## The Sentinel Newsletter

January 26, 2022

## **Principal's Message**

As we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I wish to thank you for the trust that you continue to place in our school and for your strong partnership with us. In these challenging times, I am so pleased that you have chosen to give your child the gift of a Catholic education and that you have selected All Saints for your family.

During one of my classroom visits last week, I invited a group of 8th grade students to share with a prospective family some of the things that make our school so special. One of the students spoke of the strong sense of community, describing All Saints as a "second family." Her ability to clearly convey her experience in our school, capped off by her reference to the fact that she "doesn't want to leave," resulted in a truly heart-warming moment. Needless to say, I'm quite confident that the touring family will be submitting an application for the 2022-2023 school year.

In the days ahead I will be providing more details about the re-enrollment process for next year, one that we have streamlined in an effort to make it much simpler for you and your family. The new procedures as well as the revised timeline for submission of the re-enrollment fee will be included in a special e-mail communication.

Earlier this week the Parish Finance Council met to review and discuss the school budget for the 2022-2023 academic year and to confirm the tuition and fees schedule. For the upcoming school year, tuition for both the Pre-Kindergarten and K-8 programs will increase 2%. This will allow us to not only sustain and grow our operations, but also support a salary increase of 5% for our faculty and staff who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication this past year.

2% INCREASE - FEE SCHEDULE

Our ability to provide approximately \$300,000 in annual tuition assistance continues to ensure that families in our community are able to give their children the gift of a Catholic education regardless of financial considerations. We are grateful to our parish and diocese as well as the many donors who support this effort through their contributions to the Scholarship Foundation Fund and other programs.

Should you have any questions about tuition and fees for the 2022-2023 academic year, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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

## **Important Reminders**

#### 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.

## **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 link 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.

## Running with the Saints 5k

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Please join us for the RWTS 5K on Saturday March 19th. You can register online using this link:

https://racewire.com/register.php?id=12665

We are also in need of SPONSORS! The race is only a success with the support of our Sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring our 5K please contact Susan Loving or Joan Coleman via <a href="mailto:development@allsaintsva.org">development@allsaintsva.org</a>.

#### **AUTHOR VISIT DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

All Saints Catholic School will host a virtual assembly with book author Sister Maria Grace Dateno, FSP on Wednesday- February 2at 10:00 am during Catholic Schools Week. Sister Maria Grace will be speaking about her Gospel Time Trekker book series. Sister Maria Grace grew up in Springfield, Virginia, and met the Daughters of Saint Paul when she was fifteen years old. She felt God calling her to help people know and love him. Since then, Sister Grace has edited a Catholic children's magazine, authored several children's books, and now serves in the Pauline Books & Media Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

The six books in the Gospel Time Trekker series offer solid facts about the culture and landscape surrounding pivotal moments in biblical times. Sister Maria Grace shows kids how they too can enter into the Bible and imagine what it was like to meet Jesus. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear her personal spiritual journey and the inspiration behind her writing process. If you are interested in ordering signed copies of her books please submit the attached book order form by the end of Catholic Schools Week- February 4th and make check payable to All Saints Catholic School.

## **BOOK ORDER FORM**

#### St. John Paul the Great Winter Announcement

Boys Basketball Clinic

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Skill-building clinic open to 5-8th graders! Registration information can be found online

## **Upcoming Events**

#### 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

We Value Our Parish

Students are invited to attend Mass in their All Saints Catholic School Winter Uniform.

## Monday, January 31

We Value Our Community

Collection for Bethany Food Pantry ("All Saints Souper Bowl" – soups, cornbread/muffin mix, and other non-perishables.)

Spiritual Bouquets for Members of Local and Diocesan Community

Catholic Cup Competition (PAC/1:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 1

We Value Religious Life and Vocations

Pre-Recorded Video Presentations from a Seminarian and FOCUS Missionaries Dress Down Day for Students

Gift of Human Sexuality Class #1 – Middle School PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

## Wednesday, February 2

We Value Our Parents

Thank You Notes from the Children to their Parents
Surprise Treats for Parents During Morning Carpool!
Author Presentation – Sr. Maria Grace Dateno
School Mass – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (8:30 a.m.)
Science Fair (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## Thursday, February 3

We Value Our Students

Special Snack, Extra Recess, and No Homework! PTO Sponsored Lunch for Faculty & Staff

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

We Value Our Faculty & Staff

"Celebration Station" Treats and Delivery of Refreshments to Classrooms by the SCA

Noon Dismissal

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  $2^{nd}$  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)

# Tuesday, February 22

PTO General Assembly Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

# Thursday, February 24

Spirit Event: Chuck E. Cheese

# Friday, February 25

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)