



All Saints Catholic School

Lord, I thank you, for your merciful love and your faithfulness.

The Sentinel Newsletter

November 3, 2021

Principal's Message

With the recent announcement of the “Bishop’s Holiday”, I know that families are beginning to confirm their plans for Thanksgiving as well as the upcoming Christmas season. With this in mind, Mrs. Snowden, our school nurse, has prepared a summary of travel guidance and recommendations which follows below. I encourage you to review this information closely and to contact Mrs. Snowden should you have any questions or concerns.

At this time there is no plan for all students enrolled at All Saints to participate in virtual learning for a period of time following the holidays. If for any reason future circumstances dictate that this becomes a necessary consideration, I will notify you as soon as possible. However, I remain hopeful that the health mitigation strategies that have proven so effective in our school will enable us to continue to offer uninterrupted in-person learning.

Both Mrs. Snowden and I remain very grateful for the many families who continue to reach out to us to discuss their particular health situations. This level of dialogue and the open lines of communication position us well to work through any questions or concerns that might arise. Thank you for continuing to partner so closely with us to ensure the health and wellness of our school community.

Señor, te agradezco por tu amor misericordioso y por tu fidelidad

Message from the Nurse – Travel Guidance & Recommendations

I hope you have been enjoying the fall weather and the pumpkin spice and everything nice that comes along with it! The holidays are approaching and we all look forward to celebrating our family traditions together.

The safest way to minimize the risk of COVID-19 is following these CDC recommendations:

- Unvaccinated people should wear a well-fitting mask in public indoor areas.
- Even those who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission. Outdoors is safer than indoors.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

We encourage everyone to follow the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for domestic and international travel.

If your child will be absent due to travel, please send an email to your child's teacher and Mrs. Kruppa informing her of the dates. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to your travel plans. (psnowden@allsaintsva.org)

Up to date travel recommendations and requirements from VDH can be found at the following link.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus/travel-to-areas-with-widespread-ongoing-community-spread/>

A copy of the quick references for travel recommendations and requirements follows below.

Domestic Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
	Get tested 1-3 days before travel	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓
International Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	✓	
Mandatory test required before flying to US	✓	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	✓	✓
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓

Virtues in Practice – November

Virtue of the Month: Courtesy
 Definition: Being thoughtful of others.
 Saints: St. Martin de Porres (PK -2); Venerable Solanus Casey (Gr. 3-5); Venerable Pierre Toussaint (Gr. 6-8)

Bishop's Holiday & Extension of Thanksgiving Vacation

All Saints Catholic School will be closed for the "Bishop's Holiday" on Monday, November 22. Additionally, school will be closed on Tuesday, November 23 which was originally scheduled as a half day.

To confirm, school will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving so that our faculty, staff, and families may enjoy an extended holiday.

Important Reminders

Open House (Tomorrow @ 9:00 a.m.)

All Saints will host an Open House for prospective parents tomorrow 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.

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, November 17

National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, November 18

Spirit Wear Day

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

Friday, November 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

End of Trimester I – Revised

Monday, November 22

Bishop's Holiday (No School or Extended Day)

Tuesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

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

8 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.)