

The Sentinel Newsletter

September 15, 2021

Principal's Message

Prior to the onset of the pandemic, All Saints began implementation of **Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)**, a new approach to classroom management. With the many operational changes that occurred last year, we decided to pause our efforts and to re-initiate the three year roll-out process beginning this fall. With this in mind, this week I wish to provide an introduction to PBIS and some of the key details regarding our plan for this first year.

The Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) framework aims to maximize the use of evidence-based prevention and intervention practices along a multi-tiered continuum that supports the academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and behavioral competence of all students.

Together, the All Saints faculty and staff are working to develop a *positive, predictable, and safe environment* that will promote strong inter-personal relationships with students and between students through teaching, modeling, and encouragement. Students will be taught to use relevant and expected social skills for themselves and with others. This will create a school climate that is positive, trustworthy, and respectful.

In teaching students expected behaviors, teachers will model or demonstrate the behavior, students will practice the behavior, and teachers will provide feedback. Students will continue to refine the expected behavior over an on-going basis. When multiple attempts at redirecting are not successful, the All Saints faculty and staff have crafted the Student Incident Report which will be part of the multi-tiered "continuum". Parents will be notified through a copy of the Student Incident Report that will be sent home. Together with administration (when necessary), faculty and staff members will implement appropriate supports and disciplinary measures for students.

The following is a brief overview of the three tiers that will be used school-wide.

Tier 1-Universal Practices- These are expected of all students in all environments throughout the school. They establish a predictable, consistent, positive, faith-filled and safe school climate.

Tier 2-Targeted Practices-These are designed to address student behaviors that need more structure, feedback, instruction, and support than in Tier 1 alone.

Tier 3-Indicated Practices-These are designed to directly address more challenging student behavior than in Tiers 1 and 2.

This research-based program will be further strengthened through the integration of our Catholic identity and commitment to virtue formation, the distinguishing hallmarks of our school.

I want to thank Mrs. Horgan for leading this project and the many teachers who are assisting with the planning effort. Through their efforts and leadership, we will be further transforming the climate and culture of our school as we strive to provide the best formation possible for our students.

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

PTO News & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer News

One of the great aspects of All Saints School is the outstanding relationship between the PTO and the school and the support that the PTO provides to the school's administration, teachers and staff. This relationship not only helps the school fulfill its mission; it also provides school families with valuable opportunities to gain insight into how wonderful our school is. We are extremely grateful for this valuable relationship and for the tremendous support that our school families provide to the school.

Celebration Station

Thank you so much for the amazing support for the Celebration Station. As soon as the items are listed, families sign up for them and they are filled! We restock this free snack

bar for the All Saints teachers and staff every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to send your donations into the front office labeled "Celebration Station" on Monday morning of the week you signed up for so that we have the supplies to restock. If there's a holiday on Monday or you forget the item, please send it in the next school day. Thank you so much for your support. The teachers and staff greatly appreciate it!

In-person Volunteer Opportunity

Our awesome teachers are very busy teaching the students. They spend many hours before and after school doing lesson plans, grading papers, and preparing materials. On Thursday, September 23rd, the PTO is sponsoring a Helping Hands volunteer event during the school day in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) to do little projects for the teachers to help them out. Potential projects may include cutting, sorting, organizing, tearing workbook pages from books, creating fidgets, etc.

Volunteers are asked to sign in at the front office, wear face masks, maintain social distancing, and do not need to be VIRTUS certified. Small children may be brought to this event, but parents are responsible for keeping their own children supervised and content. If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up using [Help Counter](#). Questions? Please contact Holly Crocker at thcrock.hsc@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for helping our wonderful teachers and staff!

Teacher's Wish List

Occasionally the teachers or staff need items not covered in the school budget. They send their requests to Mr. Conroy who approves them for the Teacher's Wish List and they are posted on Help Counter. The items are listed on Help Counter with sufficient time for families to sign up for the item; however, the teachers could use them as soon as they are purchased. Please send items directly into the classroom or through the front office with the class name, if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Log Your Shares

All volunteer activities whether in-person or donating items earn families "shares". Each family is asked to earn 25 "shares" this school year. Please remember to save your receipts and log your earned "shares" into Help Counter. [Help Counter](#).

1 "share" is equal to 1 hour of volunteer work, 1 baked good or \$15 of merchandise. Each family is asked to complete 25 shares during this academic year. Thank you so much for supporting our school!

Catholic High School News

Tour & Explore PVI

If you haven't had an opportunity to join us for a student led tour, we have added several more dates from September through November.

[Learn more and sign up for tours.](#)

Panther for a Day

We will be starting our Panther for a Day student visits starting in late September. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to shadow a student and discover what it's like to be a Panther for a day.

[Get more information and complete the interest form.](#)

2021 Open House

Save the date to join us on Sunday, October 17 from 1-4 p.m. where we will have special presentations and representatives from our faculty and staff on hand to answer all your questions.

[Find more details on our open house.](#)

Important Reminders

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

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.

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

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

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 15

Spirit Wear Day

Confessions – Grade 7

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

Thursday, September 16

Middle School Night (7:00 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

Thursday, October 14

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

Friday, October 15

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, October 16

PTO Family Bingo Night (PAC/6:00 – 9:00 p.m.)