



# All Saints Catholic School

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

## The Sentinel Newsletter

December 15, 2021

### Principal's Message

There is, perhaps, no more joyful place to be during the month of December than an elementary school. With the passing of each day, the delight and anticipation among the students increases as we approach the celebration of Christmas.

Walking through the building each day one can see the visible signs of the many ways that our students are preparing their hearts to celebrate the birth of our savior. From Advent Wreath bulletin boards to displays of prayers and sacrifices offered to Jesus, the children are encouraged to grow in their understanding of their faith and their relationship with Christ. It is a time during which the very mission of our school, i.e. the sharing of the Gospel message, is vibrantly on display.

As we approach the Christmas holiday, know of my great gratitude for the fact that you and your children are part of our school community. We are delighted that you have chosen to give your child the gift of a Catholic education and so pleased that you have selected All Saints for your family.

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff of All Saints Catholic School, I wish all of you a blessed Christmas Season. May the holiday be filled with great joy as you celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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

### ***A Prayer for Advent – Week 3***

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises, and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord forever and ever.

### **Annual Fund Campaign – Donate Today!**

On Friday, December 10, All Saints launched its *Lights, Camera, Action* Annual Fund Campaign to raise \$15,000 to support three innovative learning initiatives for your child at All Saints through gifts of prayer, involvement, and financial participation.

Your gift will make a direct and immediate impact in supporting the following hands-on learning opportunities:

- **Parish Video Production Studio**  
Purchase cameras and lighting to support our Morning Newscast and Middle School Video Production Specialty Program.
- **Science Resources/Equipment**  
Purchase resources and science equipment to encourage hands-on learning from Pre-K through middle school.
- **Book Vending Machine**  
Purchase a specialty vending machine that provides a token for your child to select a free birthday book each year.

A gift to our *Lights, Camera, Action* Annual Fund campaign symbolizes your belief in our mission. High levels of participation will demonstrate our community's shared commitment to our students.

To share your gifts of prayer, involvement, and financial participation, please send in your commitment form to your child's teacher or donate online through the link below.

**[Print Annual Fund Brochure](#) | [Donate Online](#)**

Reminder: *The year-end donation deadline is fast approaching. December 31 is the last day to make charitable contributions that may apply as a tax deduction for fiscal year 2021.*

## **Yearbook Sales**

One of the most important ways to commemorate your school year is through a yearbook. The All Saints Catholic School Yearbook is now available for sale. The 2021-2022 Yearbook will be on sale now through April 15, 2022.

We are offering an early bird discount of \$20 if ordered prior to January 14, 2022. After this date, the price will increase to \$23.00. Personalization of your yearbook is available for an additional fee of \$5.00

## **All Saints Yearbook Flyer: 2021-2022**

All orders must be placed online. The link and required information is shown below.

- Please visit the Lifetouch website to order online: [www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com)
- The All Saints school code is 13273522
- Please note that personalization of your yearbook is available for \$5.00.

Should you have any questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Vickie Bill ([vbill@allsaintsva.org](mailto:vbill@allsaintsva.org)).

## **Important Reminders**

### ***All Saints Christmas Pageant – Tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.***

Students in grades 4-6 will participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, The Living Crèche. Please note the following information:

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Students report to the narthex of the church by 6:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to report to their homeroom classrooms by 6:25 p.m.)

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

*Students in Grades 4-5 are asked to wear their school uniforms. Some students in Grade 6 will be in costume.*

In accordance with diocesan policy, those who are unvaccinated are encouraged to wear masks during the Pageant in the church. To allow for physical distancing, only three grade levels of students will be participating in the school-wide Pageant.

### ***Open House for 2022-2023 School Year***

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, January 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, administrative assistant, at (703) 393-1490.

### ***Applications & Re-Enrollment for 2022-2023***

Applications for new students for academic year 2022-2023 are now available online. All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the following link.

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/admissions/how-to-apply/>

### ***FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2022-2023***

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid for the upcoming school year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

#### Tuition Assistance

##### High Schools (early verification)- **January 19, 2022**

- 2020 tax returns and W-2s are required for early verification by FACTS
- 2021 tax returns and W-2s will be required for applications submitted after January 19, 2022

##### Elementary Schools- **March 16, 2022**

- 2021 tax returns and W-2s are required for verification by FACTS

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or [vneri@allsaintsva.org](mailto:vneri@allsaintsva.org).

Re-Enrollment for current students will begin on January 3. All families are asked to submit both forms and the re-registration fee no later than Friday, January 21.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, December 16**

Pre-K Pageant (Church/10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to the Christmas Holiday

Christmas Pageant (Church/ 1:45 p.m. Dress Rehearsal & 7:00 p.m. Performance)

### **Friday, December 17**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

SCA Sponsored Santa Hat Day

Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

### **Monday, December 20**

Christmas Holiday Begins

### **Monday, January 3**

Classes Resume

Re-Enrollment for 2022-2023 Opens

### **Tuesday, January 4**

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

### **Wednesday, January 5**

School Mass – Memorial of St. John Neumann (8:30 a.m.)

### **Thursday, January 6**

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

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

### **Friday, January 7**

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

**Monday, January 10**

Scantron Testing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Begins

Gift of Human Sexuality Meeting for Middle School Parents (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

**Thursday, January 13**

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

**Friday, January 14**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

**Monday, January 17**

Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

**Friday, January 21**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Re-Enrollment Deadline

**Friday, January 28**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Trimester II Interims

**Saturday, January 29**

PTO Bingo Night (PAC/5:00 – 9:00 p.m.)