

The Sentinel – June 2, 2021

Principal's Message

On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Lee Roos, our clergy, faculty, and staff, I wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of our 8th grade students who will graduate from All Saints Catholic School at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. We recognize how hard they have worked through the years and applaud their perseverance, most especially during the challenges of this past year.

We also congratulate them as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We pray that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit will inspire them throughout their lives and that they will always cherish their Catholic faith and grow ever closer to Christ.

In light of the changes related to COVID-19 restrictions for the Commonwealth of Virginia, I wish to provide an update and to confirm our plan regarding protocols for 8th Grade Graduation.

Since there are no occupancy limits on Mass attendance, the limit on the number of guests per graduate no longer exists. For this reason, all students and parents in our community are welcome to attend this event.

In recognition of the fact that the school remains subject to a separate set of state guidelines in regard to restrictions, all in attendance at Graduation are asked to wear a face covering during the Graduation Mass and Ceremony.

We look forward to celebrating the success of our 8th grade students in the days ahead!

All Things Work for Good for Those Who Love God!

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Extended Day Program

Extended Day services will continue through the morning of June 10.

There will be no Extended Day Program on the afternoon of 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.

Coach Vander Woude's Boys Basketball Camps (Seton School)

6-8 yr. olds: July 12-16; 9:30-noon

9-12 yr. olds: June 28 - July 2, Aug. 2 - 6; 9:30-2:00

Advanced Ballhandling/Shooting Clinics: July 19-23

Please visit Coach VW's website to download forms/more details

[Boys Basketball Camp](#)

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps for K-12 held at Catholic Parishes

Register by June 30th and receive a free Camp T-Shirt!

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.

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

FACTS Invites & Tuition Assistance Update

Recently 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.

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!

Upcoming Events

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.)
- *Race for Education* Movie & Popcorn Parties (Grades 1-7)

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.**
- **No Afternoon Extended Day Program**

Friday, June 11

- Final Day (Virtual Learners – Transition Day)

Monday, June 14

- Professional Development Day

Tuesday, June 15

- Professional Development Day