



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

October 20, 2021

Principal's Message

This week I wish to provide an update regarding the *Design for Excellence* self-study process. I am pleased to share with you our revised **Mission Statement** that was written by consensus among the faculty and staff and in consultation with our pastor, Fr. Lee Roos. This new statement will serve as a guidepost for all of our efforts now and in the years ahead. May it enlighten all of our efforts and help us to always remain focused on the core mission of our school.

United and nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, our culturally diverse Catholic school inspires learning within a nurturing and dynamic environment of academic excellence and Gospel values. (Mission Statement, 2021-2022)

The success of our mission can, in fact, be measured by the accomplishments of our alumni who not only achieve high levels of success in their respective fields but, more importantly, continue to embrace their Catholic faith and pursue lives of service.

Two wonderful examples are Allison Rice (Class of 2013) and McKenna DeBruyne (Class of 2012), both of whom are serving as **FOCUS Missionaries**. Through participation in college campus-based ministry, they invite and encourage university students to develop a relationship with Christ through a variety of one-on-one and group activities. McKenna is currently serving at Colorado University in Mesa and Allison has begun her ministry at the University of Maine.

I'm so proud of McKenna and Allison, as well as our other alumni, who through word and example give witness to the presence of Christ in our world each day. For more details about the work of FOCUS ministry and ways that you can support Allison and McKenna, please see the link below.

FOCUS Missionaries

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Penny Bazaar Updates

We are excited to reintroduce the Penny Bazaar this year, one of the long-standing traditions of All Saints. The event will take place on the playground behind the school from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28.

The students will once again be paired with their “buddies” from another grade level who they will meet during an introductory activity prior to the Penny Bazaar.

Since the students will be mixed during this event and in close proximity to one another during the games, all students, staff, and volunteers are required to wear masks except when eating or drinking.

Diocesan Professional Development Day (Friday, October 29)

Next Friday our teachers will participate in the annual diocesan wide professional development day. The focus for the training will be Social and Emotional Learning. Following a keynote address during the morning, the faculty will have an opportunity to collaborate with diocesan colleagues in online sharing and planning sessions.

Important Reminders

Coffee with the Principal (Friday, October 22)

All school parents are cordially invited to attend “Coffee with the Principal” via Zoom beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 22. Following a brief presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion about our school and plans for the 2021-2022 academic year. Please join us for this informal time of coffee and conversation!

Coffee with the Principal - Zoom Invite

Meeting ID: 843 5190 3558

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Diocesan Pilgrimage (October 30)

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him to mark this “Year of St. Joseph” at the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for this year’s pilgrimage is “St. Joseph, Guardian of the Body of Christ.” All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! For complete details and a schedule for the event, please see the following link.

www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage

Open House (November 4)

All Saints will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, November 4 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Please share our story with friends, neighbors, and colleagues and encourage them to join us for this in-person event. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

Veterans Day Celebration (Thursday, November 11)

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite active duty, reserve, former and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on Thursday, November 11 at 8:30 AM. Following the Mass, there will be an assembly in the Parish Activity Center and a reception for our honored guests.

An information packet was recently sent home to parents with forms to submit a Family Veteran Survey and paper brick to commemorate a veteran in your family. Here is a link to the information: [Veterans Day Student Packet](#).

Please submit your Family Veteran Survey and Veteran Memorial Display Brick by Thursday, October 28.

For those who have participated in the past, please note that we retain and display all surveys and bricks submitted by students in previous years.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, All Saints Catholic School families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary in a special way. On Friday, October 8, two statues of Our Lady of Fatima began traveling to the homes of school families for week-long visits.

Families who wish to participate in this program this year may sign up online at the following link:

[Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program](#)

Pick up time for the Statues at the front office is before 2:30 p.m. on Friday with a return time of before 9:00 a.m. the following Friday. Please be sure to sign in and out for the Statue in the Visitor Binder at the front desk.

While the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together either part of or the entire five-decade rosary for the intentions of our school as well as for their private intentions.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the rotation coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at gmpascua@outlook.com or 571-393-0942.

Adult Faith Formation Resource

New programs, movies, audio talks, and e-books are available over streaming internet on the parish subscription to www.formed.org. Our parish access code is 16e125. Use this to set up your login credential of a User ID and password.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 20

St. Paul VI High School 8th Grade Visit (1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, October 21

Great Southeast “Shakeout” – Earthquake Drill

Friday, October 22

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Bishop O’Connell High School 8 Grade Visit (9:15 a.m.)

Coffee with the Principal (Zoom/9:30 a.m.)

Monday, October 25

Picture Day (Summer Uniforms – NO P.E. Uniforms)

Thursday, October 28

School Mass – Feast of Saints Simon and Jude (8:30 a.m.)

Penny Bazaar (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Due Date: Veterans Memorial Display “Bricks”

Friday, October 29

Diocesan Professional Development Day (No Classes)

Saturday, October 30

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, November 1

Change to Winter Uniforms

School Mass – All Saints Feast Day (8:30 a.m.)

Grade Saints Presentations (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 4

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 5

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

Thursday, November 11

Veterans Day Mass, Assembly, & Reception (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 12

Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes)

Sunday, November 14

Discover Catholic Schools Week

Thursday, November 18

Spirit Wear Day

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

Friday, November 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, November 22

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)

End of Trimester I

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday