

The Sentinel Express ~ May 20, 2020

Principal's Message

Yesterday afternoon I was pleased to share with you a letter from our Superintendent, Dr. Vorbach, providing updates regarding summer programs and the year ahead. Additionally, this week the Office of Catholic Schools distributed an electronic survey to parents across the diocese requesting feedback on the transition to eLearning and also seeking input relative to planning for the upcoming year. I wish to thank those parents in our school community who were able to take a few minutes to respond and participate in this process.

The feedback that parents provide, particularly during a time of transition and innovation, is vitally important to the success of our mission. Through my own conversations with parents over the course of the past several weeks, I have been reminded of the great work to which we have all been committed and the extraordinary dedication shown by faculty, staff, parents and students.

With that said, we collectively recognize that our launch into distance learning was not a course that we deliberately chose after extensive research and reflection. Instead, it was an "emergency response" during a moment in which the collective efforts of many ensured that our families remained connected and that our students continued learning. There have been lessons learned along the way and we realize that this effort represents a building block upon which future efforts may be constructed.

As we continue to plan for a number of scenarios for the upcoming year, it is important that I share with you that any future eLearning will look different from what we have experienced this spring. For example, rather than focusing on teaching the "essentials," our aim will be to effectively deliver the entire curriculum. To accomplish this task, we will need to provide an even higher level of student engagement and direct instruction facilitated by the teachers. In support of this objective and as announced in Dr. Vorbach's letter, the Office of Catholic Schools is investing in professional development for our faculty during the summer that will enhance teacher readiness for hybrid delivery of the curriculum if necessary.

Last week I shared with you that we are taking steps to plan, prepare and position

ourselves for a variety of outcomes as we look to the future. With this in mind, I am launching a Continuity of Mission Task Force that will participate in the development of plans, the execution of key tasks and the future evaluation of effectiveness. My hope is that the work of this group will result in a well-defined process for moving forward and an ability to adapt our procedures and delivery of educational services as conditions require.

At this point I recognize that there are understandably more questions than answers. As future guidance is provided by the State of Virginia, our local officials and the Office of Catholic Schools, we will be able to define and communicate our plans for a variety of paths forward. I will continue to keep you updated as information is received and decisions are made. In the meantime, know of our continued commitment and resolve to ensuring that the mission of All Saints remains strong and promising during a time of uncertainty and change.

With God all things are Possible!

Here are some additional important updates:

Faculty Update

This week we share with you the news that Mrs. Cindy Horan, third grade teacher, will be resigning at the close of the year. Mrs. Horan and her family will be relocating to another part of Northern Virginia during the summer months. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and for all that she did to support her third grade students. We wish Mrs. Horan and her family every continued success and blessing during this time of transition.

Graduation Update

The planning committee is finalizing details for a possible Graduation Mass or virtual event if need be to occur in late June. A letter with specific details will be provided to 8th grade parents and students in the days ahead. Look for more information next week as to how we will be honoring our graduates.

Last Day for Late Work – May 29

The final day on which academic work may be submitted is Friday, May 29. Although there is no penalty for late work during this time of eLearning, students are reminded

and encouraged to submit any remaining assignments by the close of next week.

Summer Learning Survey Results

Thank you to the many parents who participated in the recent summer learning survey. The following is a summary of the responses.

What type of summer learning would you like to see for All Saints? (159 responses)

- Optional summer learning with recommended books and websites/app to practice math for summer enrichment (45.3%)
- No summer learning this year (27.7%)
- Traditional online summer learning that will be due in the fall when school resumes (27%)

Are you interested in All Saints providing optional activities to families revolving around emotional/social support for our students?

- Yes (40.5%)
- No (31.6%)
- Maybe (27.8%)

Based upon the feedback provided, we are now planning a Summer Learning Program that will provide parents and students with an array of optional academic as well as emotional/social support activities. We look forward to sharing these details with you in the weeks ahead.

FACTS Payment Plans for 2020-2021

Parents who wish to make a change to their payment plan for 2020-2021 are asked to notify Mrs. D'Eugenio (ideugenio@allsaintsva.org) by Friday, May 29.

Tuition assistance awards will be finalized by mid-June and communicated to applicants via an electronic correspondence.

Should you have any questions about this process or if we can be of assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Name the All Saints Eagle Mascot!

Each student may submit one suggestion for our Eagle Mascot! The top selections will be narrowed and presented to the community for final voting in the coming weeks!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Virtual Talent Show

Entries for our Virtual Talent Show are due by noon on Thursday, May 21. Participation is open to All Saints students in grades 5 - 8. Please submit the Talent Show

Permission Form and review the Talent Show Guidelines sent out earlier this week. Questions regarding the Talent Show can be addressed to Mrs. Bill at vbill@allsaintsva.org. We look forward to showcasing our students in our Virtual Talent Show!

Pre-Kindergarten Program – Important Update regarding Progress Reports

After consultation with a licensing specialist from the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Office of Catholic Schools has advised that a statement be placed in each individual student's file indicating that, due to the pandemic, progress reports were not able to be issued or signed as a result of the building closure. However, the pre-kindergarten teachers will continue to provide informal updates regarding the progress of each child in the program as they prepare for the transition to kindergarten.

Note: This change does not impact the plan for students in grades K-8. Report cards, including grades for the third trimester, will be issued for these students at the close of the year.

Name the All Saints Eagle Mascot!

Each student may submit one suggestion for our Eagle Mascot! The top selections will be narrowed and presented to the community for final voting in the coming weeks! Please click on the following link for the submission form:

<https://forms.gle/U8tmDRy7fQu7KAHb8>

FlynnO'Hara Uniform Company Summer 2020 Flyers for Families

- [FlynnOhara Uniforms 2020 Summer 2020 Flyer for Families](#)
- [FlynnOHara Uniforms Summer 2020 Flyer for Families-Spanish](#)

End of Year Calendar

Friday, May 29

- Eagle Day
- Final Day for Pre-Kindergarten
- Last Day of Academic Assessment/Testing
- Last Day for Submission of Academic Work

Monday, June 1

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual Field Day

Tuesday, June 2

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual Field Trips

Wednesday, June 3

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual Middle School House and Buddy Class Activities

Thursday, June 4

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual “Stepping Up” Day

Friday, June 5

- Eagle Day
- Final Day for 8th Grade

Monday, June 8

- Professional Development Day

Tuesday, June 9

- Professional Development Day

Wednesday, June 10

- Professional Development Day

Thursday, June 11

- Eagle Day
- Final Day for Kindergarten

Friday, June 12

- Final Day for Grades 1-7