

The Sentinel — January 13, 2021

Principal's Message

Thank you for all that you continue to do to support your children in the learning process and to partner closely with the teachers during this time of virtual learning. I appreciate your extra efforts as I know that the transition has presented a series of scheduling challenges for many families.

We are on track for a return to in-person learning beginning Tuesday, January 19. Although the positivity rate in the Manassas community remains elevated, we are confident that our health mitigation strategies will help us to significantly reduce the risk of transmission in the school. Nevertheless, it will be more important than ever that we closely adhere to all of our procedures and that you continue to notify us immediately in the event that a family member experiences an exposure or positive diagnosis. In support of this effort, Mrs. Snowden will be providing a follow up message tomorrow that will include specific reminders regarding our strategies.

As we prepare for in-person instruction, I wish to share with you two procedural changes.

In the event of a positive case in the school, in accordance with the latest guidance provided by the Prince William County Health District, we will transition the entire corresponding class/es to virtual learning and request that those students and staff begin a period of quarantine. This differs from the previous protocol that we used earlier in the year by which we followed up specifically with those individuals determined to have been in "close contact" as defined by interaction inside of six feet for 15 minutes or more over the course of the day.

Secondly, in an effort to further reduce the potential for transmission between classes, for the next two weeks special subject teachers will instruct their students via Zoom rather than in the classroom. We will re-evaluate this procedure at the close of the month to determine whether this additional precaution will still be necessary at that time.

As you are aware, Virginia teachers in K-12 settings are included in the 1B category for the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination. Mrs. Snowden is serving as our point of contact with the health department and will be providing further guidance to our faculty and staff regarding the vaccine in the near future.

Finally, Inauguration Day (January 20), will be an instructional day for students at All Saints. At this time, we are planning for in-person instruction for those in the Blue Cohort and grades K-2 that day. Should any concerns arise or we determine that it is in the best interest of our school community for students to learn virtually that day, I will provide an update to you as soon as possible.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Standardized Testing Updates

Results of the High School Placement Test for 8th graders who completed the assessment will be forwarded to parents electronically on Friday. Should you have any questions about the test report,

please do not hesitate to contact the 8th grade teachers or Mrs. Horgan, our testing coordinator.

The second round of Scantron Testing will begin on Tuesday, January 19 and will extend through two weeks. The format will be identical to that of the first round, i.e. approximately one hour assessments in math, reading and language arts completed by students in grades 3-7. Teachers will use the data from this test to measure student growth and to tailor instruction accordingly during the second half of the year.

Re-registration & Fees for 2021-2022

Thank you to those families who have already submitted re-registration forms for the upcoming school year.

Those who have not yet submitted re-registration forms and fees are asked to do so no later than Friday, January 22 after which time a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied. Please note that due to the fact that in-person instruction is not occurring this week, the deadline has been extended to January 22.

[Re-Enrollment Form](#)

The tuition rates for 2021-2022 will be available on our website beginning February 1, 2021.

Should you have any questions about the re-registration process or wish to discuss your plans for next year, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Employment Opportunity – Substitute Teachers

We are seeking additional candidates interested in on-call employment as substitute teachers. To request an application or for more information, please contact the school office.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.

Yearbook Cover Contest

The Yearbook Committee is hosting the annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The committee is looking for a front and back cover that represents the spirit of All Saints Catholic School and incorporates our theme - ***All Things Work For Good For Those Who Love God.***

If you would like to submit an entry, please make sure it is on two pieces of **plain white paper**. The finished size of each page of your design must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11. *Lightly write your name and your teacher's name on the BACK of each paper.* Please DO NOT sign your name on the front of these papers.

Entries are due to Mrs. Bill no later than Monday, January 25, 2021. The winning entry will win a free Yearbook and all entries will receive a magnetic bookmark. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bill or Mrs. Cummings. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 14

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

Monday, January 18

- Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- FACTS Tuition Assistance Application Deadline – High Schools

Tuesday, January 19

- Return to In-Person Instruction
- Christmas Parties

Wednesday, January 20

- School Mass - Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A (9:30 a.m.)
- Christmas Parties

Friday, January 22

- Used Uniform Pick-Up
- Deadline: Re-Enrollment Forms & Fees

Monday, January 25

- Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline

Thursday, January 28

- School Mass – White Cohort/K2/1B (9:30 a.m.)

Friday, January 29

- Trimester II Interims

Sunday, January 31

- Catholic Schools Week Begins

Tuesday, February 2

- PTO Executive Board Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, February 4

- Open House (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, February 11

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

Monday, February 15

- Holiday – Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 17

- Ash Wednesday (Mass Time to be Confirmed)

Friday, February 19

- Used Uniform Pick-Up

Tuesday, February 23

- PTO General Assembly Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)