

All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

September 27, 2023

Principal's Message

On Monday our 6th grade class participated in our first field trip of the year, a day spent at The EDGE, an outdoor education program that fosters team-building and resilience as students work together to complete a series of challenging tasks. The day culminated with the students climbing "The Tower", an experience that helped them grow in confidence and in their support of one another.

I'm very proud of our students for completing this outdoor adventure, a signature event for 6th graders as they embark on their middle school years. Thank you to Mr. Redman for once again planning this trip for our students. Be sure to take a look at the numerous photos on our Facebook page, a glimpse into future adventures for our younger students!

Next Friday, October 6, we look forward to the annual 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 preorder items for their children using the form 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.

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Virtues in Practice – October

Virtue of the Month: Studiousness Definition: Seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth Saints: St. Albert the Great (PK-2), St. Thomas Aquinas (3-5), St. Edith Stein (6-8)

October Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - October 2023

PTO Family Game Night!

Please join the PTO for Family Game Night on Saturday, October 14th from 6:00-9:00 PM in the PAC!

Entry is free! We only ask that you bring a board game to share. Please RSVP here <u>https://tinyurl.com/PTO-Game-Night</u>

Pre-order a pizza for your family from Vocelli's at a discount. Additional concessions of snacks, drinks and pizza by-the-slice will also be available. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$1.00 for a chance to win a board game from Crossroads Tabletop Tavern (unlimited entries).

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Important Reminders

Parent- Student Handbook (2023-2024 Edition)

The 2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

HANDBOOK

If you have not already done so, please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children. Each family is asked to sign and return the acknowledgment form to the office as soon as possible.

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 6, 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:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CAEAB22A02-pilgrim#/

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 <u>gmpascua@outlook.com</u> 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. The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:

https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/background-checks/

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

https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/

Join us for our first "Spirit Event" of the school year, sponsored by the PTO!

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts are calling your name!

Friends of All Saints Catholic School, you're invited to take part in the most delicious fundraiser of the year. By ordering a dozen (or two) original glazed doughnuts, 40% of the order will be donated back to All Saints Catholic School!

From now until October 13, 2023, you can get your dozens using our fundraising sales page below.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for All Saints Catholic School

How it works: purchase your dozens online, visit your nearest Krispy Kreme store & redeem using your code. You can also purchase doughnuts and gift the redemption codes to friends and family across the country, or perhaps some well deserving colleagues!

Thank you in advance for your support, we hope you enjoy this sweet offer.

P.S. Dozens are redeemable nationwide, so feel free to share this page with other doughnut lovers!

St. Paul VI Catholic High School - Open House!

St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another. Visit our website <u>www.paulvi.net/admissions</u> to learn more.

Save the date for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1 - 3 p.m. There is bus service to and from All Saints to PVI every school day. Reach out to our Enrollment Management team at <u>admissions@paulvi.net</u> with any questions you may have.

<u>PVI Open House flyer</u> <u>PVI Open House Facebook and Bulletin flyer</u>

Bishop O'Connell Catholic High School - Open House!

Sunday, Oct. 1 (1:00 - 3:00 PM)

Tell your friends and neighbors to stop by our Open House to find out more about the Catholic high school experience here at O'Connell. Current families are our BEST ambassadors!

Find out more and RSVP at <u>bishopoconnell.org/openhouse</u>. Questions? Contact <u>admissions@bishopoconnell.org</u>.

2023 Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic

You are cordially invited to Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic that will take place on Saturday, October 14th. Please see the flyer below for additional information:

Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic Flyer

House of Mercy Food Truck Festival

Please join us at House of Mercy, 8170 Flannery Ct, Manassas, VA 20109 Saturday, September 30th 11AM - 3PM.

Live music, food trucks, entertainment, beer garden, to help fundraise for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and programs! Fun for all ages!

Tickets available at <u>www.houseofmercyva.org</u>

Food Truck Flyer

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 27

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.) Faculty Meeting (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 29

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

Monday, October 2

8th Grade Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 3

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School – Visit with Grades 7-8 PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Science Lab/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 4

Planetarium Presentation – Grades K-8 (Sponsored by the PTO) Memorial of St. Francis – Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 5

St. Paul VI Catholic High School – Visit with Grades 7-8 (9:00 a.m.) Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 6

School Mass – Memorial of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (8:30 a.m.) Uniform Exchange (PAC Atrium/8:00 – 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.) Priests' Barbecue

Saturday, October 7 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Seton Shrine

Monday, October 9 Holiday – Columbus Day

Thursday, October 12 Enrollment Management Team – Rescheduled Friday, October 13 School Mass (8:30 a.m.) SCA Installation Ceremony for Officers and Class Representatives (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 14 PTO Family Game Night (PAC/6:00-9:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, October 17 PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 18 School Mass – Feast of St. Luke (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 19 Dress Down Day, sponsored by Creation Care Club

Friday, October 20 Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)

Monday, October 23 Picture Day

Thursday, October 26 School Mass (8:30 a.m.) Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 27 Professional Development Day (Faculty/Staff Retreat) – No Classes