

The Sentinel ~ September 8, 2021

Principal's Message

Next week students in grades 3-7 will begin their first round of standardized testing through the **Scantron Performance Series**, an assessment that our school will complete by October 1. As an adaptive online assessment, the Scantron test pinpoints each student's learning level in reading, language arts, and math. As students complete the second and third rounds of testing over the course of the year, the teachers will be able to closely track their individual levels of progress as compared to their projected "growth gains".

In the days ahead, the teachers will be posting the dates and times of their classroom testing sessions. In support of your child/ren's success on their assigned days of Scantron testing, please ensure that they report to school on time. Additionally, they will be better able to achieve their peak performance during the test if they are well rested and have enjoyed a healthy and nutritious breakfast. Should you have any questions about the Scantron testing program, please do not hesitate to let us know.

This week I would like to take an opportunity to provide a few reminders regarding our arrival and dismissal procedures.

Morning Arrival – During morning arrival, parents are asked to refrain from dropping off their children prior to 7:40 a.m., the time at which the staff begin their supervision of students as they enter the school. Any students dropped off prior to 7:40 a.m. must be signed-in at Extended Day in Father Kelley Hall. Additionally, all parents/guardians are asked to participate in the arrival system, remaining in their vehicles unless entering the school to drop-off items.

Afternoon Dismissal – The access gate to the rear parking lot will be opened at 2:30 p.m. each afternoon. Parents arriving prior to this time are asked to form a line in the driveway adjacent to the Knights of Columbus and along the right side of Stonewall Road approaching the school property.

During both morning arrival and afternoon dismissal, we ask that parents refrain from turning left when entering and exiting the property during times of heavy

traffic. This is very important so as not to cause delays on Stonewall Road and at the intersection with Route 28. This will also help to foster positive public relations with our neighbors and community partners.

In advance, thank you for your support of our efforts to ensure a safe and courteous arrival and dismissal process for our students, staff and parents.

Lord, I thank you, for your merciful love and your faithfulness.

Formation in Christian Chastity Program

The safety of your children is always a top priority at All Saints. In accordance with national initiatives and diocesan policy, we have taken additional steps to do our part to ensure that your children are in a safe place when they are participating in a program at All Saints Catholic School.

The *Formation in Christian Chastity Program* is one part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our students. As outlined in the online materials, information is provided primarily to parents as a resource to be used in the formation of their children. There is one classroom lesson for students in grades one through four and two lessons for those in grades five through eight.

We will be integrating the objectives of the program into our religion lessons in the weeks ahead beginning on Monday, September 13. The entire curriculum can be accessed through the diocesan website at the following link:

[Formation in Christian Chastity](#)

You are encouraged to spend some time reviewing this information yourself and to then share pertinent aspects with your children. Each of the lessons contains some application to common sense safety tips that you may wish to share with your children. Other parts of the resources apply to some of the decisions that you make as parents for the safety of your children. Our goal is to equip both you and your children with the knowledge that can help to keep them safe.

The essential point is that parents need to be involved with their children. The more you know about the daily events of your child's life, the better you are able to spot any

danger signs that may surface. The more regular communication you have with your children, the freer they are to come to you with their concerns.

Should you have any questions about the *Formation in Christian Chastity Program* or about the classroom lessons, please do not hesitate to let us know. In the event that you would prefer to not have your child participate in the classroom training, please contact the front office to request an opt-out form.

School Messenger Emergency Notification ~ Results of Test

Last week's test of the *SchoolMessenger* notification system was a success. In the event that you did not receive messages via phone, text or email, please contact the school office so that we may update your contact information accordingly.

Diocesan Pilgrimage (October 30)

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him to mark this "Year of St. Joseph" at the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is "St. Joseph, Guardian of the Body of Christ." All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! For complete details and a schedule for the event, please see the following link.

www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage

Admissions- The Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School (October 5)

The Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School Admissions team is so excited to meet you at All Saints at 10:00 a.m. on October 5th! Please join Ms. Moffit, our Admissions Counselor, and current John Paul students for a presentation on what makes John Paul a great option for high school! We'll discuss Faith life, Bioethics, Athletics, Arts, transportation, ways to visit the school this fall and much more! Questions are welcome! If you can't make it on the 5th, we look forward to seeing your 8th grader for a Shadow visit at JP and your family at our Open House on October 24th from 1-4 PM. Please email admissions@jpthegreat.org with any questions.

Scouting Announcement:

Come to our Join Scouting Event on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 2pm until 6pm to get a taste of the Scouting adventure and to learn more about our Catholic Scouting

Units. We will be in the All Saints parking lot behind All Saints School. Scouting provides a map, a time-tested plan, to help young members of our community develop character and to make ethical and moral choices in their lives. All Saints Church sponsors a Cub Scout Pack for boys and a Scouts BSA Boy Troop. The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia sponsors a Cub Scout Pack for boys, a Scouts BSA Boy Troop and a Venture Crew. Seton High School also sponsors a Scouts BSA Boy Troop. All are Catholic Scouting groups that we hope will be just what you and your family are seeking. Boys can join as early as their kindergarten year and continue Scouting until they are 18, and boys and girls as old as 14 can join the Venture Crew. I hope you can join us on Saturday September 11th at All Saints Church in Manassas. We will have a climbing tower, games, and outdoor skills so that you can get a taste of the fun of Scouting. Our Unit Leaders will be available to meet and talk with the parents about Scouting. You can find the best local Catholic Scouting group for you and your family in one afternoon! All of the units participating are sponsored by Catholic organizations and all of our units celebrate Catholic values and traditions. These also offer the best Scouting Programs and Scouting experience that you can find in any Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, or Venture Crew. If you have more questions please contact Tommy Reynolds at 703-963-1281.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Back-to-School Night (Grades 1-5) & PTO Meeting

Parents of students in grades 1-5 are invited to join us for Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. This will once again be a virtual event hosted via Zoom, a link for which follows below.

Join Zoom Meeting

[Back-to-School Night - Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 876 0263 4691

Passcode: 564240

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Following the meeting, parents are invited to join their child(ren)'s homeroom teacher for classroom presentations. There will be two sessions held per homeroom; 7:30 PM and

8:00 PM.

Parents may choose from either of the two sessions that each teacher will host. Links for the individual classroom sessions will be sent to parents via an email from Mrs. Horgan. Should you have any questions or if you do not receive a Zoom invite, please contact Mrs. Horgan at shorgan@allsaintsva.org.

Middle School Back to School Night (Thursday, September 16 @ 7:00 p.m.)

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place via Zoom on Thursday, September 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss what will be an exciting overview of our middle school program!

(Note: There will be a special meeting for 8th grade parents regarding the high school application process beginning at 8:30 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting

[Middle School Night - Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 812 0399 0472

Passcode: 702227

Employment Opportunity

All Saints Catholic School is seeking applicants for the following position.

- o Instructional Assistant – Kindergarten (Full-Time)

For more information or to request an application, please contact the school office. (703-368-4400)

New Parent Coffee (Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.)

All new parents are invited to enjoy "Coffee with the Principal" on Tuesday, September 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. Following a presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion about our school community and its many programs. Babysitting services will be offered in an adjacent meeting room. Plan to attend and meet other new families who have recently joined our community!

Parents in their second year at All Saints are cordially invited to attend this event as well!

Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers in the school are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days of submitting the background check application.

In accordance with diocesan policy, full compliance for an adult parent volunteer is not required for *open* events. (An open event is one that is open to the public, infrequent and publicized, such as Field Day, concerts and special events/assemblies.) However, full compliance is required for adult parent volunteers who wish to participate in closed events. (A closed event is one that is not entirely open to the general public such as classroom activities, parties, field trips, etc.) For this reason, all parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training.

The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:

https://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/OPCYP_application

To register for VIRTUS training which is hosted at parishes and schools throughout our diocese, please follow the link below.

www.virtus.org

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 8

Faculty Meeting (3:30-5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 9

Back-to-School Night for Grades 1-5 & PTO Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 10

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

Due Date: Zoom Authorization Form (K-8) & Acceptable Use Policy Form (Grades 3-5)

Monday, September 13

Scantron Testing Begins (Grades 3-7)

Formation in Christian Chastity Program Begins

Confessions – Grade 8

Tuesday, September 14

New Parent Coffee (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m.)
First Day of Band Lessons
Middle School Sexual Harassment In-Service

Wednesday, September 15

Spirit Wear Day
Confessions – Grade 7
Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 16

Middle School Night (Zoom/7:00 p.m.) & 8th Grade Parents Meeting (Zoom/8:30 p.m.)

Friday, September 17

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 20

Confessions – Grade 6 (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, September 21

Room Liaisons' Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 22

Confessions – Grade 5 (9:15 a.m.)

Thursday, September 23

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 24

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)

Monday, September 27

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:15 a.m.)
Lions' Club Screening – Grades 3 & 7

Wednesday, September 29

School Mass – Feast of the Archangels (8:30 a.m.)

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

Thursday, September 30

Faculty Meeting (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 5

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School – 8th Grade Visit (10:00 a.m.)

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

Thursday, October 7

School Mass – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (8:30 a.m.)

6th Grade Field Trip to The Edge – Tentative

Friday, October 8

Trimester I – Interim Reports

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

Saturday, October 9

VIRTUS Training (FKH/9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Monday, October 11

Holiday – Columbus Day