

The Sentinel ~ October 7, 2020

Principal's Message

This year Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place via Zoom on the afternoon of Thursday, November 12 and the morning of Friday, November 13. In the week ahead we will share with you an online sign-up form by which you may indicate your preference.

In an effort to provide you with preliminary information regarding your child's progress to date, Interim Reports will be available for your review through Schoology beginning on Friday. Prior to that time the teachers will forward step-by-step instructions as to how to access this summary grade report. Should you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Pettyjohn, Technology Coordinator.

The Lions' Club Health Screening that typically occurs during the month of October has been postponed until spring. Updates will be provided to parents later in the school year as details are confirmed.

I am continuing to interview candidates for the first grade and middle school social studies positions and hope to make hiring decisions within the next week. I am grateful to Mrs. Laurie Short and Mrs. Jennifer Copereros who are serving as the substitute teachers in the first grade and to Mr. Dennis Pierce who is teaching the social studies classes. Mr. Pierce, a recently hired substitute teacher at All Saints, has extensive experience in this role in other schools in our diocese and previously worked as the Director of Religious Education for St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church and St. Katharine Drexel Mission.

On Friday I will participate in a one-day retreat experience with the principals of our diocese, the highlight of which will be a livestream Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Throughout that day, please know of my prayers for our community and the specific needs of our school families.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing holiday weekend.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

All Saints Virtual Open House – November 5

All Saints Catholic School will host a **Fall Virtual Open House** for prospective parents on Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. All Saints' Pre-Kindergarten – 8th grade nationally recognized school is currently offering in-person and virtual learning options. Plan now to attend the Fall Virtual Open House to discover how your child can benefit from All Saints' nurturing faith environment and innovative approach to learning. Reserve your spot by visiting the school website at allsaintsvaschool.org. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver at (703) 393-

1490 or admissions@allsaintsva.org.

PTO Speaker Series - Presentation I (October 20 @ 7:00 p.m.)

Our first presentation for parents this year will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Art Bennett, President and Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Arlington, will speak on the topic of “Anxiety During the Pandemic”. He will be sharing practical strategies for helping children cope with the stress of this time as well as suggestions for spouses to support one another. Plan to join us for what will be an engaging and helpful presentation for parents in our community.

Stewardship

The PTO will be using the HelpCounter Software as a single point access point for signing up for volunteer opportunities and logging completed stewardship shares. The parent of each student has been added to the Help Counter database under the email listed in the school registration packet (both parents may have the same email listed). Each family will need to log into HelpCounter and create their profile. If you used HelpCounter last year, you may be asked to create a new log-in. Access to HelpCounter is through the following link: [HelpCounter Software](#). Attached is a link to more detailed. [HelpCounter Instructions](#)

In addition, per the diocese, all volunteers must complete a background check and a training program called VIRTUS prior to participating in an in-person volunteering opportunity. Please refer to the following link for specific directions on completing this process. [VIRTUS](#)

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact volunteer coordinators Carol Rice or Sharon Storey volunteers@allsaintsva.org

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.

[Parent-Student COVID 19 Training](#)

Upcoming Events

Click for the complete [October Calendar](#)

Friday, October 9

- eLearning Day
- 1st Trimester Interims

Saturday, October 10

- Spirit Event: Chipotle (Liberia Avenue/4:00-8:00 p.m.) [Details about the Chipotle Fundraiser](#)

Monday, October 12

- Holiday – Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 14

- Coffee with the Principal (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)
- Used Uniform Requests Deadline

Thursday, October 15

- Earthquake Drill
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 20

- PTO Speaker Series – Presentation I (Zoom/7:00 p.m.) – “Anxiety During the Pandemic”

Wednesday, October 21

- Picture Day

Thursday, October 22

- Picture Day

Friday, October 23

- Used Uniform Pick-Up Day

Friday, October 30

- Holiday (Diocesan Professional Development Day)

Monday, November 2

- Change to Winter Uniforms

Tuesday, November 3

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

Thursday, November 5

- Virtual Open House (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)