

# The Sentinel ~ November 18, 2020

## ***Principal's Message***

As a follow up to Governor Northam's announcement of last Friday and the guidance provided by Dr. Vorbach, Superintendent of Schools, this week I wish to provide a couple of updates.

Since the gathering size reduction from 250 to 25 persons does not apply to educational settings, public or private, there is no change to our schedule or program at this time. Similarly, since all of our students have already been wearing masks, we are fully compliant with the new mandate that all persons over the age of five wear masks in schools.

Nevertheless, as this is a time for increased diligence, mask breaks will now be limited to times when students are eating/drinking or when they are outside and maintaining six-foot social distancing. There may be moments when a teacher may grant a rare exception due to specific circumstances, but wearing of masks throughout the day will be the norm.

Beginning this week, Mrs. Horgan will be sending a newsletter entitled ***Assistant Principal's Corner*** to parents every two weeks highlighting aspects of our curriculum and how we are integrating technology in the learning process. We hope that this additional communication will provide you even more insights regarding the wonderful things that are taking place at All Saints each day. Look for the first edition of Mrs. Horgan's letter in your inbox tomorrow.

As the first trimester draws to a close, the faculty have had an opportunity to reflect upon our current practice and "lessons learned" during the first part of the school year. It has come to our attention that there have been a greater number of instances of cheating among students as they complete their online learning. In many cases, this has involved students researching answers online while completing assessments. This occurrence is a reminder that some of the structures and procedures surrounding the learning process have changed due to the pandemic and our school schedule. Accordingly, it is important that we recognize this as a learning moment for our students, one in which we can address how honesty and integrity are an essential part of the pursuit of academic excellence and our call to holiness. For this reason, Mrs. Horgan and the teachers in grades 5-8 will introduce a new **Honor Code** to the students during an assembly via Zoom beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1. It is our hope that the information and procedures that will be provided will inspire our students to higher levels of personal responsibility and foster their character formation. A link to the meeting follows below.

Topic: Honor Code Addendum Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 1, 2020 08:30 AM

## [Honor Code Assembly via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 846 9978 6997

Passcode: 311780

*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 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!*

*All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!*

**Thanksgiving Prayer Service – Thursday Morning (8:15 a.m.)**

We invite students and parents to join us for a Thanksgiving Prayer Service beginning at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom tomorrow morning. We look forward to gathering as a school to give thanks to God and to pray for all of the families in our community.

[Thanksgiving Prayer Service Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 885 0593 4772

Passcode: 287542

**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. For the past five years, we have linked our Thanksgiving Luncheon to an outreach effort to benefit the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. In the past, our community has very generously responded to this effort, typically contributing more than \$1,000 each year.

This year We Care Week will begin on Sunday, December 6. In support of this program, all students are invited to participate in a Dress Down Day.

Monday, November 30 – Blue Cohort

Tuesday, December 1- White Cohort

Virtual Learners may select one of the two days.

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.

In advance, thank you for your generous support.

**Applications & Re-Enrollment for 2021-2022**

Applications for new students for academic year 2021-2022 will soon be available and may be requested through the school office.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight may request an application via email at the following address: [schooloffice@allsaintsva.org](mailto:schooloffice@allsaintsva.org). As requests are received, applications will be sent home to families with the youngest child currently enrolled in our school.

Note: Although a final decision regarding the re-opening of the Pre-Kindergarten has not yet been determined, we are optimistic that we will be able to re-start this program for the upcoming year

school.

Re-Enrollment for current students will begin on December 1. All families are asked to submit both forms and the re-registration fee no later than Friday, January 15. More details regarding the Re-Enrollment process which will take place online this year will be provided in the coming weeks.

### ***IMPORTANT REMINDERS***

#### ***Bishop's Holiday & Extension of Thanksgiving Vacation***

All Saints Catholic School will be closed for the "Bishop's Holiday" on Monday, November 23. Additionally, school will be closed on Tuesday, November 24 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.

#### ***PowerSchool Access – Report Cards & Re-Enrollment***

Although our school is now using Schoology as the platform for communicating information related to student learning, it remains important that all parents have access to their child's PowerSchool account. This is particularly important at this time as we will be using this system in support of two initiatives in the near future, i.e. distribution of first trimester report cards and the completion of the re-enrollment (re-registration) process for 2021-2022.

If you do not currently have log-in credentials for PowerSchool or cannot access the system for any reason, please contact Mrs. Pettyjohn, Technology Coordinator. ([tpettyjohn@allsaintsva.org](mailto:tpettyjohn@allsaintsva.org)).

#### ***FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2021-2022***

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 links below.

[Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program - English](#)

[Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program - Spanish](#)

High Schools (early verification)- **January 18, 2021**

- 2019 tax returns and W-2s are required for early verification
- If submitted after January 18, 2021, 2020 W-2s and tax returns will be required.

Elementary Schools- **March 17, 2021**

- 2020 W-2s and tax returns are required for verification

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, at 703-393-1490 or [nweaver@allsaintsva.org](mailto:nweaver@allsaintsva.org).

### ***NVJCYO Basketball***

The Diocese of Arlington is unable to offer the inter-parish NVJCYO basketball program this winter during its normal season (December-mid March) due to safety concerns and space availability as a result of COVID-19 measures put into place in schools. If health conditions permit in Spring 2021, the Diocese will look into hosting an abridged season or a tournament structure for upper grades.

To receive up to date news about CYO happenings and communications, please register via [All Saints Flocknote/JCYO](#) to receive updates.

### ***Upcoming Events***

Thursday, November 19

- Thanksgiving Prayer Service (Zoom/8:15 a.m.)
- Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Bethany Food Pantry
- School Mass (White Cohort/K2/1B - 9:30 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Monday, November 23

- **Holiday – Bishop’s Holiday**

Tuesday, November 24

- **Holiday – Thanksgiving**
- End of Trimester I

Wednesday, November 25

- Holiday – Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

- Holiday – Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

- Holiday – Thanksgiving

Monday, November 30

- Classes Resume
- We Care Week Dress Down Day – Blue Cohort
- Advent Prayer Service (Zoom/8:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 1

- Re-Enrollment for 2021-2022 Begins
- We Care Week Dress Down Day – White Cohort
- Honor Code Assembly Via Zoom – Grades 5-8 (8:30 a.m.)
- PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 3

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Placement Test

Friday, December 4

- Used Uniform Pick-Up
- Trimester I Report Cards Available in PowerSchool (3:00 p.m.)

Sunday, December 6

- We Care Week to Support Catholic Charities

Monday, December 7

- Virtual Book Fair Begins

Wednesday, December 9

- Picture Day Make-Ups
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 10

- Picture Day Make-Ups

Friday, December 18

- Final Day of School Prior to Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 21

- Christmas Holiday Begins

Monday, January 4

- Classes Resume