

# The Sentinel

**March 11, 2020**

## **Principal's Message**

With cases of Coronavirus now positively confirmed in the metropolitan region, I wish to provide another update regarding our efforts to safeguard our students, faculty & staff and to plan for continuity of instruction in the event of a closure.

As this situation unfolds, I continue to be in consultation with the diocese as well as other experts within the community. Today I am participating in a webinar hosted by the Virginia Department of Health for private school leaders from across the state. These collaborations allow for the sharing of "best practice" and also provide reference points as to how school communities are responding to the crisis.

Here are three important steps that parents can take at this time to help ensure the health of our school community:

- **Adherence to Illness Policy**  
In accordance with the Parent-Student Handbook, children with fevers, contagious, or infectious diseases will be sent home promptly and excluded from school while in that condition, per Virginia Department of Health regulations. Once the student is confirmed to be free of communicable illness by a healthcare provider or is fever free/symptom free for 24 hours without taking anti-fever medications, the student may return to school, afterschool, and extracurricular activities.
- **Communicating Concerns Regarding Potential Exposure**  
In the event that you believe that you or a member of your family may have been in contact with an individual positively diagnosed with Coronavirus or are exhibiting symptoms, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Snowden. It will be important for us to partner with you to ensure the implementation of proper protocols in accordance with the Virginia Department of Health and the Office of Catholic Schools.
- **Communicating Travel Plans**  
We are asking parents/guardians, faculty, and staff to please notify our school of any travel plans in an effort to keep our community healthy. The countries of concern change daily and allowing us to know your plans will help us to work with you upon your return.

Mrs. Snowden, our school nurse, serves as the point of contact. We invite you to share any travel related information regarding members of your family or visitors via the following email address: [clinic@allsaintsva.org](mailto:clinic@allsaintsva.org).

Concerns related to Coronavirus can result in an increase in stress and anxiety for our students as they grapple with the uncertainty of the situation. With this in mind, Mrs. Slater (school counselor) and Mrs. Snowden (school nurse) are preparing a message for parents that will include helpful resources for discussing this topic with children. Look for this special message in the days ahead.

By the close of this week I will forward to you a summary of our plan for continuity of instruction. In addition to informing you of our procedures, this advance communication will provide you the opportunity to ask questions and share any challenges you foresee prior to any potential closure.

I will continue to keep you apprised of our planning efforts in the days ahead. 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!*

### **Shakespeare is Returning to the All Saints Stage in a FREE Performance!**

The All Saints Alumni Committee is presenting a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream directed by Mrs. Annette Lewis. Bring your most energized Huzzah! Huzzah! to the All Saints Performing Arts Center (aka PAC) on Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a very shortened but ever magical production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Hope to see you on Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Skate and Fun Zone St. Paddy's Day Event**

Wear your green, meet up with some friends, and join All Saints for a St. Paddy's Day Skating event on Tuesday, March 17 at Skate and Fun Zone in Manassas from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Admission is \$8.00 and includes skate rental, token, slice of pizza and drink. Flyer: Skate and Fun Zone St. Paddy's Day Event

### **15th Annual Race for Education takes place on May 7, 2020**

Preparations for this year's Race for Education have begun! Thank you to all the parents that volunteered last week at the Helping Hands event. Our school mailed 4,413 mailers to family and friends to 48 US states, 2 US territories: Guam & U.S Virgin Islands, and 7 countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, Peru, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirate, and West Africa. All Saints is covering the globe!

Soon donations will begin to arrive at the school and we are looking for parent volunteers to help with our record keeping process. We will meet on Tuesdays at 12:30 – 3:00 in the PLC located on the 2nd floor of the school starting in March 17th through the middle of May. If you are interested in volunteering any amount of time, please check this HelpCounter link:

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/140e99d6da9>

For our fifth year in a row, we are offering a link to donate online to our Race for Education. When donating online, please remember to make one donation transaction for all the runners you are sponsoring and use the memo box online to indicate to which runner and classroom you are donating.

Here is the online link: <https://allsaintsvaschool.org/parent-resources/pto/race-for-education/>  
Thank you for your support to making this fundraiser a success! If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Race for Education Coordinator, Mrs. Jeanine Fehrman, [raceforeducatations@allsaintsva.org](mailto:raceforeducatations@allsaintsva.org)

### **Squire Roses 8th Annual Indoor Yard Sale**

Please join us for our 8th Annual Indoor Yard Sale, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Squire Roses to benefit the Mother of Mercy Free Clinic on Saturday, April 4th, from 7am-12 noon inside the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9290 Stonewall Rd, Manassas. Maternity, infant, child, teen, and adult clothing, shoes, baby equipment, furniture, toys, books, housewares, tools, and more will be priced to sell! We will gratefully accept donated items from all those who want to support this charity. Please contact Mary Lewandowski, res19qf7@verizon.net or at 703-335-7471 or Kelley Witter, kelleywitter@yahoo.com or at 703-257-5619 for more information. Any remaining merchandise will be donated to a charitable organization.

### **Theatre & Art Camps in July**

Teens and young people from K-12 are invited to register for top-notch theatrical, musical, and visual art training at [www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com) now in its 16th year! Broadway Spotlight is a triple threat camp for older students and taught by area theatrical professionals. Arts & Crafts Fun and Art Explorer are our specialized art camps taught by Diocesan Art Professional Educators. The Drama Bootcamp is the perfect all comedy & drama camp that concludes with a show for the family. Hosted by Nativity in Burke and All Saints in Manassas, these camps are geared toward all experience levels. There is something for all ages, whether elementary, middle school, or high school. Check out the website to learn about camp specifics and read the bios of the incredibly talented staff of Catholic educators at [www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com)

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

CRS Rice Bowl – Second Week of Lent

This week the teachers are highlighting the “Call to Community, Family & Participation”. 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: <https://www.csricebowl.org/>

### **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.

### **Tuition Assistance – Application Deadline is March 18**

Parents interested in applying for tuition assistance are reminded that the deadline for submitting all forms through FACTS is Wednesday, March 18. Please see the link at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

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](mailto:jdeugenio@allsaintsva.org).

### **Uniform Reminder – Blue Polos (2020-2021)**

As the weather begins to become warmer and we prepare to transition to summer uniforms on April 20, parents are reminded that this is the last year that students are able to wear the white polo shirts. Beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year, students will wear only the blue polo shirts as part of the summer uniform.

### **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 2020-2021 school year. 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 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-pto/> . Interested in finding out more please contact your PTO at [AllSaintsPTO@AllSaintsVA.org](mailto:AllSaintsPTO@AllSaintsVA.org)

## **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.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, March 11**

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes (3:00 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**

- Statewide Tornado Drill (9:45 a.m.)
- 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
- Little Pediatrician School (K) & Little Medical School (3rd Grade) (3:05-4:05 p.m.)

### **Thursday, March 19**

- Spirit Wear Day
- Accelerated Reader – “Rise & Read Celebration” (1:30 p.m.)

- The Players Sports Academy (Soccer Program) - Grades 1 & 2 (3:00-4:30 p.m.)

#### **Friday, March 20**

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

#### **Saturday, March 21**

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

#### **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.)
- Used Uniform Sale (Meeting Room 2/3:00-6:30 p.m.)

#### **Thursday, March 26**

- Used Uniform Sale (Meeting Room 2/7:30 – 9:00 a.m.)
- 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.)
- PTO Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

#### **Thursday, April 2**

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

- The Players Sports Academy (Soccer Program)– Grades 1 & 2 (3:00-4:30 p.m.)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

#### **Friday, April 3**

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

#### **Saturday, April 4**

- Diocesan Band Festival

#### **Tuesday, April 7**

- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

#### **Thursday, April 9**

- Holy Thursday Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)
- 7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal

#### **Friday, April 10**

- Holiday – Good Friday

#### **Monday, April 13**

- Holiday – Easter Week Holiday Begins

#### **Newsletter Links**

Skate and Fun Zone St. Paddy's Day Event - Canceled

2020 Running with Saints 5K - Registration/Sponsor Forms - Canceled

[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