



# All Saints Catholic School

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

## The Sentinel Newsletter

January 5, 2022

### **Principal's Message**

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed the Christmas holiday and that it was a wonderful time of rest and relaxation.

As we prepare for a return to in-person learning, this is an ideal time for some procedural reminders in support of student health and safety.

### **Morning Drop-Off**

During morning arrival, all parents are asked to participate in the school organized drop-off process. Rather than parking in the church lot and escorting a child to the courtyard, all parents must remain in their vehicles and follow the designated traffic pattern. In both the front and rear parking areas, patrols and staff members are available to supervise the drop-off zones, ensuring the safety of all of our students as they begin their day.

### **Supervision & Sign-in Procedures for Students Arriving Late**

During morning arrival, when the two-minute warning bell sounds at 7:58 a.m., the safety patrols and faculty who are on duty return to the building. Parents who arrive thereafter are asked to park and escort their child into the school where they will be asked to sign-in their child for the day. This procedure ensures that all children who arrive late remain supervised as they enter the building.

### **Winter Coats for Outdoor Recess**

Parents are asked to send their child/ren to school with a winter coat. During winter time, only students with a coat will be permitted to participate in outdoor recess on cold weather days.

In advance, thank you for your support of these procedures. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The second round of **Scantron Testing** will begin on Monday, January 10 and will extend through three weeks. The format will be identical to that of the first round, i.e. approximately one hour assessments in math, reading and language arts completed by students in grades 3-7. Teachers will use the data from this test to measure student growth and to tailor instruction accordingly during the second half of the year.

During the final week of school prior to the Christmas holiday, we launched the **2021-2022 All Saints Catholic School Annual Fund**. We are excited about our goals for this campaign and hope that we can count on you for your support of this effort. Through gifts of prayer, involvement, and financial contributions, you can help to make a difference for our school and the students in our program.

As of today, we are a little over halfway to our goal! We give thanks to God for the generosity of our donors and look forward to a very successful Annual Fund Campaign.

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### **Virtues in Practice**

Virtue for the Month of January: Fortitude

Definition: Being brave and strong in the face of trials.

Saints: St. Bernadette (PK-2), St. Joan of Arc (3-5), Sts. Paul Miki & Companions (6-8)

### **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 virtue 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>

## **Important Reminders**

### **Virtual Open House for 2022-2023 School Year (Tomorrow @ 9:00 a.m.)**

All Saints Catholic School will host a Virtual Open House for prospective parents via Zoom on Thursday, January 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. (delete reference to PAC). 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).

### **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](#)

### **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 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.)

#### **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.)

**Sunday, January 30**

Catholic Schools Week Begins

**Tuesday, February 1**

Gift of Human Sexuality Class #1 – Middle School

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

**Wednesday, February 2**

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

Science Fair (7th 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 (7:00 p.m.)

**Friday, February 11**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)