

The Sentinel - March 24, 2021

Principal's Message

As we continue to plan for students in grades 3-8 to transition to four days of in-person instruction per week following the Easter holiday, I wish to provide a few important updates regarding protocols.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we will initiate a second electrostatic cleaning of the building each week that will take place on Tuesday evenings. This practice will continue for the near-term while we transition to a larger on-site enrollment and continue to monitor the overall health of our school.

We will continue with our current morning arrival schedule, i.e. drop-off of students will take place from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. We are confident that this thirty-minute time period will be sufficient to allow for adequate social distancing as students arrive each morning.

The Task Force is continuing to analyze other routines and procedures as related to the enrollment data collected through last week's survey. I do wish to thank the many parents who confirmed their enrollment preference as that information is very helpful for our planning.

We are on track to begin "staging" the classrooms this week so that the teachers can prepare their learning environments prior to the holiday. Our goal is to provide our students, faculty, and staff with a smooth and seamless transition to the new schedule on Monday, April 12.

I look forward to sharing more updates with you next week as we finalize the details related to Mass attendance, afternoon dismissal and a few other items.

As we approach the conclusion of Lent, I want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the Rice Bowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office by Wednesday, March 31. Please be sure to include a reference to "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds received will be totaled and forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Message from the Nurse – Travel Guidelines for Easter

- In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction takes place, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.

- If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by practicing everyday preventive actions.
- Keep these items on hand when venturing out: a face mask, tissues, and hand sanitizer.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public settings. Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you. It's important to do this everywhere — both indoors and outdoors.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

For those who are traveling, here is the most recent information and recommendations from the CDC and VDOH.

[VDOH Top Thing to Know When Traveling](#)

[CDC Travel Guidance during COVID](#)

After International Air Travel during COVID-19:

You may have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels. You may feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can be contagious without symptoms and spread the virus to others. You and your travel companions (including children) pose a risk to your family, friends, and community for 14 days after you travel.

Recommendations for Returning from Travel:

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- If your test is positive, **isolate** yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at **increased risk for severe illness** for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

Open House – April 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Wednesday, April 21 via Zoom beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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 or nweaver@allsaintsva.org.

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12

Into its 17th summer hosted by our local Catholic Churches, [instructors for these camps](#)

combine their professional arts backgrounds and faith to create a marvelous experience in July for high school teens, middle school, and elementary youth. **Broadway Spotlight** and **Drama Bootcamp** include presenters from the *Kennedy Center, Off-Broadway, Ringling Brothers*, and a *VA Teacher of the Year*. **Art Camps** are taught by *Diocesan Catholic School Art Teachers with award winning backgrounds*. Young people from various experience levels are welcome. Camps are designed to both be fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts.

This month and through April, **all camps are \$20 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt**. Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

News from St. John Paul the Great

April 20: Spring Open House

Want to learn more about John Paul the Great and becoming a member of the Wolfpack? Save the date for our Spring Open House! John Paul the Great looks forward to hosting interested 4-7th graders and parents for this in-person open house. Stay tuned for details and information on how to RSVP for this event. Please contact admissions@jpthegreat.org with any questions.

May 8: JP Outdoor Gala

Save the date for John Paul the Great's annual Spring Gala, this time outside! More information to come soon. If you have any specific questions at this time, please contact our Gala coordinator

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 25

- Stations of the Cross – White Cohort/K2/1B (2:15 p.m.)
- Lions' Club Screening

Wednesday, March 31

- Stations of the Cross – Blue Cohort/K1/1A/2A (2:15 p.m.)
- Deadline: Rice Bowl Donations Due

Thursday, April 1

- Noon Dismissal – Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2

- Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 5

- Easter Holiday Begins

Monday, April 12

- Classes Resume
- Change to Summer Uniforms
- In-Person Instruction – 4 Days Per Week for Grades 3-8 Begins

Thursday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 20

- ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5 & 8)
- PTO General Assembly Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 21

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

Thursday, April 22

- 8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 23

- Parish Festival Prep Day – Cancelled
- eLearning Day

Friday, April 30

- Trimester III Interim Reports