

The Sentinel Express ~ May 6, 2020

Principal's Message

Last week I shared that the last two weeks of school will look quite different this year as we transition from a focus on academics to that of addressing the spiritual, social and emotional needs of our students. With this in mind, I am pleased to provide a brief overview of our plans for the early days in June.

Virtual Field Day (Monday, June 1) – Coordinated by Mr. Redman, our P.E. teacher, this year's event promises to be filled with fun and engaging activities that students will be able to complete at home. We look forward to a great day of friendly competition and community-building among our students, parents, faculty and staff.

Virtual Field Trips (Tuesday, June 2) – All of our students will be invited to participate in a virtual trip to a special location selected by their homeroom teachers. The experience will combine learning as well as fun adventures for our students to enjoy.

Virtual House Activities & Buddy Events (Wednesday, June 3) – The Middle School Team and faculty are hard at work planning an end of the year event for each of the Middle School Houses as well as a buddy class activity. After having been apart from each other since the closure, it will be wonderful for our students to have this opportunity to interact virtually.

Virtual Stepping Up Day (Thursday, June 4) – In an effort to provide our students with a glimpse of the year ahead, the faculty will be hosting virtual sessions during which they will introduce the children to some of the curriculum and grade level highlights that they can look forward to next year.

All of these special activities remain “under construction” with details to be confirmed in the weeks ahead. Nevertheless, we wanted to share with you now some of the exciting ways that the faculty and staff are planning to make the close of the year extra special for our students.

Is there an update about school supplies for next year?

We are now in the process of finalizing the supply lists for 2020-2021. Every effort is being made to reduce costs where possible so as to make the process more affordable for parents. Updated lists will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Is there any news from Flynn & O'Hara regarding revisions to their process for the sale of uniforms?

Flynn & O'Hara will be providing a comprehensive outline of their back-to-school plans next week. In the meantime, the best way to stay in the loop regarding uniform shopping is by opting into their communication channels. More details can be found at the following link: [Flynn & O'Hara Uniform Company](#)

With God all things are Possible!

Virtual Open House (Pre-Kindergarten Program for 2020-2021)

All Saints will be hosting two Virtual Open House events for our Pre-Kindergarten Program and we would love for you to help spread the news.

Registration is now open for All Saints' Pre-K Virtual Open Houses events on:

- Wednesday, May 13 – 9:00 AM
- Thursday, May 14 – 7:30 PM

This is a great opportunity for prospective families to learn about All Saints' dynamic Pre-Kindergarten Program, meet our principal, experience what a day-in-the-life looks like for an All Saints Pre-K student, see our classrooms (with new, next-generation ActivPanels), and hear from our Pre-K teachers. Attendees can also join our live Q&A session and get answers to their questions in real time!

[Register for a Pre-K Virtual Open House](#)

Interested in earning up to \$400 in tuition credit?

Many of our families initially hear about All Saints through a personal referral from an existing school family. Now we want to reward you for promoting our school to your family and friends! Through All Saints' [New Student Referral Program](#), your family can receive a \$200 tuition credit for referring one new family or a \$400 tuition credit for referring two new families.

Now is a great time to spread the news about All Saints and to invite family and friends to become part of our school community. Help us get the word out about our Pre-K Virtual Open House events in May or invite your family and friends to learn more about openings in K-8.

Our Admissions door remains open virtually through our website, email, social media, and online Open House events. For questions or assistance, please continue to reach out to Mrs. Joyce D'Eugenio at admissions@allsaintsva.org.

Confirmation 2020 - Update

Bishop Burbidge has informed Fr. Lee Roos, our Pastor, that, for those whose Confirmations were cancelled due to the coronavirus, he is giving the Pastors of the Diocese of Arlington general delegation to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to baptized Catholics. The specifics of how this will be done at parishes will need to wait until the pastors receive further information from the Bishop's office.

What this means for your Confirmation candidate:

Sometime after we are permitted to have celebrations in the church, Fr. Lee will determine the schedule for the reception of sacraments. Fr. Lee will confirm the Confirmation candidates.

Currently, All Saints Catholic Church does not have any date(s) for Confirmation. The Religious Education Office will continue to be in communication with all parents as information becomes available.

Message from the School Nurse

I hope that you and your families have been staying strong and healthy. I have been praying for you all during this extraordinary time in our lives and hope that your faith has given you strength and hope during difficult days.

I wanted to touch base with everyone and pass on some great information available from the CDC concerning (1) keeping children healthy while school is out, daily life and coping with Coronavirus, as well as (2) parent info on mental health and coping during a disaster. I realize how inundated everyone is with information but this may give you some new info and resources that you haven't seen before.

If you or your child has any questions or concerns and would like to touch base via email, I would certainly welcome any communication.

God Bless, Stay Strong and Stay Healthy!

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html>

Patrice Snowden BSN RN

Message from the PTO – End of Year Faculty/Staff Recognition

Traditionally, All Saints families honor our teachers and adopted staff with an end of year class gift. Unfortunately, this year our in-person communications ended abruptly, but this doesn't mean we need to forgo our traditions. Our teachers and staff have worked diligently to modify teaching practices and maintain online communications. We would like to show our appreciation with a class gift card to each teacher and adopted staff member.

We empathize that many families are facing financial uncertainty and contributing towards the class gift may not be possible. There are plenty of other meaningful ways to show our gratitude outside of a donation. We encourage all students and families to participate and show their appreciation with a handmade card, drawing, or a virtual thank you. Please note that all financial contributions are optional. If you would like to make a donation, we recommend \$3-5 in total.

Room Liaisons will be communicating more details about this process within the next week.

2020-2021 PTO Nominations

The PTO is looking for nominations to fill several vacancies. Please consider taking 2 minutes to complete the survey below and nominate yourself or another parent who would be a good fit for any of our open PTO positions as listed on the survey. Positions can be co-chaired if preferred.

This is just a nomination and not a commitment. There are several opportunities with different levels of involvement. If you have any questions, please contact the PTO at AllSaintsPTO@allsaintsva.org.

[All Saints PTO Nominations 2020-2021 Survey](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

What are You Missing about All Saints?

Don't forget we want to hear from YOU! "What are you missing about All Saints?"

We have received some great submissions and can't wait to share them with everyone. We have extended the deadline to give you more time. Remember to send us drawings, photos (no video, please), writings, even just a sentence or two telling us what you miss the most! We can't wait to hear from you!

Deadline: Tomorrow (Thursday, May 7th)

Send to: development@allsaintsva.org

Race for Education Virtual Run – May 8

Students and families are invited to participate in the Race by running laps in their yards and/or neighborhoods – social distancing included! Parents are encouraged to log their child's distance over a one -hour time period and to submit their time to raceforeducation@allsaintsva.org. We look forward to awarding virtual medals to the grade level winners who run the furthest distance!

Parents are also invited to forward photos to development@allsaintsva.org so that we can share them with our community. Remember to show your school pride by wearing Spirit Wear on the day of the Race!

Parents, friends and families are encouraged to continue to send in their mailers in support of the event. Donations may be submitted through the mail or at the following link:

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/parent-resources/pto/race-for-education/>

Thank you for continuing to support our community!

End of Year Calendar

Friday, May 29

Eagle Day

Final Day for Pre-Kindergarten

Last Day of Academic Assessment/Testing

Last Day for Submission of Academic Work

Monday, June 1

Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day

Tuesday, June 2

Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day

Wednesday, June 3

Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day

Thursday, June 4

Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day

Friday, June 5

Eagle Day

Final Day for 8th Grade

Monday, June 8

Professional Development Day

Tuesday, June 9

Professional Development Day

Wednesday, June 10

Professional Development Day

Thursday, June 11

Eagle Day

Final Day for Kindergarten

Friday, June 12

Final Day for Grades 1-7

FACTS Tuition Assistance Update

Notification of tuition assistance funding for those who have applied will take place in May. The FACTS re-enrollment process for 2020-2021 and selection of online tuition payment plans will also occur during May with June 10 being the deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount.