

The Sentinel – May 26, 2021

Principal's Message

With the wonderful support of our students and school families, we have exceeded our goal for the *Race for Education* by more than \$10,000! We are so grateful for your participation and look forward to recognizing the efforts of our students at tomorrow's Awards Assembly that will take place via Zoom beginning at 2:30 p.m. A link to the event follows below.

Topic: Race for Education Awards Assembly

Time: May 27, 2021 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88073023401?pwd=WjRNTEQvK0pzT0RDbEtkMC9VdnVnQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 7302 3401

Passcode: 979954

With just one week remaining until Graduation Day, we are finalizing plans for what will be a beautiful celebration of the success of our 8th grade students. The following is a schedule of special events planned for the Class of 2021.

Thursday, June 3

Graduation Breakfast (Gym/10:15 a.m.) – This graduates only event is a tradition by which the students will enjoy breakfast served by the pastor, school administration, and 8th grade teachers. At the conclusion of the meal, memories will be shared, gifts presented, and final report cards distributed to the students.

8th Grade Walk of Honor (Courtyard/11:00 a.m.) – Following the breakfast, the graduates will process individually from the gym through the courtyard in front of the school. Select students from other grade levels will line the walkways and applaud as each graduate passes.

Friday, June 4

Graduation Mass & Ceremony (Church/4:00 p.m.) – This event will be open only to graduates and up to seven (7) family members per 8th grade student.

We look forward to congratulating our students on the successful completion of their course of studies at All Saints. We recognize how hard they have worked through the years and applaud their perseverance during what has been an exceptionally challenging year.

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

Note from the School Nurse – Clarification

Last week's edition of the newsletter included an overview of vaccine requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please note that the HPV vaccination, although strongly encouraged by the State of Virginia, is not required and remains at the sole discretion of parents. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Snowden. (psnowden@allsaintsva.org)

Band Program (2021-2022)

Instrumental music instruction is available for your son or daughter next year at All Saints Catholic School. Classes are offered during the regular school day and Zoom classes may now be used to supplement missed days during the year. The child who learns to play an instrument learns discipline, cooperation with others, and a new way to a fuller, richer life. Playing an instrument automatically places him or her in worthwhile school activities, it gives something interesting to do, and is a pleasurable use of time. The beginner band is comprised of the following instruments: **Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone and Drums**. However, the advanced band looks to spread out instrumentation with **bass clarinet, tenor sax, and tuba**, and these instruments may be available to students from the band.

The [Garwood Whaley Music Program](#) is a local organization which has offered contracted music instruction at All Saints for many years. Our band director is Mr. Barry Ward, who is an original starting director with the program with over 40 years of experience. Also included in this program are written evaluations, performances at

school and away, band music, and the opportunity to perform in both the Diocesan Band Festival and the Honor Bands.

Our overall Program was selected as the official program of instrumental music instruction for the Diocese of Arlington Schools in 1979. The program is staffed by full and part-time teachers with degrees in performance and music education. The Program is supervised by Mr. Barry Ward, who has experience working with elementary schools throughout the diocese, and a retired assistant director from Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria. Mr. Ward's diverse background as a performer and teacher makes him uniquely qualified to teach and supervise. He has published a number of educational articles, and composed and published music pieces through C. Alan Publications.

Our school's band program has earned many honors, and in a sense, too many to list. Of course, the program is presently regenerating itself after this Covid year where there was both in-school and online lessons. If you are interested, we urge you to attend a registration / instrument rental meeting in September. More immediate questions can be directed to Mr. Ward at The3wardsdad@aol.com. If the interest exists, give your child all the possible support and assurance by attending the meeting at school. Enroll your child next year in our band program!

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Extended Day Program

Extended Day services will continue through Wednesday, June 9.

There will be no Extended Day Program on Thursday, June 10. All students will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up if you anticipate being unavailable at that time.

Report Cards

Report cards and awards will be issued on the final day of school, June 10. Since the office will have a record of your child's final grades at the close of the year, you may retain these cards.

Reminder from the Nurse - Medication Pick up for the End of the School Year

Mrs. Snowden will be available on June 10 and June 11 for pick-up of medications. Please send her an email to confirm arrangements. (psnowden@allsaintsva.org) After June 18, in accordance with diocesan policy, she will dispose of all remaining medications.

Forms for the 2021-2022 school year can be found on the Nurse's Page on our website. Please note that forms must be renewed every year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Snowden.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

FACTS Invites & Tuition Assistance Update

Last week we sent "FACTS invites" to all families so that they can confirm a tuition payment schedule for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please know that the total amount due does not yet reflect tuition assistance disbursements which will be automatically updated through FACTS in June once the allocations are determined.

The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is June 11.

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.

School Supply Orders (2021-2022)

There are two ways to purchase school supplies for the 2021-2022 school year:

Shop on your own

You can do your shopping on your own using our [2021-2022 School Supply List](#) as your guide.

Purchase online through EPI

All Saints is pleased to offer school supply kits as a convenient way to purchase exactly what your child needs for the classroom. Supply kits will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to the start of school.

Order securely online starting now through July 6, 2021.

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks

2. Enter the school ID, ALL088 (3 letters/ 3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Please Note — Orders have not been finalized if you do not receive an order confirmation. Please save the order confirmation as your receipt.

Please remember to order NEXT year's grade level for your student

If you have any questions about school supplies, please contact Mrs. Horgan at shorgan@allsaintsva.org.

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.

Upcoming Events

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 Exams (8A – 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. & 8B - 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)
- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes for 8th Grade (3:00 p.m.)

Monday, May 31

- Holiday – Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes for Grades 1-7 (8:00 a.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) – **Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.**

Friday, June 11

- Final Day (Virtual Learners – Transition Day)

Monday, June 14

- Professional Development Day

Tuesday, June 15

- Professional Development Day