



# All Saints Catholic School

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

## The Sentinel Newsletter

January 19, 2022

### Principal's Message

As we approach the end of January, we once again look forward to **Catholic Schools Week**, an annual tradition during which All Saints joins schools across our nation in celebrating our distinct mission and heritage.

The theme for this year, selected by the National Catholic Education Association, is *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.*

The following is a schedule of special events and activities planned for the week.

### **Sunday (January 30) - *We Value Our Parish***

- **Activity:** Students are invited to attend Mass in their All Saints winter uniform.

### **Monday (January 31) – *We Value Our Community***

- **Activity:** Our school will host a food collection for the Bethany Food Pantry with the theme of “All Saints Souper Bowl.” This will be a collection of soups, cornbread/muffin mix, and any other non-perishables that would warm the heart!
- **Spiritual Bouquets:** Students across the grade levels will create cards and offer prayers for members of our local and diocesan community.
  - Bethany Food Pantry - Pre-Kindergarten
  - St. Gabriel Mission – Kindergarten
  - Knights of Columbus - 1st Grade

- Office of Catholic Schools - 2nd Grade
  - Diocesan Chancery - 3rd Grade
  - Parish Staff - 4th Grade
  - Saint Lucy Project - 5th Grade
  - Saint Vincent de Paul - 6th Grade
  - Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic -7th Grade
  - Benedictine Sisters of Bristow - 8th Grade
- **Catholic Cup Competition** (1:00 p.m.)

**Tuesday (February 1) – *We Value Religious Life and Vocations***

- **Activity:** The students will view pre-recorded video sessions from a seminarian as well as alumni who currently serve as FOCUS missionaries.
- **Dress Down Day for all Students**

**Wednesday (February 2) - *We Value Our Parents***

- **Activity:** Parents can expect a thank you note from their child for the gift of a Catholic education as well as a little surprise during morning arrival.
- **School Mass** (8:30 a.m.)
- **Author Presentation** via Zoom (Sister Maria Grace Dateno, Daughters of St. Paul)

**Thursday (February 3) – *We Value Our Students***

- **Activity:** Special snack, extra recess, and no homework
- **Blessing of Throats** – Feast of Saint Blaise
- **PTO sponsored Lunch for Faculty & Staff**

**Friday (February 4) – We Value Our Faculty and Staff**

- **Activity:** The PTO will fill the “Celebration Station” with extra fun treats and Student Council members will deliver refreshments to the classrooms.

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**Open House for 2022-2023 (February 3)**

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, February 3 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.

**Important Reminders**

**Science Fair Help Needed**

Help is needed for the All Saints School 7th Grade Science Fair on February 2nd, 2022 in the Parish Activity Center from 8:30 am to 2 pm. Do you love science and like to inspire young minds? We need judges to join us and see what mysteries of science our students have discovered. Judges need to be Virtus certified and to maintain fairness should not have a student participating in the science fair. Volunteers earn 2 shares for every hour they volunteer in person. Please sign up via this link: <https://forms.gle/dsdFqMHYhZfW96Bd6>

Gift cards and/or food donations are needed to provide breakfast and lunch for the judges who are taking the day off of work to volunteer for the science fair. This is an easy way to earn shares. Please sign up to donate items on [HelpCounter](#). \$15 in donations equals one share.

A new Science Fair Coordinator is needed for next year’s Science Fair. Now is a great time to volunteer because you can shadow this year and learn how the science fair is run. If you’re interested in this position, please contact Holly Crocker at [thcrock.hsc@gmail.com](mailto:thcrock.hsc@gmail.com). Your support is greatly appreciated!

### **Do You Need to Earn Shares?**

HelpCounter has many easy opportunities to earn shares. Donations are needed for the Celebration Station - a free drink and snack station for the teachers and staff to thank them for their dedication and hard work - the upcoming Science Fair. \$15 in donations equals one share. Just log into [HelpCounter](#), sign up, and drop your items at the front desk.

### ***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 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**

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Yearbook-Cover-Contest-2022.pdf>

### **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 ([ybill@allsaintsva.org](mailto:ybill@allsaintsva.org)).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday, January 21**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Re-Enrollment Deadline - DELETE

### **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.) – Canceled

### **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<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**Saturday, February 12**

Diocesan Job Fair (Zoom/9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

**Tuesday, February 15**

Gift of Human Sexuality Class #3 - Middle School

**Friday, February 18**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

**Monday, February 21**

Holiday (Presidents' Day)