The Sentinel Newsletter

November 17, 2021

Principal's Message

This week we are pleased to provide an update regarding the implementation of **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports,** a new approach to behavior management that we first introduced to the school just prior to the pandemic.

I wish to thank Mrs. Horgan and the members of the Faculty PBIS Committee for their continued efforts in shaping the climate and culture of our school. More details about the next steps in the implementation process can be found in the message from Mrs. Horgan that follows below.

As we pause from our daily schedules to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, know of my gratitude for your continued support of our school and its mission of providing an education rooted in our Catholic faith and academic excellence. We are so grateful that you have chosen All Saints for your family and count you among our many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Assistant Principal's Message

All Saints is continuing to roll out our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. The mission of PBIS is to foster and promote a positive, safe school environment that enhances student learning through the teaching and recognition of positive behavior. Our implementation of this whole school behavior management program is designed to guide and encourage students to think about their choices and behaviors in a critical way that helps to support their goals, their classroom goals, and the goals of the whole school. As the next step in our roll out of the PBIS program, All Saints will be introducing **Think Sheets** and **Behavior Intervention Notifications** (BIN) to students.

Think Sheets ask students to reflect on their actions and are designed to help children learn to think before they act. All Think Sheets are developmentally appropriate, providing students different opportunities for response (e.g. coloring, drawing, writing).

Father Ed has been involved in the roll-out of the Think Sheets. He has provided a prayer to guide student reflection and recorded videos for both younger and older students to help explain the process. We will spend time as a school to teach, review, and explain the reflection process to students.

The **BIN** is a communication that comes after multiple Think Sheets have been given in response to the same behavior. It includes a detailed description from the teacher of the behavior as well as an action plan for next steps.

If a Think Sheet or a BIN is filled out during the day, it will come home with the student to be reviewed and signed. Being diligent and consistent in acknowledging and enforcing school wide expectations will help students know and understand the boundaries for their behavior.

All Saints is committed to helping our students strive to "Be Respectful," "Be Responsible," "Be Safe," and "Be Christ Centered." Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. (shorgan@allsaintsva.org)

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2022-2023

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 following link.

INSERT LINKS TO ENGLISH AND SPANISH OVERVIEW

High Schools (early verification)- January 19, 2022

- 2020 tax returns and W-2s are required for early verification by FACTS
- 2021 tax returns and W-2s will be required for applications submitted <u>after</u> January 19, 2022

Elementary Schools- March 16, 2022

2021 tax returns and W-2s are required for verification by FACTS

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 3 (7:00 p.m.)

Please join All Saints Catholic School for our annual "Evening with St. Nicholas" on Friday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the church. The evening will begin with an Advent Prayer Service and traditional Advent carols in the church. The "Procession of the Shoes" will be led by St. Nicholas and Mother Seton. We will be collecting donations of new shoes, with the proceeds benefiting House of Mercy. Donation guidelines are as follows: NEW plain color tennis shoes in white, blue, black, tan or brown. *No character sneakers, please.*

An Evening with St. Nicholas Flyer

Panera Fundraising

On Wednesday December 15th, the PTO is hosting a spirit event at the Panera on 9508 Libera Avenue from 4pm to 8pm. Show the attached flyer (digital or printed) to make sure the PTO gets a portion of the proceeds. If ordering online, enter the code PRFUND at checkout. Thank you for supporting the PTO!

Panera Fundraising (panerabread.com)

Wednesday, 12/1

Wednesday, 12/8

Wednesday, 12/15

SQUARE ONE ART

The PTO is sponsoring the Square One Art fundraiser where you can purchase unique gifts and keepsakes featuring your child's art. The sample art and order form was sent home through your child's classroom. Orders can be placed in one of three ways:

- 1-Paper Order Form returned to your child's teacher
- 2-Online www.Square1Art.com/Shop
- 3-Over the Phone 888-332-3294

Orders placed by November 19th will arrive at All Saints around December 15th, just in time for Christmas. Should you have any questions, please contact Carol

Rice, squareone@allsaintsva.org

PTO - Passive Fundraisers Flyer

The PTO has provided a flyer with easy ways to help support All Saints. Spread the word and join the cause.

Passive Fundraisers Flyer

Spirit Event at ZavaZone - Potomac Mills - Monday November 22nd 1-5pm

Join us Monday, November 22nd for an afternoon at ZavaZone, a multi attraction indoor experience that combines trampoline dodgeball, ninja warrior course, high ropes and more for kids aged 5 and up. Cost is \$22 per person, which includes two hours of access and the required socks. Check in anytime between 1 and 5pm for your specific two hour window. For parents who do not want to bounce and climb, there are several observation areas. ZavaZone sells drinks and snacks on-site, they ask you do not bring in your own. ZavaZone will be making a donation to the PTO for each All Saints attendee. Please make sure to tell them you are from All Saints when you check in. It is recommended to complete the waiver before arriving: ZavaZone (active8pos.com) ZavaZone is located at 2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Suite 711, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Important Reminders

Bishop's Holiday & Extension of Thanksgiving Vacation

All Saints Catholic School will be closed for the "Bishop's Holiday" on Monday, November 22. Additionally, school will be closed on Tuesday, November 23 which was originally scheduled as a half day.

To confirm, school will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving so that our faculty, staff, and families may enjoy an extended holiday.

NJHS Thanksgiving Fresh Food Drive - Friday

The All Saints Catholic School Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held on Friday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. as part of our School Mass. Through a partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, members of the National Junior Honor Society will once again be collecting food to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as follows. We are also asking that any family who would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, include that with their grade level donation during the Food Drive.

Through the generosity of our school community in providing the items below, many families will enjoy a beautiful meal on Thanksgiving Day!

Pre-Kindergarten	3 stalks of celery
Kindergarten	2 (2-pound) bags of carrots
Grade 1	2 (3-pound) bags of onions
Grade 2	2 (3-pound) bags of oranges
Grade 3	2 (3-pound) bags of apples
Grade 4	2 Dessert "Kit" (cake/frosting or pie crust/filling)
Grade 5	2 (48-ounce) bottle of oil
Grade 6	2 (5-pound) bags of sugar
Grade 7	2 (5-pound) bags of flour or Maseca
Grade 8	2 (5-pound) bags of white potatoes
Faculty/Staff	2 boxes of Stove-Top stuffing mix

Applications & Re-Enrollment for 2022-2023

Applications for new students for academic year 2022-2023 are now available online. All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the following link.

https://allsaintsvaschool.org/admissions/how-to-apply/

Re-Enrollment for current students will be begin on January 3. All families are asked to submit both forms and the re-registration fee no later than Friday, January 21.

Catholic Charities "We Care Week"

Each year the Diocese of Arlington hosts *We Care Week*, an annual opportunity for schools to acknowledge and support the outstanding work of Catholic Charities. In recent years, All Saints Catholic School has responded very generously to this effort, typically contributing more than \$1,000 on each occasion. Through the years we have requested that the funds from our community be directed to the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region.

This year *We Care Week* will begin on Sunday, November 28. In support of this initiative, all students are invited to participate in a Dress Down Day on Wednesday, December 1.

The cost to participate is \$1.00 with families invited to make an additional donation to support this wonderful cause. Again this year, we will request that the donations from our school specifically target the needs of the St. Lucy Project.

Contributions may be forwarded to classroom teachers or the school office in envelopes marked "We Care Week". In advance, thank you for your generous support.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 18

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

Friday, November 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.) End of Trimester I – Revised

Monday, November 22

Bishop's Holiday (No School or Extended Day)

PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes (Report Card Prep)

Tuesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 28

Diocesan "We Care Week" to Benefit Catholic Charities

Monday, November 29

Advent Prayer Service (8:30 a.m.)
Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 2

8th Grade High School Placement Test Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 3

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Monday, December 6

Picture Retakes
Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 7 Trimester I Report Cards Sent Home PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

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

Wednesday, December 8

School Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 15

Spirit Event: Panera (Liberia Avenue/4:00 – 8:00 p.m.) Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)