

The Sentinel ~ February 10, 2021

Principal's Message

This week I wish to provide a brief update regarding our COVID-19 mitigation strategies. In consideration of the decrease in the positivity rate in Manassas as well as the current status of our school community in regards to the virus, the Special Subject Teachers have returned to the practice of in-person instruction this week. I thank these teachers, as well as the other members of our faculty and staff, for the additional sacrifices they made over the course of the past three weeks while we implemented even higher precautionary measures. Additionally, I wish to thank you for your continued support of our efforts and for maintaining open lines of communication with Mrs. Snowden, our school nurse. Your involvement and ongoing partnership have really made a difference in our ability to remain open for in-person instruction.

Looking ahead to next week, I also want to share with you a small adjustment in our schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 17. In order to ensure that the livestreaming of the parish Mass can occur without any technical difficulties, there will be no online learning from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. that day.

During that time period, the virtual learners are invited to view the parish Mass that will begin at 8:30 a.m. In support of this schedule change, the teachers will only be assigning work that the students will be able to complete independently during the first part of the school day.

Related to this, efforts are well underway for an expansion of the technology infrastructure at All Saints, one that will result in a more reliable Internet connection and greater upload/download speeds. Look for more details regarding this upgrade in the weeks ahead.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of February: Cheerfulness

Definition: Looking on the bright side.

Saints: St. John Bosco (K-2), St. Phillip Neri (Gr. 3-5), Blessed Miguel Pro (Gr. 6-8)

Catholic Cup Competition Results

All Saints students gathered virtually via Zoom yesterday to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith in the school's 10th Annual Catholic Cup. The following winners of classroom competitions from grades 4-8 advanced to the final round of the Catholic Cup, an academic-style competition with questions related to Catholic theology and teaching.

Luke F. (4A)

Evangeline M. (4B)

Bryan T. (5A)

Emily M. (5B)

Peter H. (6A)

Dylan S. (6B)

Julianna A. (7A)

Mikayla S. (7B)

Mia D. (8A)
Emma C. (8B)

Congratulations to our 2021 Catholic Cup winner Mia D. and to our first runner-up Emma C.

We wish to also thank Fr. Ed Guilloux for leading us in prayer, Mrs. Diane Elliott for representing the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools, and Mr. Tessier and Mrs. Bill for serving as faculty coordinators. This uplifting event provided a wonderful way for all of our students, those directly participating and those in the audience, to learn and grow in their faith.

PTO General Assembly Meeting – February 23 (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

The next PTO General Membership Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Horgan will serve as our speaker, presenting on the topic of our curriculum.

After providing an overview of the curriculum design process used by the diocese, Mrs. Horgan will highlight the way in which the curriculum standards drive the teaching and learning that takes place in the classroom. Her presentation will also offer insights into how the teachers plan instruction and collaborate with one another in order to more effectively meet the needs of their students.

Coffee with the Principal – February 24 (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)

Join us for the next *Coffee with the Principal*, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24. We are excited that the PTO Board will be in attendance and have an opportunity to introduce themselves and speak about their roles. We are hopeful that this event will serve as a chance for parents to become more familiar with our PTO leadership and foster a sense of community among our school families.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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!

[All Saints Spirit Wear Store](#)

Pre-K, Kindergarten & 1st Grade 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 Schools is **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.

Upcoming Events

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

- No Online Learning (8:15 – 9:30 a.m.)
- 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.) – Guest Speaker: Mrs. Horgan (Curriculum)

Wednesday, February 24

- Coffee with the Principal – An Introduction to the PTO Leadership (Zoom/9:00 a.m.)

Thursday, February 25

- Spelling Bee – Grades 4-8 (Zoom/1:30 p.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

Saturday, March 13

- Diocesan Teacher Job Fair (Zoom/9:00 a.m. – Noon)

Tuesday, March 16

- Spirit Wear Day

Wednesday, March 17

- Deadline: FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for Elementary Schools