

The Sentinel Express ~ May 13, 2020

Principal's Message

Over the course of the past week we have witnessed continued consideration as to the question of when our region will transition to Phase I of Governor Northam's plan. With the announcement yesterday of the executive order allowing localities to delay easing restrictions in our region until May 29, we are reminded of the fact that we are in a very fluid situation and that circumstances will continue to change as we go forward.

Although we currently lack certainty as we look ahead to the summer months and the beginning of the new academic year, I want to share with you a couple of commitments that can serve as touchstones as we progress through phases of the pandemic and recovery.

As a community, we will continue to remain united in prayer and committed to the mission of our school, ever mindful of our theme: *With God All Things Are Possible!*

As a faculty & staff, we will continue to do everything that we can to support you and your children, not only in this moment but through the summer and as we begin the new year.

In light of the fact that our situation remains dynamic and subject to change, it is difficult at this time to project three months ahead as to what the start of the new year will look like. Nevertheless, it is possible for us to strategically plan for a number of scenarios so that we are best prepared as guidance is provided by the State of Virginia, our local officials, and the Diocese of Arlington during the summer months. Know that I will continue to keep you updated as to our efforts at All Saints as we plan, prepare and position ourselves for a variety of outcomes.

Of a more immediate nature is the question of how we will honor our 8th grade students as they prepare to graduate from All Saints. As announced several weeks ago, this is the week that our committee will be making a determination as to whether to plan for completely virtual activities or to hold out the hope for the possibility of an in-person event at some point during the summer. I look forward to sharing additional details and updates in next week's newsletter.

On another note, I wish to share with you another transition that will be taking place among our faculty. Mrs. Nikki Siegel, fifth grade teacher, is resigning from her position at the close of the year as she will be relocating out of state with her family. Although only a member of our faculty for one year, Mrs. Siegel very quickly acclimated to our school program and provided both a challenging and supportive learning environment for her students. We thank her for her efforts and wish her and her family continued blessings as they begin a new chapter.

With God all things are Possible!

Pre-Kindergarten Program – Important Update regarding Progress Reports

After consultation with a licensing specialist from the Virginia Department of Social Services, the Office of Catholic Schools has advised that a statement be placed in each individual student's file indicating that, due to the pandemic, progress reports were not able to be issued or signed as a result of the building closure. However, the pre-kindergarten teachers will continue to provide informal updates regarding the progress of each child in the program as they prepare for the transition to kindergarten.

Note: This change does not impact the plan for students in grades K-8. Report cards, including grades for the third trimester, will be issued for these students at the close of the year.

Annual Asbestos Notification

For several decades the staff of All Saints Catholic School and the Diocese of Arlington have worked together to ensure compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Twice annually our school is inspected in accordance with this act and any necessary steps are taken in order to maintain compliance and a safe environment for our students, staff and parents.

In accordance with this act, this notification is being provided to you to inform you that asbestos-containing materials are present in our school. A copy of our school Management Plan contains the exact locations of any asbestos-containing materials and is maintained on file in the archives. This plan is available for your review and inspection during normal school hours when the building is open. As such, please feel free to request information on or about our Management Plan and inspection findings.

Should you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact the principal. Most importantly, please know that this communication is not related to any concern or change in circumstance, rather it is simply an effort to publish this information in accordance with the act.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Virtual Open House for Pre-Kindergarten (Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.)

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

- 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.

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 – Virtual Field Day

Tuesday, June 2

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual Field Trips

Wednesday, June 3

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual Middle School House and Buddy Class Activities

Thursday, June 4

- Spiritual/Social/Emotional Learning Day – Virtual “Stepping Up” 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.