



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

December 8, 2021

Principal's Message

With the weather turning colder and the winter season just around the corner, I want to take a moment this week to provide important updates regarding our **Inclement Weather Policy**. For a number of years, All Saints Catholic School has followed the decision of Prince William County Public Schools regarding schedule changes due to weather conditions. However, with the recent announcement that the county is implementing new inclement weather procedures, it has been determined that All Saints will now make an independent decision regarding schedule changes for the school beginning today.

Per diocesan policy, if school closes unexpectedly for a single day, there will be no academic requirements for that day. If, however, the school will be closed for an extended period due to weather or public health concern, the school will transition to online (eLearning) for the required duration and students will meet academic requirements. On these eLearning days it will be our goal to ensure a full day of student engagement and learning. I am working with the faculty on the design of a schedule for synchronous learning, i.e. class-wide instruction via Zoom, and look forward to sharing these details in the near future.

As in the past, all decisions regarding schedule changes will be announced to the community via SchoolMessenger and posted on our school website.

Thank you to the many families who supported our recent **"We Care Week" Dress Down Day** to benefit Catholic Charities. I am pleased to report that we collected a total of \$580.14. All of these funds will be directed toward the St. Lucy Project which provides food donations to our local Manassas community.

Last Friday a number of families gathered for an ***Evening with St. Nicholas***, an Advent prayer service followed by a reception in the Parish Activities Center. Through music, readings and prayer, the children had an opportunity to learn more about the life and legacy of St. Nicholas, culminating in their presentation of 67 pairs of shoes at the foot of the altar. All of the shoes collected during the event have been donated to House of Mercy to benefit the needy in our community. Thank you to those who participated in this event and who through their generosity have helped to brighten the lives of those less fortunate. If you weren't able to attend the event but would still like to donate a pair of shoes, there is a box located near the front office. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 10th.

Thank you, Mrs. Roccograndi, for once again organizing this beautiful event for our school community. I also wish to thank the members of the Schola who led the music under the direction of Miss McPhilamy as well as the volunteer students and parents who assisted with the many details behind the scenes. Festive and prayerful, it was an event that captured the spirit of Advent.

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A Prayer for Advent – Week 2

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

All Saints Christmas Pageant 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. 6th 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.

Spirit Event at Panera

On Wednesday December 15th, the PTO is hosting a spirit event at the Panera on 9508 Libera Avenue from 4pm to 8pm. Show the attached flyer (digital or printed) to make sure the PTO gets a portion of the proceeds. If ordering online, enter the code PRFUND at checkout. Thank you for supporting the PTO!

[PaneraFundraising \(panerabread.com\)](http://PaneraFundraising(panerabread.com))

Important Reminders

“Spirit of Christmas” Food Drive (December 1-15)

Our students can help to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate by donating to the Bethany Food Pantry during this Advent season. Members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will conduct a food drive from December 1 - December 15 to benefit the less fortunate in our community. The food pantry is in need of the following items: maseca, sugar, oil, salt, canned chicken, meal helpers, flavored rice, pancake mix, syrup, and oatmeal. Items may be dropped off in the breezeway during morning arrival after which members of the NJHS will deliver the items to the food pantry.

“Christmas Joy” Toy Drive (December 1- 15)

Families may also choose to donate new unwrapped toys and to bring a smile to a child this Advent season. The NJHS will sponsor a toy drive to benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission between December 1 - December 15. Toys may be dropped off in the breezeway during arrival. Members of the NJHS will arrange for delivery to the Saint Gabriel Mission.

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.

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

Wednesday, December 8

School Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, December 13

Advent Wreath Prayer Services (8:15 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 15

Spirit Event: Panera (Liberia Avenue/4:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

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

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 – 2nd 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.)