

The Sentinel ~ January 27, 2021

Principal's Message

As we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I wish to thank you for the trust that you continue to place in our school and for your steadfast partnership with us during a time of unprecedented change and uncertainty. Although this year has been challenging, our school is perhaps united more than ever in support of a shared mission, that of providing the children with a strong academic foundation rooted in the beauty and tradition of our Catholic faith.

One need only witness the tremendous innovation on the part of the teachers or the extraordinary dedication of parents juggling work and school schedules to recognize that this is a time during which everyone has responded with an "all in" attitude. Through the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, students and parents, our school community has demonstrated an ability to quickly shift directions and to adapt to changing circumstances, all while keeping a clear focus on two simple priorities: faith and learning.

As we look ahead to the upcoming academic year, there are a number of details yet to be determined related to the instructional schedule, the degree to which health mitigation strategies may still be necessary, etc. As the possibilities unfold in the months ahead, we will rely on the lessons learned this past year to plan for the best possible learning environment for our students.

Earlier this week the Parish Finance Council met to discuss the school budget for 2021-2022 and to confirm the tuition and fees schedule. For the year ahead, tuition will increase 3% for both the Pre-Kindergarten and K-8 programs which will not only enable us to sustain operations, but also support a salary increase for our faculty and staff who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication this past year.

[2021-2022 Fee Schedules](#)

Our ability to provide approximately \$275,000 in tuition assistance will continue to ensure that families within our community are able to give their children the gift of a Catholic education regardless of financial considerations. We are grateful to our parish and diocese as well as the many donors who support this effort through contributions to the Scholarship Foundation Fund and other programs.

Should you have any questions about tuition and fees for the upcoming year, please do not hesitate to let us know.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Catholic Schools Week 2021

We are looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week, January 31 - February 6, 2021. See below for a list of exciting activities planned for each day of this annual celebration of Catholic education.

- **Submit a photo of your child(ren) by this Friday**

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021 by sending in a photo of your child(ren) in their All Saints spirit wear or uniform representing this year's theme – *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.*

Submit photos showing faith in action, academic excellence, or acts of service to your family or the community. Please email photos to Mrs. DeVore at development@allsaintsva.org by Friday, January 29 at 5:00 PM.

- **Special Announcement - Launch of All Saints Spirit Wear Store!** Our thanks to the PTO and Miss Morga for organizing a new All Saints Spirit Wear store through SquadLocker. The store will remain open throughout the year for your convenience. Get the latest All Saints styles including short and long sleeve tees, sweatshirts, hoodies, masks, and more!

[All Saints Spirit Wear Store](#)

Sunday, January 31

Theme: *Grateful to Our Parish*

- Activity: Students are invited to attend Mass in their All Saints formal winter uniform both virtually and in-person.
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Monday, February 1

Theme: *Grateful to Our Community*

- Activity: All Saints will hold a food collection for the Bethany Food Pantry with the theme: **All Saints Souper Bowl** ([see flyer here](#)). Please consider donating a collection of soups, cornbread / muffin mix, and any other non-perishables that warm the heart on Monday, February 1st.
- Activity: **Author Karen Keifer** will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Monday with a Literacy Event talking about her book "[Drawing God](#)." This uplifting story encourages

families to explore God's presence that shines brightly in so many ways. The assembly will begin at 8:20 AM and the author will address the entire school for approximately 15 minutes. Throughout the morning, Karen Keifer will conduct breakout sessions with specific grade levels. <https://www.drawing-god.com/>

Topic: Karen Keifer Author Presentation

Time: Feb 1, 2021 8:20 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87620197102?pwd=bUFHanFRelRFdUhjTEpoekJERWITUT09>

Meeting ID: 876 2019 7102

Passcode: 096595

- Activity: Dress Out Day – Blue Cohort and K-2.

Tuesday: February 2

Theme: *Grateful to Our Students*

- Activity: Catholic Cup Competition beginning at 8:30 AM on Zoom. We are excited to continue this annual event that highlights our Catholic faith via Zoom this year.

Topic: Catholic Cup Competition

Time: Feb 2, 2021 08:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88411846544?pwd=QTE4dFAvOXo3Ri9CdDIzaHN4Y2xrUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 1184 6544

Passcode: 477111

- Activity: The All Saints Eagle mascot will be present at afternoon carpool. On Tuesday, we will be announcing the name of our Eagle mascot!
 - Activity: CSW Raffle winners will be announced throughout the day.
 - Activity: Dress Out Day – White Cohort and all Virtual Learners
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Wednesday, February 3

Theme: *Grateful For Our Religious Life and Vocations*

- Activity: Pre-recorded videos from our diocesan seminarians discussing their vocations will be shared with our students to highlight religious life and vocations.
 - Activity: Children's Prayer for Vocations will be part of our morning prayer.
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Thursday, February 4

Theme: *Grateful to Our Faculty and Staff Activity*

- The PTO will fill the Celebration Station with extra fun treats. A special CSW Faculty & Staff Luncheon will be provided by the PTO.
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Friday, February 5

Theme: *Grateful to Our Parents*

- Activity: Parents can expect a note from their child thanking them for the gift of Catholic Education.
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Office of Catholic Schools - Listening Session

Mrs. Diane Elliott, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, will host a Zoom listening session from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on February 8 to hear from parents who want inclusive services for their children in our Catholic schools. An evening session will be held at a later date to hear from those who cannot join during the day. This will be an opportunity for the diocese to share where we are today in terms of inclusion in our schools and gain insight from the parent perspective to help inform strategic planning in this area.

Register in advance for this Feb 8, 2021 10:00 AM meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvd-2vrDljEtc2MnXtIJULCciS_S-Q9YGx

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Open House for Prospective Parents (February 4)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, February 4 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Pre-K & Kindergarten Applications (2021-2022)

If you have a child you wish to enroll in either the pre-kindergarten or kindergarten classes next year and have not yet requested an application, please contact Mrs. Nancy Weaver, administrative assistant, to begin the application process. (nweaver@allsaintsva.org).

We have begun accepting applications for new students for the upcoming school year and continue to receive a number of inquiries from families in our community. We want to ensure, however, that we reserve a place for the children of our current families prior to making acceptance decisions for any of our new applicants.

Extended Day – End of Year Financial Statements

Parents of students who attended the Extended Day Program during the 2020 calendar year and who wish to request a year-end statement, may contact Ms. Reardon for more information. (creardon@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.

[Tuition Assistance Program - Spanish](#)

[Tuition Assistance Program - English](#)

The Deadline is **March 17, 2021**. Your 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.

Upcoming Events

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 (See Schedule Above)

Tuesday, February 2

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

Thursday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 10

- Valentine's Day Parties (K-5)

Thursday, February 11

- Valentine's Day Parties (K-5)
- 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.)

Wednesday, February 24

- Coffee with the Principal (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)

Monday, March 1

- Lenten Confessions – Blue Cohort/Grades 3-8 (9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 4

- Lenten Confessions – White Cohort/Grades 3-8 (9:30 a.m.)