

## **The Sentinel ~ September 16, 2020**

### ***Principal's Message***

As we complete our third week of school, I again wish to recognize and thank the faculty and staff for their outstanding work. They have been nothing short of remarkable in their ability to implement new approaches and technologies in support of our hybrid model. They are working so incredibly hard and I am proud of all that they are doing in support of our students.

This week I wish to provide a couple of important updates related to virtual learning.

### ***Attendance***

On eLearning Fridays, parents are asked to notify the school office if their child will not be in attendance. Since students participate in asynchronous learning on Fridays, i.e. working independently and at their own pace, parent notification on those days will be the primary means by which we track attendance.

The teachers will monitor student engagement, but it remains possible that a particular student may be on a break when the teacher is reviewing student progress or completion of work. For this reason, please notify us if your child will be absent for the day.

### ***Zoom Classes & Parent Involvement***

Thank you for the support that you continue to provide to your children in helping them adapt to the virtual learning environment. We recognize that it has required a degree of oversight and technical assistance, without which your son/daughter would not be able to participate in the daily learning.

In an effort to foster resiliency and good work habits in our students, we encourage you to allow your child to complete all of their virtual learning activities independently. To the extent possible, we want each student's virtual learning experience to mirror that which is taking place in the classroom. Allowing your child to work through challenges with the assistance of the teacher and his/her classmates will provide important learning opportunities and promote a growth mindset.

Again, thank you for all that you are doing to partner with us in these new endeavors.

*All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!*

### ***Stewardship Shares – Update for 2020-2021***

For many years, the Stewardship Shares program has been the mechanism by which parents have earned and tracked their required volunteer hours. We know that educational research indicates that students excel in school when their parents are highly involved and have been pleased to maintain a strong partnership with you in this regard through the years.

Due to the decrease in volunteer opportunities because of the cancellation or postponement of activities and in light of the restrictions now in place that limit volunteers in the building, this year parents are encouraged to complete only 10 Stewardship Shares rather than fulfilling the 25 required Shares as in prior years.

Know that we value the support that you provide and recognize your involvement as being essential to helping us sustain our mission.

### ***Cafeteria Program – Account Balances Update***

Many of our school families currently have a positive balance on their lunch accounts from 2019-2020 and we have initiated a process to provide refunds accordingly.

For families with a small balance (less than \$10.00), the school will retain the balance unless a refund is requested by the parent.

For families with significant balances (greater than \$10.00), the school will automatically initiate a refund to their FACTS tuition account unless the parent indicates that they prefer that the school retain the balance as a donation.

Should you have any questions about your balance or this process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at [vneri@allsaintsva.org](mailto:vneri@allsaintsva.org).

### ***Middle School Back to School Night (Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.)***

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place via Zoom on Thursday, September 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss what will be an exciting overview of our middle school program!

(Note: There will be a special meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents regarding the high school application process beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

[www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Topic: Middle School Back to School Night

Time: Sep 17, 2020 07:00 PM

Meeting ID: 503 138 9866

Passcode: 989748

***School Messenger Emergency Notification ~ Results of Test***

Last week's test of the *SchoolMessenger* notification system was a success. In the event that you did not receive messages via phone, text or email, please contact the school office so that we may update your contact information accordingly.

***IMPORTANT REMINDERS***

***COVID-19 Health Mitigation Plan – Acknowledgment Form Reminder***

Parents and students in grades 4-8 who have not yet submitted the acknowledgment form that was part of our reopening plan training in August are asked to do so as soon as possible. Forms should be sent to Mrs. Diana Neri at [vneri@allsaintsva.org](mailto:vneri@allsaintsva.org).

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[All Saints Parent/Student COVID-19 Training](#)

**Coffee and Conversation at PVI**

**Attention 7th and 8th Grade Parents**

Paul VI Catholic High School will host this event on five different days outside on one of our patios at our beautiful new campus. These events will take place at 8:30AM on the following dates: 9/24, 9/29, 9/30, 10/1 and 10/6.

The new address is 43241 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152.

Parents should use this link to sign up: [www.paulvi.net/convo](http://www.paulvi.net/convo)

For more information, click on the following: [Coffee and Conversation](#)

## ***Upcoming Events***

Thursday, September 17

- Scantron Testing – Language Arts (White Cohort)
- Spirit Wear Day (In-Person and Virtual Learners)
- Spirit Event: Foster's Grill (11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Application Meeting (Zoom/6:00 p.m.)
- Middle School Back-to-School Night (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 18

- eLearning Day
- Uniform Closet Pick-Up Day (Front Office)

Tuesday, September 22

- Band Lessons Begin
- Room Liaisons Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 23

- Diocesan Sexual Harassment In-Service for Grades 6-8 (Presented by Mr. Conroy & Mrs. Horgan)

Thursday, September 24

- PTO Helping Hands (Virtual Event)

Friday, September 25

- eLearning Day