

The Sentinel - April 21, 2021

Principal's Message

Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday and in recent weeks. We rejoice in the outpouring of grace that they experienced through this Sacrament and we continue to pray for each of them as they prepare for their First Communion later this spring.

With students in grades 3-8 now attending four days of in-person instruction per week, we have revised our school Mass schedule. Although students will continue to attend Mass every other week, the grade level rotation will now be comprised of grades K-4 one week and grades 5-8 the following. Please see the updated schedule in the list of upcoming events.

Most of our school liturgies will occur on Thursdays with one notable exception being the first week of May when students will attend Mass on Wednesday, May 5. As that will also be the day of our May Crowning, students in second grade as well as those in grades 5-8 will be in attendance.

Although the May Crowning will be an in-person event this year, due to physical distancing restrictions, the second grade students will not line the procession aisle as in prior years but will be present to observe the crowning of the Mary Statue in the church. Similar to our other liturgies, this will be a student only event and the children are asked to wear their regular uniform for the Mass rather than First Communion attire.

I wish to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation as we implemented revisions to our dismissal process last week. In an effort to maintain an efficient process and to avoid creating traffic delays on Stonewall Road, parents are reminded to make only right turns when entering and exiting the property. Additionally, drivers are asked to follow the established traffic pattern during morning arrival rather than entering the middle of the line from Stonewall Road. Working together, we can ensure an arrival and dismissal process that is both safe and courteous.

Looking ahead to next year, I want to provide a couple of important updates.

Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, has decided that she will not be returning for the 2021-2022 academic year in order to pursue other opportunities. Although she was part of our office staff for only one year, we thank her for all that she has done to support our school and we wish her continued success and blessings in all of her future endeavors.

As you begin to plan for the new year and to consider uniform purchases, please keep in mind that we will be phasing out the white summer polo shirts at the conclusion of this school year. Although we had originally planned for this change to take place last summer, in consideration of the challenges related to the pandemic, we grandfathered the white polo shirts through the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning in the fall, all students will be required to wear the blue polo shirts.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Open House – Tonight @ 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.

Upper Room Theatre Ministry presents Spring Cabaret

Now in its 20th anniversary season, Upper Room Theatre Ministry's (URTM) jam-packed annual Cabaret kicks off its new season and features something for everyone with three performances: **Friday, April 30 at 7:30pm, Saturday, May 1 at 3:00pm, and Saturday, May 1 at 7:30pm.**

In celebration of being named BroadwayWorld's "Community Theatre of the Decade" for the entire DC region, the show opens with a Broadway music revue featuring stars from URTM's last 10 years of shows. Next up is the Fools! interactive comedy improv troupe with hilarious hijinks that YOU get to influence. Finally, you'll experience a one-act play on its way to regional

competition. You're guaranteed a memorable, fun evening perfect for the whole family!

More information and online ticket sales can be found on the URTM website at upperroomtheatreministry.org/

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 21

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

Thursday, April 22

- School Mass – Grades 5-8 (9:30 a.m.)
- 8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 23

- Parish Festival Prep Day – Cancelled
- eLearning Day

Wednesday, April 28

- Title I Parent Workshop (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 29

- School Mass – Grades K-4 (9:30 a.m.)
- *Race for Education* Kick-Off

Friday, April 30

- Trimester III Interim Reports
- Kindergarten Screening

Monday, May 3

- Scantron Testing Begins (Through May 21)

Tuesday, May 4

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

Wednesday, May 5

- School Mass & May Crowning – Grades 2 & 5-8 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, May 7

- Kindergarten Screening

Tuesday, May 11

- World Language Exemption Exam – 8th Grade

Wednesday, May 12

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

Thursday, May 13

- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- School Mass – Grades K-4 (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, May 14

- Kindergarten Screening

Thursday, May 20

- School Mass – Grades 5-8 (9:30 a.m.)