provided. For more information, please contact Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Diocesan 8th Grade Vocations Mass – March 9

Each year all of the 8th grade students from across the Arlington Diocese gather with Bishop Burbidge for the annual Vocations Mass. We are pleased to announce that All Saints has again been invited to host this event that will take place on Monday, March 9 from 10:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Following the liturgy, there will be a lunch for all of the 8th graders in the Parish Activity Center, Cafeteria and Father Kelley Wing. For this reason, the Cafeteria will be closed on March 9 and students will eat lunch in their classrooms that day

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.

Spirit Event at Harris Pavilion / Foster's Grille

Join All Saints Catholic School on **Thursday, February 13** for skating fun in Old Town Manassas at the Harris Pavilion and a meal at Foster's Grille directly across from the ice rink! Both spirit events are open to attend from noon to 8:00 p.m.

As part of this special All Saints Catholic School Spirit Event, All Saints families will receive discounted admission at the ice rink and a skate rental rate of \$11 per skater. Please make sure to let the cashiers know at Harris Pavilion and Foster's Grille that you are with All Saints. Both businesses will be donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to our school. Link to event: <https://allsaintsvaschool.org/2020/01/29/spirit-event-at-harris-pavilion-fosters-grille/>

PTO Family Bingo Night

The PTO is hosting Family Bingo night on Saturday, February 22 at 6pm in the PAC. \$5 per person for multiple bingo games, prizes, cookies and lemonade. Use the flyer below to pre-order your dinner and/or Bingo cards. Pre-Orders are due by Wednesday February 19th. See the flyer and order form linked below.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 13

- SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day – Red, Pink & White (\$1.00)
- Spirit Event: Foster's & Ice Skating in Old Town Manassas (12:00-8:00 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, February 14

- School Mass – Saints Cyril & Methodius (8:30 a.m.)
- Valentine's Day Parties – K-5 (2:00 p.m.)

Sunday, February 16

- Robotics Tournament (U.S. Patent & Trademark Office)

Monday, February 17

- Holiday – Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 19

- Little Pediatrician School (K) & Little Medical School (3rd Grade) (3:05-4:05 p.m.)

Friday, February 21

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 5th Grade Field Trip to National Geographic Museum

Saturday, February 22

- PTO Bingo Night (PAC/6:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 25

- "Farewell to the Alleluia" Prayer Service (PAC/2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 26

- Ash Wednesday Mass (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, February 27

- Reading Celebration – 1B (2:15 p.m.)
- PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Monday, March 2

- Lenten Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 3

- Little Pediatrician School (K) & Little Medical School (3rd Grade) (3:05-4:05 p.m.)
- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 5

- Stations of the Cross – K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
- Open House (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 6

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- *Race for Education* Helping Hands (8:00 a.m. – Noon)

Saturday, March 7

- Diocesan Teacher Job Fair (St. Paul VI High School)
- Diocesan Honor Choir Concert

Monday, March 9

- 8th Grade Vocations Mass – Cafeteria Closed

Wednesday, March 11

- Little Pediatrician School (K) & Little Medical School (3rd Grade) (3:05-4:05 p.m.)

Thursday, March 12

- Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 13

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- End of Trimester II
- Noon Dismissal – Report Card Prep Day

Newsletter Links

- [Skating at the Harris Pavilion-Fosters Grille Feb 13, 2020 Spirit Event Flyer](#)
- [Family Bingo Night Feb 22, 2020](#)
- [2020 Running with Saints 5K - Registration/Sponsor Forms](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#) (Elementary School Deadline: March 18, 2020)
- [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