



# All Saints Catholic School

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

## The Sentinel Newsletter

January 12, 2022

### Principal's Message

Due to the recent schedule changes related to inclement weather and COVID-19 cases in our community, we are delaying the administration of Scantron *Performance Series* testing by one week. The diocese has extended the testing window until February 4, providing us the time necessary for our students to complete the second round of this standardized testing program.

Earlier in the year we distributed copies of individual results for students in grades 3-7 who completed the first round of testing in September. This week I am pleased to share with you a grade level summary of scores in the three areas of reading, math, and language arts.

Each of these scores represents the grade level national percentile ranking which indicates how the students as a whole performed when compared to the national norm group at the same level. For example, an NPR of 71 would mean that the student group scored above 71% of their grade-level peers in the national norm group.

### Scantron Scores

All of our grade level scores are well above the national average which is represented by 50 percentile, a success story for our students and teachers. Given the challenges that we have navigated over the course of the past year related to the pandemic and the corresponding fluctuation in enrollment, we can be pleased with the strong start to this academic year that is indicated by these scores.

Although the Scantron results should be viewed as one snapshot of each child's academic progress, the results provide important data for instructional planning. For example, one area for continued focus is that of math. Related to this, earlier in the year I announced that our school had applied for funding through the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program. As part of this initiative, I am pleased to share with you that Mrs. Maya Miernik has been hired to work as a math remediation specialist. Through her small group instruction of students who are struggling in their understanding of math, we are hoping to further close existing learning gaps.

Mrs. Miernick earned a Masters of Elementary Education from Rutgers University and has extensive experience teaching a broad range of subjects in Manassas Park Public Schools. Additionally, she has worked in the field of English as a Second Language (ESOL) and has a strong working knowledge of Spanish. We welcome Mrs. Miernik to our school as she prepares to begin working with students next week.

The teachers are already in the process of identifying students who will benefit from this small group instruction. Mrs. Horgan is coordinating the details for the launch of this new program and will be forwarding letters and parent approval forms to those whose children have been selected to participate.

Should you have any questions about our standardized testing program or this new initiative, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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

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### **Yearbook Cover Contest - Deadline January 26th**

The Yearbook Committee is hosting its annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The committee is looking for a front and back cover that represents the spirit of All Saints Catholic School and incorporates our theme: *"Lord, I thank you, for your merciful love and your faithfulness."*

To submit an entry, please note the following:

- Make sure your entry is on two pieces of plain white paper. The finished size of each page of your design must be no larger than 8 ½" x 11."

- Lightly write your name and your teacher's name on the BACK of each paper.
- Please DO NOT sign your name on the front of these papers.

Entries are due to Mrs. Bill no later than **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**. The winning entry will win a free Yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bill. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork!

### Yearbook Cover Art Contest

## **Important Reminders**

### **Annual Fund Update**

We are pleased to announce that we have already raised \$8,405 through our Annual Fund campaign. Having reached more than 50% of our goal, we are well on track! Many thanks to those families and friends of All Saints who have already contributed to this effort.

For more information about the Annual Fund and the option for online giving, please see the following link.

### Annual Fund

You are also welcome to forward donations in the form of a check to our school office along with the corresponding form that was sent home with students and that can be found on our website.

In advance, thank you for your generous support of our Annual Fund through your prayers, involvement, and financial gifts.

### **Science Fair Judges Needed**

Do you love science and like to inspire young minds? All Saints needs judges for the 7th Grade Science Fair on February 2nd, 2022. The Science Fair is in the Parish Activity Center from 8 am to 2 pm and breakfast and lunch will be provided. All judges must be Virtus certified and, to maintain fairness, should not have a middle school student at All Saints. Come join us and see what mysteries of science our students have discovered. Please sign up via this link:

<https://forms.gle/dsdFqMHYhZfW96Bd6>

### **Applications 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).

## **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)).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, January 13**

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

### **Friday, January 14**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.) – Cancelled

### **Monday, January 17**

Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

### **Friday, January 21**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

### **Tuesday, January 25**

Deadline – Opt-in Forms for Middle School Gift of Human Sexuality Program

**Wednesday, January 26**

Deadline – Student Yearbook Cover Contest

**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.) – Cancelled

**Sunday, January 30**

Catholic Schools Week Begins

**Tuesday, February 1**

Gift of Human Sexuality Class #1 – Middle School

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

**Wednesday, February 2**

School Mass – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (8:30 a.m.)

Science Fair (7 Grade)

**Thursday, February 3**

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

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats (9:15 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

**Friday, February 4**

Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)

Spirit Event: Panda Express (10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, February 8**

Gift of Human Sexuality Class #2 – Middle School

**Thursday, February 10**

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

**Friday, February 11**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)