

The Sentinel ~ October 14, 2020

Principal's Message

It was a great joy for students, faculty, and staff to gather for our first school Mass this morning. As I observed the children arriving in church, I was reminded of just how blessed we are to be able to live and share our Catholic faith within our school community.

In a particular way, I wish to thank our pastor, Fr. Lee Roos, as well as the priests of our parish, for offering a weekly Mass specifically for our students. Additionally, I also want to thank Mr. Tessier, middle school religion teacher, for livestreaming the Mass for his 7th & 8th grade students today. We look forward to expanding this effort in the weeks ahead so that all of our virtual students will be able to view the liturgy online.

Next week we will host Picture Day on Wednesday, October 21 and Thursday, October 22 in the Parish Activity Center. Parents of students in the virtual learning program are invited to sign-up for a picture time at the following link.

[Picture Day Sign-Ups for our 100% Virtual Learners](#)

Lifetouch, our photo company, has implemented a number of strategies to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff as well as their photographers. An overview of their new procedures can be found at the following link.

[Lifetouch's Safety Protocol Video](#)

Please see the flyer below for details regarding the ordering process. Parents may also visit www.mylifetouch.com and use our picture day id (EVTR9JS8R) to pre-order photos.

[Picture Day Order Form](#)

Should you have any questions about the picture program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Horgan at shorgan@allsaintsva.org.

Join us Tomorrow for Coffee with the Principal (October 15 @ 9 a.m.)

Following a brief presentation and an introduction to upcoming events this fall, there will be time for questions and discussion.

Join the Zoom Meeting

[Coffee with the Principal Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 985 6240 8563

Passcode: H5CQTP

Virtual Open House (November 5 @ 7:00 p.m.)

All Saints will host a Virtual Open House for prospective parents via Zoom on Thursday, November 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. Please share our story with friends, neighbors and colleagues and encourage them to join us for this online event. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Diocesan Prospective Teacher Information Meeting (November 18 @ 1:00 p.m.)

Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? There are 44 schools within the Diocese offering instructional programs for all ages from pre-school through high school. Perhaps your certification has expired, or perhaps you are thinking of changing careers or returning to teaching after a period of absence. Do you have questions about qualifications to teach? Would you like to learn more about the mission of teaching in a Catholic School in a nurturing and caring, Christ-centered environment? Plan to attend the Information Program for Prospective Teachers on Wednesday, November 18 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Father Kelley Hall.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.

Helping Hands Update

Wow! Thank you so much to our incredible All Saints families. You're overwhelming support for our teachers and staff via Helping Hands has been truly amazing! Nearly 60 families signed up as Helping Hands volunteers to help with class projects, donate items, or provide prayers and encouragement for our faculty and staff. Thanks to your great response:

- Every teacher and class has multiple project helpers.
- The Celebration Station in the teacher's lounge is a huge success. The faculty and staff greatly appreciate the wonderful assortment of drinks, snacks, and treats to help them get through the day, and that special dietary needs are so thoughtfully provided.
- The items for Teacher's Wish List posted on HelpCounter are claimed often the same day they've been posted and then brought to the school.

Thank you for showing your love and support in so many ways. The faculty and staff can tangibly feel your support, and they are so grateful!! Any All Saints family is

welcome to donate items for the Celebration Station or Teacher's Wish List posted on HelpCounter. If you'd like to be on the email list, please update your profile to join Helping Hands and/or Teacher's Wish List.

[HelpCounter Link](#)

In Christ,
Holly Crocker
PTO Helping Hands Coordinator

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

Thursday, October 15

- Coffee with the Principal (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)
- Earthquake Drill (10:45 a.m.)
- 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

- School Mass (White Cohort/1B – 9:30 a.m.)
- Picture Day

Friday, October 23

- Used Uniform Pick-Up Day

Wednesday, October 28

- School Mass (Blue Cohort/1A/2A - 9:30 a.m.)

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

- School Mass (White Cohort/K2/1B/ - 9:30 a.m.)
- Virtual Open House (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 11

- School Mass (Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A - 9:30 a.m.)

Thursday, November 12

- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Zoom)

Friday, November 13

- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Zoom)

Sunday, November 15

- Discover Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday, November 18

- Diocesan Prospective Teachers Meeting (FKH/1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 19

- School Mass (White Cohort/K2/1B - 9:30 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Monday, November 23

- School Mass (Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A - 9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, November 24

- End of Trimester I
- Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 25

- Thanksgiving Holiday Begins