

The Sentinel

February 26, 2020

Principal's Message

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Each of the students has received a cardboard rice bowl into which they can place their donations during Lent. All of the funds will benefit CRS Rice Bowl which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

While the act of sacrificial giving is an important part of our Lenten tradition, the experience takes on even greater meaning when our students understand the plight of those less fortunate and recognize the difference that they can make to alleviate suffering. So that the children may develop this appreciation of the needs of those around the world, each week of Lent the teachers will lead discussions and lessons using the materials made available by Catholic Relief Services. It is our hope that these conversations will inspire sacrificial giving among our students as they place their contributions into their Rice Bowls. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to convert the contributions from their children into a check to be submitted to All Saints after which our school will forward all of the funds to CRS.

Here are some strategies that you may wish to consider in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the online *Stories of Hope* and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes for simple meals can be found on the CRS website.

For more information, including spiritual reflections, short video presentations on the topic of Lent, and even virtual Stations of the Cross, please see the link below:

<https://www.csricebowl.org/>

Additionally, this year we will introduce our students to the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, another devotion of our Church. With this in mind, we will pray the modified prayer found below at the close of the day in place of the *Hail Mary* on Fridays during Lent.

Helpful resources and the history of the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be found at the following link:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

With God All Things Are Possible!

Divine Mercy Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Jesus, I trust in you.

Message from the Cafeteria

Due to an increase in pricing from Hershey Creamery Company, we will be raising the price of the following ice cream items:

- Mighty Mini Sandwich - \$.50
- Jolly Rancher Pop - \$1.50
- Polar Bear Sandwich - \$2.25

These changes will take place on March 20, 2020.

RUNNING WITH THE SAINTS 5K - MARCH 21, 2020 8:15

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION/GUARANTEED T-SHIRT DEADLINE FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 28, 2020 - Register by Friday to get early bird registration discounts and a guaranteed t-shirt. Register online

at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Manassas/RunningWiththeSaints>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! It takes many volunteers to make the 5K a success! How can you help? We need race course marshalls, parking lot attendants, event set up and break down, refreshments volunteers, packet pick up volunteers, and more! Earn hours towards your family shares! All volunteer jobs are children friendly. You can sign up on help counter at: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e997e264>

DONATIONS NEEDED! We also need food and drink donations! Please sign up on helpcounter at: <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e997e264>

In addition, we are looking for gift card donations (\$5/\$10/\$20 amounts) that will be given out for awards and raffle winners. Anything from coffee shops, restaurants, ice cream, or retail. They can be turned into the front office in an envelope marked 5K.

Any questions, please email Sue Haggerty at suehaggertyva@gmail.com

Race for Education – Deadline Extended – Friday, February 28th

Parents are encouraged to have their children submit labels for the race for education by the end of this week so that mailers can be sent out next week. Prize cards will still be given to students turning in their labels.

Our goal for this year's *Race for Education* is \$43,000 with 10% of the proceeds being donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The remaining funds from the *15th Annual Race for Education* will be allocated to PTO initiatives, such as field trip subsidies, classroom funding and other programs that support our students and teachers.

The *Race for Education* packet(s) were sent home with each student. Please and fill out the labels and return them by this Friday. If you can't find your packet, please contact the school office by phone 703-368-4400 or email ikruppa@allsaintsva.org and another packet will be sent home.

Thank you for your support of the *15th Annual Race for Education*.

Saint John Paul Open House

All are invited to the Spring Open House at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School on Thursday, March 12 from 4 - 6pm! Meet the entire team of educators, get to know our coaches, tour the beautiful building, and learn more about John Paul's successful programs and welcoming community. This event is especially designed for 4-7th graders and their families as they begin considering what they are looking for in a high school experience! RSVP appreciated, but not necessary. For more information, or to register, please visit: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/visit> or call 703.445.0242.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PTO General Assembly Meeting ("Technology Showcase") - Tomorrow (7:00 p.m.)

All current and prospective parents are invited to join us for the upcoming PTO Meeting and *Technology Showcase* beginning at 7:00 p.m. on February 27 in the Parish Activity Center. Following a brief PTO presentation, the faculty will demonstrate a number of ways that they are using technology to enliven the curriculum and to engage students in the learning process.

Parents who bring a friend, neighbor or colleague who is not already a member of our school community will earn double Stewardship Shares! Additionally, the children of parents who attend will be entered into a raffle for “Pizza Lunch & Virtual Field Trip with the Principal”!

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 Teacher Job Fair – March 7 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

Each spring the Diocese of Arlington hosts a *Teacher Job Fair* for those interested in learning more about the ministry of Catholic education. This year the event will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax.

Related to this effort, the Office of Catholic Schools has advertised *Five Reasons to Teach in Catholic Schools*.

- Students come to school ready to learn and grow.
- Parents partner with teachers to help students reach high expectations.
- Parish and school communities support and celebrate teachers.
- Colleagues excel as teachers, mentors and co-workers, forming strong faith-based communities that foster learning, growth and prayer.
- It's a vocation. God may be calling you to do this important work. Listen carefully.

If you're interested in further exploring how you might share your gifts within our diocesan school community, plan to attend this upcoming event. For more information about employment in the diocese, please see the following link:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

Professional Development Day (No School) - Monday, March 16

On Monday, March 16 our faculty and staff will participate in a diocesan-wide day of professional development. For this reason, there will be no classes or Extended Day Program 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.

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>

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 27

- Reading Celebration – 1B (2:15 p.m.)
- PTO General Assembly Meeting - “Technology Showcase” (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

- Race for Education Helping Hands (8:00 a.m. – Noon)
- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- PTO Sponsored Parents Night Out – AR Event (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, March 7

- Diocesan Teacher Job Fair (St. Paul VI High School/9:00-11:00 a.m.)

- 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

Monday, March 16

- **Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day**

Tuesday, March 17

- Spirit Event: Skate N' Fun Zone (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 18

- 4th Grade Virginia Presentation (PAC/1:30 p.m.)
- Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)
- **FACTS Tuition Assistance Application Deadline for Elementary Schools**

Thursday, March 19

- Spirit Wear Day
- *Accelerated Reader* – “Rise & Read Celebration” (1:30 p.m.)
- The Players Sports Academy (Soccer Program) - Grades 1 & 2 (3:30-4:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 20

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- 5th Grade Wax Museum (PAC/1:30 – 2:30 p.m.)
- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, March 21

- Running with the Saints 5K (8:15 a.m.)
- Catholic Cup Robotics Tournament (Bishop McNamara High School)

Monday, March 23

- Lenten Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, March 25

- School Mass – Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord (8:30 a.m.)
- Little Pediatrician School (K) & Little Medical School (3rd Grade) (3:05-4:05 p.m.)

Thursday, March 26

- Stations of the Cross – Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.)
- The Players Sports Academy (Soccer Program)– Grades 1 & 2 (3:00-4:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 27

- Dress Down Day – 5K Race Shirts!
- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Newsletter Links

- [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