The Sentinel ~ December 17, 2020

Principal's Message

Over the course of the past week I have shared several updates regarding COVID-19 cases in our community. I remain grateful to those families who have contacted Mrs. Snowden to share their symptoms and diagnoses so that we might inform our school families and take the necessary steps to safeguard the health of our students, faculty and staff. I thank you, as well, for your prayers for any who our sick in our community as they have been a source of strength and encouragement.

As requested in previous communications, I encourage you to continue to monitor your own health and the health of your family for COVID-19 symptoms. In the event that you believe that your child or family member has been exposed to or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, please report this information to Mrs. Snowden as soon as possible at <u>psnowden@allsaintsva.org</u>.

Although our facility is now closed for in-person instruction and we will soon be on break for the Christmas holiday, I ask that you continue to keep Mrs. Snowden updated. This will allow us to closely monitor the overall health of our community and will inform our decisions regarding a return to in-person instruction after Christmas.

This week I also wish to provide an update regarding Mrs. Pryor who is on leave to care for her recently adopted baby, Brooklyn. Mrs. Pryor will be out until late February but will be working on eLearning Fridays beginning in January. On those days she will be providing recorded videos to students in her program and will be available to support both faculty and parents via Zoom.

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, know of our continued gratitude for the fact that you and your children are part of our school community. On behalf of the faculty & staff of All Saints Catholic School, I wish all of you a blessed Christmas Season. May the holiday be filled with great joy as you celebrate the birth of our Savior!

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

A Prayer for Advent – Week III

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory, and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Applications & Re-Enrollment for 2021-2022

Applications for new students for academic year 2021-2022 are now 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: <u>schooloffice@allsaintsva.org</u>. 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.

All families are asked to submit Re-Enrollment forms and fees no later than Friday, January 15.

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 - English

Diocesan Tuition Assistance - 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.

Open House for 2021-2022 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, January 7 via Zoom beginning at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, administrative assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 18

• Final Day of School (eLearning) Prior to Christmas Holiday

Monday, December 21

• Christmas Holiday Begins

Monday, January 4

• Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 7

• Open House (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Monday, January 11

• Scantron Testing Begins (Through January 29)

Thursday, January 14

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

Friday, January 15

• Deadline: Re-Enrollment Forms & Fees

Monday, January 18

• Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 22

• Used Uniform Pick-Up

Tuesday, January 26

• Picture Day – Clubs & Candids

Friday, January 29

• Trimester II Interims