

The Sentinel ~ February 3, 2021

Principal's Message

This week we join with communities across our nation to celebrate our common heritage as Catholic schools. It is a time to highlight our distinct mission and to acknowledge that we are part of something truly special, an educational legacy that integrates the teachings of our Catholic faith with strong academic formation.

As part of the weeklong celebration, the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has posted several interesting pieces on their website that I'm pleased to share with you. They include a number of insights and statistics that confirm the effectiveness of Catholic schools. More importantly, I hope they serve as an affirmation of your decision to provide your children with the gift of a Catholic education, an investment that prepares them for life both in this world and the next.

[A Dozen Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools](#)

[Graduation Rates](#)

[A Gift to the Nation](#)

On behalf of our pastor, Father Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty and staff, thank you for choosing All Saints for your family.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Author Presentation – Tomorrow @ 8:20 a.m.

All Saints is pleased to welcome **Author Karen Keifer** who will discuss her book entitled "[Drawing God.](#)" during a school wide event tomorrow morning. 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 4, 2021 8:20 AM

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

Meeting ID: 876 2019 7102

Passcode: 096595

Catholic Cup Competition – Tuesday @ 8:30 a.m.

The Catholic Cup Competition has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 9 and will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Topic: Catholic Cup Competition

Time: Feb 9, 2021 08:30

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

Meeting ID: 884 1184 6544

Passcode: 477111

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-2vrDIjEtc2MnXtIJULCciS_S-Q9YGx

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

Spirit Wear Store – Now Open!

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!

Click here to Order: [All Saints Spirit Wear Store](#)

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.

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.

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](#)

Deadline for Elementary School Families - **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.

2021 Lenten Fish Fry

During the following weeks of Lent, the George Brent Council of the Knights of Columbus will have a "Curb side" takeout Fish Fry. Your dinner can be picked up at the Bishop Flaherty Hall (Knights Hall behind All Saints Catholic Church. The "Curb side" Fish Fry is open to the public.

Menu for Lent is: Choice of fried Tilapia, or Popcorn Shrimp or Macaroni and Cheese. All meals will include, Hush Puppies, Fancy Cut Green Beans and Coleslaw. The cost is \$8.00 per person. The event is open from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm.

The fish served will change each week. February 19 and March 12, Tilapia will be the fish served. February 26 and March 19, Swai will be the fish served. On March 5, Whiting will be the fish served.

Please contact the following to place your order.

John Masarick at 703-368-1603, john_masarick@comcast.net or

Milt Shomo at 571-329-8451, theshomos@verizon.net

Also look for information at: www.georgebrent.org or click on the following [link](#).

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 4

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

Monday, February 8

- Dress Down Day for Blue Cohort & K-2

Tuesday, February 9

- Dress Down Day for White Cohort & Virtual Learners
- Catholic Cup Competition (Zoom/8:30 a.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 School Mass – Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A (10:00 a.m.)

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.)

Thursday, March 11

- Open House (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)
- Enrollment Management Team Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 12

- End of Second Trimester