

The Sentinel

March 4, 2020

Principal's Message

This week I wish to provide an update regarding our efforts to increase our level of preparedness in response to concerns related to Coronavirus. During my meeting with the Crisis Management Team earlier this week, we focused on our communication plan and the goal of continuity of instruction for our students. In the event of a school closure, we recognize how important it will be to maintain open lines of communication and to be able to sustain educational services.

While we are still finalizing the details, I can share with you that it is our plan for teachers to leverage technology to share educational content with students in the event of a closure. With this in mind, we would like to confirm whether all families in our school community have Internet access and a computer within their home so that we can create any necessary contingency plans.

In support of this effort, today we are distributing a short survey to all families. Paper copies will be provided in both English and Spanish and sent home with the youngest child enrolled this afternoon. We ask that you complete the form and return it to your child's teacher no later than Friday, March 6.

I will continue to keep you apprised of our planning efforts. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

With God All Things Are Possible!

CRS Rice Bowl – First Week of Lent

This week the teachers are highlighting the "Life and Dignity of the Human Person". Using online resources, lesson plans and a weekly video, the faculty will promote participation in the CRS Rice Bowl program while expanding their students' understanding of Catholic social teaching.

In support of the program, 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.crsricebowl.org/>

Virtues in Practice

Virtue of the Month: Mercy

Definition: Caring for those who suffer

Saints: St. John Vianney (Gr. PK-2), St. Faustina (Gr. 3-5), St. Theresa of Calcutta (Gr. 6-8)

All Saints PTO Needs You!

The PTO needs your skills. We have several different positions that need to be filled.

Please consider offering your skills to our school. PTO also has spots available for both VIRTUS and non-VIRTUS volunteers. PTO positions:

- PTO Executive Board Member: Voting member of the PTO. Meets 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7pm
 - PTO President Elect
 - Secretary (Immediate opening)
 - Treasurer
- Coordinate a PTO Event: Events are held at the school and can be once a year or re-occurring during the school year.
 - Back-to-School BBQ (Once a year)
 - Teacher popup events (Quarterly sets up donated food in the teachers' lounge)
 - Lenten Soup Supper (Once a year)

PTO committees and coordinators can be found on the PTO

website: <https://allsaintsvaschool.org/parent-resources/policies-procedures/all-saints-pt/>

Interested in finding out more please contact your PTO

at AllSaintsPTO@AllSaintsVA.org

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

REGISTER! Join over 300 runners already signed up! 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>

PRAY FOR JOE Recognizing the incredible cross Joe and the Gregory Family are experiencing since his diagnosis with ALS, we humbly ask you to consider lifting them up in prayer. As we prepare to honor this All Saints family and assist with their material needs, we have pledged to [#prayforjoe](#). Sign up below to so we can cover this family in constant prayer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aaea92fa7fb6-surround>

CYO Spring Season Registration

Registration is now open for the Spring CYO season! Track & Field and Volleyball for students in grades 3-8 are accepting player registrations until March 29th.

Please be sure to register on SportsPilot (<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues>) and submit the registration fees by March 29th to reserve your spot.

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12

Into its 16th summer hosted by our local Catholic Churches, instructors for these camps combine their professional arts backgrounds and faith to create a marvelous experience in July for high school teens, middle school, and elementary youth. **Broadway Spotlight** and **Drama Bootcamp** include presenters from the *Kennedy Center*, *Off-Broadway*, *Ringling Brothers*, and a *VA Teacher of the Year*. **Art Camps** are taught by *Diocesan Catholic School Art Teachers*. Young people from various experience levels are welcome. Camps are designed to both be fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts. This month, all camps are \$20 off. Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Open House – Tomorrow (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>

[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.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, March 30

- Pre-Kindergarten “Friends Around the World” (10:00-11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2

- Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 3

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, April 4

- Diocesan Band Festival

Newsletter Links

- [2020 Running with Saints 5K - Registration/Sponsor Forms](#)
- [Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps Brochure 2020](#)
- [Online Tuition Assistance Application](#) (Elementary School Deadline: March 18, 2020)
- [Pilgrim Virgin Statue Sign-Up](#)
- [Help Counter](#)

Volunteer Background Checks and VIRTUS Links

- [English Directions for Completing Electronic Volunteer Application](#)
- [Spanish Directions for Completing Electronic Volunteer Application](#)
- [Online Application for Diocesan Background Check Application](#)
- [VIRTUS](#) – use this link to sign up for VIRTUS training sessions