



All Saints Catholic School

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

The Sentinel Newsletter

February 23, 2022

Principal's Message

This week I would like to provide an update regarding the *Design for Excellence* reaccreditation project. We are currently working on the final revisions of our self-study document and organizing all of the evidence that the teacher committees have submitted in support of the accreditation standards and benchmarks.

I want to thank the faculty and staff for working so diligently on this project during a year already marked by challenges related to the pandemic. Each teacher has served as the member of a committee that has been responsible for responding to a specific series of questions related to one of four domains. Through this consensus-building process, the teachers have had an opportunity to thoughtfully reflect on all aspects of our school and are now identifying goals for future growth and improvement.

I would also like to thank you for your participation in the DFE Parent Survey which we administered during the fall semester. Approximately 53% of the parent community responded to the survey.

A summary of the survey results can be found at the following link.

DFE SURVEY RESULTS

As part of the survey, numerous parents provided substantive feedback via the narrative response questions. While the positive responses were very affirming of the overall experience of All Saints, the constructive feedback has helped the faculty gain insights as to how we can increase effectiveness and the level of parent satisfaction as we plan for the future. Working in their instructional teams, the faculty are now determining their recommendations for action steps that we can implement in response to this data. I look forward to sharing more details regarding these efforts in the future. Again, thank you for participating in this very important process.

Occurring only every six years, the self-study is a major undertaking that requires a significant commitment on the part of the faculty and staff. I remain grateful for their steadfastness and dedication in completing this project which is essential, not only for reaccreditation, but for outlining a plan for the future of our school.

We look forward to the arrival of the seven member DFE Visiting Team on Tuesday, April 26. In addition to sharing with them the evidence that we have compiled in support of the benchmarks, it will be an opportunity for us to showcase the distinct mission of All Saints Catholic School.

On another topic, recently I have received several questions regarding the mask policy for faculty and staff. At this time, the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) Standard will remain in effect for at least another month, meaning that as long as community transmission rates are substantial or high according to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), all employees must still mask while indoors. The Virginia Safety and Health Code recommended a revocation of this standard last week and a process has begun by which this policy will be further reviewed. As this process will require at least thirty days, our faculty and staff will continue to wear masks at this time while inside the building. In accordance with our Reopening Plan, visitors and volunteers are also required to continue to wear masks while in the school. In the event of any changes to these policies, I will provide updates via email. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Senor, te doy gracias por tu amor misericordioso y tu fidelidad

Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to the following students who represented their class in the school-wide Spelling Bee on Friday and to Annie G. on winning first place and Addison C. on placing second.

Vi T. (4A)

Molly C. (4B)

John D. (5A)

James R. (5B)

Addison C. (6A)

Annie G. (6B)

Sofia L. (7A)

Breydon P. (7B)

Izel R. (8A)

Grace A. (8B)

We thank Mrs. Honkus for coordinating the event and Miss Carroll, Mr. Roy, and Mrs. Liu for serving as judges.

Important Reminders

Continuous Enrollment Program – Due Friday!

Parents are reminded to sign and return the Continuous Enrollment Contract by **February 25**. Through completion of this form, you will continuously enroll your child/ren through 8th grade from All Saints or, if necessary, until such time that you complete the withdrawal process. With submission of this contract, there will be no need for future completion of an annual re-registration form.

CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT CONTRACT

After signing the contract, the Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed to your FACTS account on March 1, 2022. The completion of the Contract and payment of Fee confirms enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

Please note that failure to complete the Continuous Enrollment Contract by the deadline of February 25 may result in a space not being reserved for your child for the upcoming school year.

Should you have any questions about our new Continuous Enrollment system, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez at mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org. We would be happy to provide assistance as we implement this seamless process by which you and your children will continue being part of the All Saints Catholic School family.

PTO General Assembly Meeting (March 8 @ 7:00 p.m.)

The next PTO General Assembly Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8 beginning at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We look forward to providing an update regarding the DFE Self-Study process and highlights from the related parent survey.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89024953926?pwd=dGt4OFV5RWs3RXBzSEhuZkF1ck9lQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 2495 3926

Passcode: 822084

Open House – March 15 (7:00 p.m.)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Tuesday, March 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 393-1490 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

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

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. Simply 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 see link below or contact Susan Loving or Joan Coleman.

RUNNING WITH THE SAINTS FLYER

John Paul the Great Mardi Gras Gala (Active through February 25, 2022)

Saturday, February 25, 2022

You are invited to Saint John Paul the Great's Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 26! This year's gala will be hosted at the historic Bel Air 1740, a beautiful colonial estate once visited by George and Martha Washington! For tickets, sponsorships and donation opportunities,

please visit: <https://jpthegreat.schoolauction.net/gala2022/>.

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 25

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Deadline: Continuous Enrollment Contracts

Tuesday, March 1

Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (PAC/2:30 p.m.)

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

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday School Mass (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, March 3

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 7

Lenten Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 9

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 10

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

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

Friday, March 11

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
Noon Dismissal (Teacher Report Card Prep)
End of Trimester II
Uniform Exchange (11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 14

Diocesan Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day
Deadline: Running with the Saints 5K Art Contest

Tuesday, March 15

Spirit Wear Day
Open House (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 17

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 18

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, March 19

Running with the Saints 5K (8:00 a.m.)
8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Monday, March 21

Lenten Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)
Bread of Life Food Drive Kick-Off Event (2:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 23

Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 24

Diocesan 8th Grade Vocations Mass with the Bishop (All Saints)

Friday, March 25

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
5th Grade Wax Museum (PAC/1:00 – 2:30 p.m.)