

The Sentinel - March 17, 2021

Principal's Message

Recently a number of students in our elementary grades participated in a St. Patrick's Day Coloring Contest sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I am delighted to share with you the news that six of them were selected as prize winners.

I am proud of our students who represented our school so well during our first year participating in this contest. Congratulations to the following students.

Grand Prize Anna L. (4th Grade)

Grade 1 1st Place – Darien B.
 2nd Place – Addison C.

Grade 2 2nd Place – Reagan B.

Grade 3 2nd Place – Sophie C.
 3rd Place – Isabella G.

As published in our school calendar, Friday will be a Diocesan Professional Development Day. The faculty and staff of All Saints will be participating in a Lenten Spirituality Day hosted by our Pastor, Fr. Lee. In keeping with the tradition of professional development days, there will be no eLearning on Friday.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Message from the Nurse – Travel Guidelines for Easter

Happy Spring Everyone! I wish to update you about continuing our efforts to remain healthy and stay well. We are all longing for the days of walking out the door without asking, "Do you have a mask?" We are seeing positive change with COVID-19 vaccines and numbers decreasing but we also recognize that we are not out of the woods yet. We all yearn to be with family and friends during Easter time. It is the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection filled with moments that bring us closer to God and strengthen our faith. So please remember to continue to protect those around you by practicing everyday preventive measures.

- In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction takes place, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.
- Keep these items on hand when venturing out: a face mask, tissues, and hand sanitizer.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public settings. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you. It's important to do this everywhere — both indoors and outdoors.

- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

For those who are traveling, here is the most recent information and recommendations from the CDC and VDOH.

[VDOH Top Things to Know When Traveling](#)

[CDC Travel Guidance During COVID](#)

After international air travel you may have been exposed to COVID. You may feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can be contagious without symptoms and spread the virus to others. You and your travel companions (including children) pose a risk to your family, friends, and community for 14 days after you travel.

Recommendations for Returning from Travel:

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Enrollment Commitment Form (Grades 3-8) – Due Friday!

As announced last week, we are pleased to offer four days of in-person instruction per week for students in grades 3-8 beginning on Monday, April 12.

In order to prepare the classrooms for this transition, parents of students in grades 3-8 are asked to complete the following **Enrollment Commitment Form** no later than **Friday, March 19**.

[Enrollment Commitment Form](#)

When selecting an enrollment preference, parents are asked to confirm their commitment through the close of the academic year. To maintain a predictable routine for the teachers and students during the closing months of the year, transitions between programs will only be permitted due to illness or COVID-19 related concerns, i.e. quarantine, etc. In the event that a student needs to transition to virtual learning for a short period of time, parents are asked to notify Mrs. Snowden who will coordinate this process.

Bread of Life Food Drive

During this Lenten season, we are pleased to announce that All Saints is hosting the **Bread of Life Food Drive** (BOLD) to benefit the St. Lucy Project and Bethany Food Pantry. We are excited to partner with the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island to launch this initiative that we hope will grow in scope and size in the coming years.

Here are details about this community service initiative to assist individuals and families in our local region in need of food assistance.

Grade Level	Week of March 15	Week of March 22
Kindergarten	Pasta	Mac & Cheese
First Grade	Peanut Butter, Jelly	Rice
Second Grade	Brownie/Cookie Mix	Carrots
Third Grade	Beans (canned/dried)	Oranges
Fourth Grade	Canned Meat/Fish*	Oil
Fifth Grade	Cereal and Oatmeal	Apples
Sixth Grade	Canned Vegetables	Sugar
Seventh Grade	Canned Fruit	Potatoes
Eighth Grade	Pasta Sauce (<i>no glass</i>)	Onions
Faculty/Staff	Maseca Flour/Flour	Canned Tomatoes

*Chicken, ham, beef or tuna

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore at jdevore@allsaintsva.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the Bread of Life Food Drive to benefit those in need of food assistance during this Lenten season.

Open House – April 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, April 21 via Zoom 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. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490 or nweaver@allsaintsva.org.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2021-2022 – Deadline – Today!

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid for the upcoming school year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

[Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program - English](#)

[Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program - Spanish](#)

Your 2020 W-2s and tax returns are required for verification.

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, at 703-393-1490 or nweaver@allsaintsva.org.

Spotlight on the Arts

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camp is returning in July of 2021 to offer day camps in the arts taught by Catholic educators within our diocese. Camps in Acting, Visual Art, Dance, Singing, and more will be offered at Nativity and All Saints.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

News from St. John Paul the Great

March 19: Blood Drive at JP the Great

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School will be hosting a blood drive in our Gym on March 19th. Please consider joining us to donate if you are able!

Time: 10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Blood Program Leader Name: Sister Ann Dominic Mahowald

Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 703-445-0331

Please click the following link to make an appointment: [Appointments for Blood Drive](#)

April 15: JP's Spring Musical, *The Fantasticks*

JP Drama would like to invite any and all diocesan classrooms to join us for a live streamed viewing of our spring musical, *The Fantasticks* on Thursday, April 15 during the school day. John Paul the Great will be happy to provide musical programs and discussion questions for the classrooms participating, to encourage an academic dialogue about the show! We hope you can join us! Please email admissions@jpthegreat.org if you are interested in your class participating in this event, and we will share live streaming details.

April 20: Spring Open House

Want to learn more about John Paul the Great and becoming a member of the Wolfpack? Save the date for our Spring Open House! John Paul the Great looks forward to hosting interested 4-7th graders and

parents for this in-person open house. Stay tuned for details and information on how to RSVP for this event. Please contact admissions@jpthegreat.org with any questions.

May 8: JP Outdoor Gala

Save the date for John Paul the Great's annual Spring Gala, this time outside! More information to come soon. If you have any specific questions at this time, please contact our Gala coordinator at gala@jpthegreat.org.

2021 Lenten Fish Fry

This is the last week of the George Brent Council of the Knights of Columbus "Curb side" takeout Fish Fry. Your dinner can be picked up at the Bishop Flaherty Hall (Knights Hall behind All Saints Catholic Church). The "Curb side" Fish Fry is open to the public.

Menu for Lent is: Choice of fried Tilapia, or Popcorn Shrimp or Macaroni and Cheese. All meals will include, Hush Puppies, Fancy Cut Green Beans and Coleslaw. The cost is \$8.00 per person. The event is open from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Tilapia will be the fish served on March 19.

Please contact the following to place your order.

John Masarick at 703-368-1603, john_masarick@comcast.net or

Milt Shomo at 571-329-8451, theshomos@verizon.net

Also look for information at: www.georgebrent.org

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 18

- School Mass – White Cohort/K2/1B (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, March 19

- Diocesan Professional Development Day for Teachers (No eLearning – Student Holiday)
- Used Uniform Pick-Up
- PowerSchool Parent Portal Re-opens – Report Cards Available for Review (3:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 23

- 8th Grade "Your Life Adventure" Diocesan Virtual Event
- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 24

- School Mass – Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A (9:30 a.m.)
- Lions' Club Screening

Thursday, March 25

- Stations of the Cross – White Cohort/K2/1B (2:15 p.m.)

Lions' Club Screening

Wednesday, March 31

- Stations of the Cross – Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, April 1

- Noon Dismissal – Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2

- Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 5

- Easter Holiday Begins

Monday, April 12

- Classes Resume
- Change to Summer Uniforms
- In-Person Instruction – 4 Days Per Week for Grades 3-8 Begins

Thursday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 20

- ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5 & 8)
- PTO General Assembly Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 21

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

Thursday, April 22

- 8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 23

- Parish Festival Prep Day – Cancelled
- eLearning Day