

The Sentinel - May 19, 2021

Principal's Message

This week we congratulate our second grade students as they receive their First Communion during a series of evening liturgies. We pray that this may be a particularly grace-filled time in their lives and that they will each remain close to Jesus now and always.

I am delighted to share with you that on Monday evening we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$20,000 for the *Race for Education*! We are grateful to the many families and friends of All Saints who have so generously supported our cause.

In an effort to sustain the momentum, today we are announcing a “challenge goal” of \$25,000. With students and parents continuing to reach out to relatives and neighbors to ask for their financial support, we know that this new goal is well within our reach.

The “prize cut-off” date remains midnight on May 25. The Awards Assembly will take place at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom on May 27. Again, many thanks to everyone who has helped to make this fundraiser such a success!

Here are some important updates regarding our plan for the *Race for Education*.

- Students will run the Race by grade level in 45 minute blocks next Wednesday (May 26) & Thursday (May 27). For example, 1A and 1B will run at the same time.
- The students will not be required to wear masks while they are running, provided they maintain physical distancing. After completing the run, we will have two separate areas for A/B classes where the students will gather to cool down.
- Since we will not have volunteers assisting with supervision this year, we will shorten the course so that the students remain behind the school rather than running along the side of the building and turning around at the church. The homeroom teachers/assistants will provide supervision on a rotating basis.
- Students are asked to bring and use their own individual water bottles.
- Students will keep track of the laps that they run and record this information in their P.E. logs.
- All of our virtual learners are invited to participate with their classes or they may choose to complete the run at their home.

This week I also wish to share with you several updates regarding our COVID-19 response. In accordance with Governor Northam’s Executive Order 72 (seventh amendment), all students, faculty, staff and visitors (regardless of vaccination status) are required to continue wearing masks indoors on campus through the close of the 2020-2021 academic year. I anticipate that additional specific guidance for schools as related to the Executive Orders will be forthcoming this week. As we receive information from the Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE) and

the diocese, I will continue to update you regarding any changes that may occur prior to the close of the year.

Due to the current restrictions that remain in place, we will not be hosting a school-wide Field Day for students. Instead, Mr. Redman will incorporate some of the traditional games that students enjoy during this annual event in his P.E. classes during the closing weeks of the year.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Task Force Updates

As circumstances related to the pandemic continue to improve, we will be implementing the following change in our program.

In order to provide the students with greater opportunities for socialization with their peers, the two cohorts of each class in grades K-2 will enjoy combined outdoor recess beginning this week.

FACTS Enrollment & Tuition Assistance Update

In the days ahead each family will receive an invitation through FACTS to enroll in a payment plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is June 11. Tuition in full payments may be made directly to the school or through FACTS.

Diocesan allocations for tuition assistance will be confirmed in the weeks ahead. Once we receive this information, we will be able to make final determinations regarding tuition assistance for those families who have applied and will communicate these decisions in June.

Should you have any questions about this process or if we can be of assistance in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Note from the School Nurse

I wanted to Thank You for the wonderful School Nurse Day present. I was so surprised and overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. I really felt so special and your children's notes, cards and "shout outs" were amazing. I feel very blessed to be a part of the All Saints community and really appreciate being recognized. You have raised very kind and caring people who find joy in giving to others and that is truly amazing!

• Rising 7th Grade Parents: Reminder of vaccines that are required for entry to 7th grade:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap) Adult Td is required for children 7 years of age and older who do not meet the minimum requirements for tetanus and diphtheria. Effective A booster dose of the Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 7th grade. Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) Vaccine - Effective July 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine. The first dose should be administered prior to entering 7th grade. The final

dose should be administered prior to entering 12th grade.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine - Effective July 1, 2021, a complete series of 2 doses of HPV vaccine is required for students entering the 7th grade. The first dose shall be administered before the child enters the 7th grade. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian, at the parent's or guardian's sole discretion, may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.

• **Rising Kindergarten Parents: New Hepatitis A vaccine requirement:**

Hepatitis A (HAV) Vaccine – Effective July 1, 2021, a minimum of 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine. The first dose should be administered at age 12 months or older.

• **Medication Pick up for the End of the School Year:**

I will be available on June 10th and June 11th for pick up of medications. Please send me an email with your plan. I will be available at any time during those days to meet with you and I can certainly have it ready and leave it at the office for quick pick up. If it would be more convenient for you to pick it up the following week June 14-17th, that is feasible as well. After June 18th, according to the Diocese rules I will have to dispose of all remaining medications. All medication forms and plans for the following school year 2021-2022, are available on the School Nurse Page. New forms are required every year for medications. Please email me with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

• **CDC recommends everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccination to help protect against COVID-19**

I am including below the Virginia department of health information on Vaccines for students 12 and over. This is not a mandatory vaccination but it is readily available at nearby pharmacies (free of charge) for those who want it. Please reach out to me with any questions.

[Virginia Guidance on COVID Vaccines for Children and Teens](#)

• **Seventh Amendment to Executive Order (EO) 72**

As most of you are likely aware, Governor Northam issued another amendment on May 15, 2021. Schools are an exception to this amendment and I have included the exception below. Be aware that more information will be coming regarding mask wearing as we begin the 21-22 school year, likely in July.

School Specific Requirements in EO 72: All students, teachers, staff and visitors must wear a mask over their nose and mouth while indoors (regardless of vaccination status) on all school campuses (public and private) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year due to the fact that the majority of students are not yet vaccinated.

Position Opportunity – Religious Education Administrative Assistant

All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA has an immediate opening for a religious education administrative assistant. Duties include greeting and referring visitors, receiving and transferring telephone calls, photocopying and duplicating materials, preparing materials for religious education sessions and meetings, processing program registration forms into an online database, tracking weekly attendance in an online database, and communicating with parish families via regular email, phone, and mail correspondence.

The candidate must have two years’ administrative experience, be proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite, and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Experience with database management and publishing software is a plus. Bilingual (fluent in English and Spanish) – both oral and written – preferred. The candidate should have strong communication and organizational skills. The position is full-time, non-exempt with benefits.

Work hours are from 8:00AM to 4:00PM Monday-Friday.

Email cover letter and resume to Job Search at re@allsaintsva.org, or mail to: Job Search-RE Administrative Assistant, All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA, 20110.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School Calendar 2021-2022 ~ Important Dates & Holidays

August 23	First Day of School (Noon Dismissal)
September 6	Labor Day Holiday
September 10	Noon Dismissal (DFE Self-Study)
September 24	Noon Dismissal (Diocesan Teacher Work Day)
October 8	Noon Dismissal (DFE Self-Study)
October 11	Columbus Day Holiday
October 29	Diocesan Professional Development Day (No School)
November 5	Noon Dismissal (DFE Self-Study)
November 11	Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
November 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
November 23	Noon Dismissal for Thanksgiving
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 3	Noon Dismissal (DFE Self-Study)
December 20	Christmas Holiday Begins
January 3	Classes Resume

January 7	Noon Dismissal (DFE Self-Study)
January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 4	Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)
February 21	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 11	Noon Dismissal (Teacher Work Day – Report Card Prep)
March 14	Diocesan Professional Development Day (No School)
April 14	Holy Thursday (Noon Dismissal)
April 15	Good Friday Holiday
April 18	Easter Week Holiday
April 29	Noon Dismissal (DFE Visiting Team Presentation)
May 20	Noon Dismissal (Diocesan Professional Development Day)
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday
June 10	Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 (Tentative/3 Make-Up Days)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 20

- School Mass – Grades 5-8 (9:30 a.m.) – Canceled

Monday, May 24

- Week of the *Race for Education*

Tuesday, May 25

- Prize Cut-Off Deadline for the *Race for Education*

Wednesday, May 26

- *Race for Education*

Thursday, May 27

- School Mass – Grades K-4 (9:30 a.m.)
- *Race for Education*
 - Awards Ceremony (Zoom/2:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 28

- Algebra I Practice Exam (10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

Monday, May 31

- Holiday – Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1

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

Thursday, June 3

- School Mass – Grades 5-8 (9:30 a.m.)
- 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast (10:15 a.m.) & Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.)

Friday, June 4

- 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Ceremony (4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 5

- High School Algebra & Geometry Exemption Exams

Monday, June 7

- Kindergarten “Fun Day”

Tuesday, June 8

- Kindergarten Graduation (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, June 9

- End of Year Classroom Parties (1:30 p.m.)
 - **(Note: Virtual Learners are invited to attend the in-person end of the year parties.)**

Thursday, June 10

- Final Day (In-Person Learners) – Noon Dismissal

Friday, June 11

- Final Day (Virtual Learners – Transition Day)

Monday, June 14

- Professional Development Day

Tuesday, June 15

- Professional Development Day