



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

October 27, 2021

Principal's Message

During the summer months our school applied for additional COVID-19 relief funding through **Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS)**. I am pleased to share with you that through this program All Saints is receiving funding in support of our continued mitigation strategies as well as instructional initiatives designed to close learning gaps.

Through EANS, in addition to purchasing supplies to sanitize and disinfect the facility, we have acquired new furniture for the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and library to allow for physical distancing as well as a limited number of standing desks for student use in various classrooms. We have also purchased iPads to be used in support of differentiation of learning in the primary grades. Perhaps most significantly, we have been granted approval for a two-year contract by which an additional teacher will be assigned to All Saints for the specific purpose of providing small group instruction to assist students struggling in math.

We are hopeful that our participation in EANS will not only give us the important resources that we need to continue to maintain a safe environment, but will also allow us to respond to some of the educational impact that has occurred as a result of the pandemic.

I look forward to providing you updates as details are confirmed and we begin to implement new programs and resources.

I wish to thank those parents who have already signed up to attend a **Parent-Teacher Conference**. Those who have not yet done so are asked to complete this process no later than Friday. Should you have any questions or experience difficulty with the online registration, please do not hesitate to let us know.

On Monday, November 1 we will celebrate our patronal feast, **All Saints Day**. The school will attend the 8:30 a.m. parish Mass after which the 8 grade students will present the lives of the saints in the Parish Activity Center. All of our students, faculty, and staff will enjoy free ice cream during lunch, courtesy of the PTO on the occasion of our feast day!

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Important Reminders

Diocesan Professional Development Day (Friday, October 29)

On 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.

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](#).

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.

Upcoming Events

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.)

8 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)

Spirit Event: Chick-fil-A (Bristow/12:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

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 (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

Sunday, November 28

Diocesan "We Care Week" to Benefit Catholic Charities

Monday, November 29

Advent Prayer Service (8:30 a.m.)

Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 2

8th Grade High School Placement Test

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 3

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)