

The Sentinel ~ October 28, 2020

Principal's Message

As announced last week, on Thursday afternoon each classroom will participate in a special movie or activity and treat in place of our annual Penny Bazaar. I want to thank the Room Liaisons for all of their support and for partnering closely with the teachers to make this an enjoyable time for our students. Over the course of the past week, numerous pumpkins and treats have been dropped off at the office to be "quarantined" in advance of the classroom events.

On Monday we will celebrate All Saints Feast Day with the students having an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of the saints. The PTO will provide free ice cream for the students to enjoy on Monday (Blue Cohort) and Tuesday (White Cohort). Additionally, they have prepared special gift bags for all of our virtual learners. On the occasion of our Feast Day, we want to remind all of our students that they are each an important part of our school family. Parents of virtual learners are invited to stop by the office on Monday or Tuesday to pick up their special gift bags.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Bishop's Holiday & Extension of Thanksgiving Vacation

All Saints Catholic School will be closed for the "Bishop's Holiday" on Monday, November 23. Additionally, school will be closed on Tuesday, November 24 which was originally scheduled as a half day.

To confirm, school will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving so that our faculty, staff and families may enjoy an extended holiday.

Diocesan Professional Development Day – No eLearning on Friday

On Friday our teachers will participate in the annual diocesan wide professional development day. During the morning session the faculty will review and discuss the feedback provided through the recent Parent Survey and then participate in small group literacy training workshops. During the afternoon, Miss Bridget Wilson, Director of the Multicultural Office for the Diocese of Arlington, will present on the topic of multiculturalism and diversity in our community.

As this day is typically a holiday for students, there will be no eLearning on Friday, October 30.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Beginning in November, school families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary by participating in the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program. Each week one of the statues of Our Lady will travel to the home of one school family for a weeklong visit. (Note: As a health precaution, only one statue will be in rotation each week which will allow time for the statues and materials to be quarantined between visits.)

For more information about the program or to sign up to host one of the statues, please see the following link.

[Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program Sign Ups](#)

While the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together either part of or the entire five-decade rosary for the intentions of our school as well as for their private intentions. New this year, we are also inviting families throughout our school community to participate in a virtual Rosary that will take place via Zoom. Look for more details in the near future.

Should you have any questions, please contact the rotation coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at gmpascua@outlook.com.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 12 and 13)

Please sign-up for your classroom conferences with homeroom teachers scheduled for November 12 and 13. Each conference is 15 minutes. We ask that you sign-up for one conference time per child with only your child's homeroom teacher. Parents of Middle School students if you would like to speak to a specific subject teacher, please contact that teacher directly to set-up a separate conference time.

All conferences will take place via Zoom and homeroom teachers will send you the link prior to the conference time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

[Miss Morga \(K1\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Brandares \(K2\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Harrill \(1A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Slayter \(1B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Cummings \(2A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Coughlin \(3A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Ms. Reilly \(3B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Sweeney \(4A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Miss Carroll \(4B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Healey \(5A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Liu \(5B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Miss Tohill \(6A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Starrs \(6B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mr. McDonald \(7A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Bill \(7B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. DeBruyne \(8A\) Conference Sign-Up](#)
[Mrs. Honkus \(8B\) Conference Sign-Up](#)

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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 29

- **Dress Down Day (Autumn Colors)**
- Penny Bazaar – Classroom Activity

Friday, October 30

- Holiday (Diocesan Professional Development Day)

Monday, November 2

- Change to Winter Uniforms
- All Saints Feast Day Celebration
- Free Ice Cream (Blue Cohort)

Tuesday, November 3

- Free Ice Cream (White Cohort)

**PTO Executive Committee Meeting – Rescheduled for
November 10**

Thursday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 10

- Coffee with the Principal (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)
- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (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

- **Holiday – Bishop’s Holiday**

Tuesday, November 24

- **Holiday – Thanksgiving**
- End of Trimester I

Wednesday, November 25

- Holiday – Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

- Holiday – Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

- Holiday - Thanksgiving