

The Sentinel Newsletter

October 6, 2021

Principal's Message

This week I am excited to announce that All Saints Catholic School is a recipient of a Bridges for Schools grant through a partnership with the **Crimsonbridge Foundation**. In its fourth year, Bridges for Schools provides the opportunity for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington and Archdiocese of Washington to apply for funding to develop inclusive language strategies that welcome, enroll, engage, and retain Hispanic and Latino families.

Through this program All Saints has received \$3,000 in funding for the 2021-2022 academic year in support of the following initiatives.

Spanish Language Welcome Video:

Over the course of the school year, we will create an engaging Spanish language welcome video for prospective families that will be distributed via email, social media, and our school website. The video will also be available for events and activities at All Saints Parish and St. Gabriel Mission.

Hispanic/Latino Outreach Liaison:

All Saints will also use a portion of the proceeds to create the position of Outreach Liaison to the parish and school's Spanish speaking communities. The Liaison will represent the school at parish/mission functions, attend open house events, provide tours, participate in our Enrollment Management Team, translate the school's weekly parent newsletter, and provide translation services for our school website.

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Carmen (China) Briceno has accepted the invitation to serve in this role during the 2021-2022 academic year. Already highly involved in the life of our parish and a recognized speaker across the diocese, she will assist us in

promoting the message and mission of our school to the Hispanic community of All Saints and St. Gabriel Mission.

Our goal, in partnership with the Crimsonbridge Foundation, is to increase Latino enrollment and engagement of Hispanic families in our Catholic school. Our hope is that these efforts will increase our effectiveness in engaging with Spanish-speaking families within our community and enhance our capacity for making the gift of Catholic education available to even more families.

In an effort to provide you with preliminary information regarding your child's learning this year, Trimester I interim reports will be available in PowerSchool on Friday. Printed copies of interim reports for kindergarten will be sent home by the teachers. Additionally, the teachers will send home copies of Scantron scores for the Performance Series testing that occurred in September for students in grades 3-7. We are hopeful that this information will provide insights to you regarding your son/daughter's progress. In advance of the conferences in November, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Looking ahead to next week, on Tuesday I will participate in a one-day retreat experience with the principals of our diocese, the highlight of which will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Throughout that day, please know of my prayers for our community and the specific needs of our school families.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing holiday weekend!

Señor, te agradezco por tu amor misericordioso y por tu fidelidad

Bingo Family Night

The PTO is excited to be hosting a Family Bingo night on Saturday, October 16that 7pm in the PAC. Cost is \$5 per person for ten bingo games. Small prizes will be offered for each of the ten games. Please use the flyer below to pre-order your Bingo cards and daubers. Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged and are due by Wednesday October 13th. See the order form below.

https://allsaintsvaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Bingo-Flyer-2021.pdf

St. Paul VI High School

Want to learn more about all the benefits of a Catholic High School education for your child?

St. Paul VI Catholic High School invites you to join our administrators and students at All Saints School on October 20th at 1:30PM for an informational meeting. Contact <u>ehanley@paulvi.net</u> for more information.

Spirit Wear Store-Shirt of the Year

The 2021-2022 All Saints' Shirt of the Year is now available for purchase in the All Saints spirit wear store! The Shirt of the Year logo reflects the theme selected by our pastor Fr. Lee and said by our students, faculty and staff each day at All Saints. Shirts are available in the following colors/sizes:

- Youth sizes: red, pink and royal
- Adult sizes: red, green and royal

https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/all-saints-catholic-school

Used Uniform Sale

Is your child in need of uniforms? Join us for a uniform sale in the PAC on October 8 from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm! We will have winter and spring uniforms available for purchase! Feel free to bring donations to drop off as well.

Important Reminders

Virtues in Practice – October

Virtue of the Month: Friendship Definition: Sharing a mutual love that seeks the good of the other. Saints: Saints Benedict & Scholastica (PK-2), Saints Basil & Gregory (3-5), Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (6-8)

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, All Saints Catholic School families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary in a

special way. On Friday, October 8, two statues of Our Lady of Fatima will begin traveling to the homes of school families for week-long visits.

Families who wish to participate in this program this year may sign up online at the following link:

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Pick up time for the Statues at the front office is before 2:30 p.m. on Friday with a return time of before 9:00 a.m. the following Friday. Please be sure to sign in and out for the Statue in the Visitor Binder at the front desk.

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.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the rotation coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at <u>gmpascua@outlook.com</u> or 571-393-0942.

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

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) Uniform Exchange (11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 9

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

Monday, October 11 Holiday – Columbus Day

Thursday, October 14 PTO Helping Hands (PAC/8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 15

School Mass (8:30 a.m.) SCA Installation of Newly Elected Officers & Representatives (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 16

PTO Family Bingo Night (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 20 St. Paul VI High School 8th Grade Visit (1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, October 21 Great Southeast "Shakeout" – Earthquake Drill

Friday, October 22

School Mass (8:30 a.m.) Bishop O'Connell High School 8 Grade Visit (9:15 a.m.) Coffee with the Principal (Zoom/9:30 a.m.) Monday, October 25 Picture Day

Thursday, October 28

School Mass – Feast of Saints Simon and Jude Penny Bazaar (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.) Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.) Due Date: Veterans Memorial Display "Bricks"

Friday, October 29 Diocesan Professional Development Day (No Classes)

Saturday, October 30 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, November 1 Change to Winter Uniforms School Mass – All Saints Feast Day (8:30 a.m.) 8th Grade Saints Presentations (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, November 2 PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, November 4 Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.) Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 5 Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)