



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

September 28, 2022

Principal's Message

Next Friday, October 7, we look forward to the return of one of our great autumn traditions, the Priests' Barbecue!

Each year our faculty, staff, and students enjoy a special lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and cookies as well as the time to visit with our wonderful parish priests who help to serve the food and even join some of the games on the playground. It will be a time of food, fun, and fellowship for our school community.

The lunch is provided free of charge to the students, courtesy of the parish. Parents are asked to pre-order items for their children using the forms provided by the cafeteria staff this week.

Should you have any questions about the event or the ordering process, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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Virtues in Practice – October

Virtue of the Month: Reverence

Definition: Showing your deepest respect for things of God.

Saints: Saint Hyacinth (PK-2), Saint Tarcisius (3-5), St. Margaret Clitherow (6-8)

PTO Sponsored Guest Speaker Series – October 18 (PAC/7:00 p .m.)

Join us for the first PTO General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, October 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce that Soren and Ever Johnson, the owners of Trinity House Café in Leesburg, will present the first in a three-part series entitled “Heaven in Your Home.”

The Johnson’s have offered this series at a number of parishes in our diocese and were recently invited to speak before Pope Francis as part of the Vatican World Meeting of Families in Rome this past summer.

If you are looking for practical strategies and support for strengthening your family in the Catholic faith, plan to attend this informative and inspiring series! Additionally, please invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may be interested in this topic to join our community for this special series.

Calendar Update – Picture Dates Confirmed

November 10 – Individual Pictures

February 7 – Teams, Clubs, & Candids

May 5 – Graduation & First Communion

Important Reminders

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 7, 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. The presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is certain to increase your devotion to Mary and to bring you and your family closer to her Son.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Rotation Coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at gmpascua@outlook.com or 571-393-0942.

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:

BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS

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

VIRTUS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Science Fair

Mrs. Starrs is looking for a new Science Fair Coordinator to shadow this year's coordinator and learn the ropes to coordinate the following year's Science Fair. The Science Fair Coordinator recruits science fair judges, and works with Mrs. Starrs to coordinate the science fair schedule, science fair set up, and volunteers; creates the judging schedule; tabulates the competition results; and prepares the awards. We have a system in place so it will be easy to help out and learn. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mrs. Starrs at pstarrs@allsaintsva.org. This year's Science Fair will be February 16th, 2023.

Art Contest

Thom Harrington of The Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an Art Contest for the 5th-8th graders! The theme of the contest is: **Catholic Faith**. Finished pieces should be submitted to Mrs. Shumway by Oct 3rd with a completed entry form signed by a parent/guardian. Mrs. Shumway also has entry forms. Winners will be announced at the PTO meeting on October 18th and the winning pieces will be displayed in the Manassas office of the Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus at 7794 Donegan Drive, Manassas VA 20109. Please encourage your children to participate! The Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus is committed to being a Catholic company that upholds Catholic values and supports Catholic causes. The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol developed in part with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus does not invest in companies that deal in lines of business that violate our Catholic faith and morals. We provide value with values.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Thom Harrington and his team would also encourage everyone to see *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* at 7:00 PM October 3rd and 4th at several of the nearby movie theaters. This film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, tells the story of Saint Teresa of Calcutta's life and ongoing legacy. For information, tickets and locations go to <https://www.mothersteresamovie.com/>

Eucharistic Symposium

The Eucharistic Symposium will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Click on the link below for further information.

[Eucharistic Symposium](#)

Bishop Ireton Cheer Clinic

Click on the link below to learn more about Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic

CHEER CLINIC

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Visit the link below to learn about the some important dates at St. John Paul The Great.

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 29

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

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

The Gift of Human Sexuality Program – Middle School Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 30

Diocesan Professional Development Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Tuesday, October 4

Band Ice Cream Social (3:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Parish Blessing of Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

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

Thursday, October 6

6th Grade Field Trip – The Edge

Friday, October 7

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

Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Midpoint of Trimester I

Uniform Exchange Sale (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 10

Holiday – Columbus Day

Thursday, October 13

St. John Paul the Great High School – 7th & 8th Grade Visit (10:00 a.m.)

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

Friday, October 14

School Mass – Memorial of St. Callistus I (8:30 a.m.)

SCA Installation Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 15

PTO Family Game Night

Tuesday, October 18

PTO General Assembly Meeting – Guest Speaker Series: *Heaven in Your Home*, Soren & Ever Johnson (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 19

School Mass – Memorial of Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 20

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation I

Friday, October 21

Dress Down Day (sponsored by the Creation Care Club)

Thursday, October 27

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation II

Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 28

School Mass – Memorial of Sts. Simon & Jude (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal- Teacher Work Day