



All Saints Catholic School

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

The Sentinel Newsletter

March 9, 2022

Principal's Message

This week I would like to provide an update regarding changes in our faculty and staff for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Miss Anne Kissinger (Pre-Kindergarten Teacher) – Miss Kissinger has determined that she will not be returning in the fall for another year. We thank her for her year of service and for all that she has done to create a joyful environment in her Pre-Kindergarten classroom, most especially as we re-opened the program during the pandemic.

Mrs. Julie Petrisek (Resource Teacher) – As the school year draws to a close, Mrs. Petrisek will be relocating out of the area and for that reason will be resigning in June. For more than two decades, Mrs. Petrisek has been a member of our faculty, first as a part of the team that opened our Pre-Kindergarten program and more recently as a resource teacher. In a particular way, we thank her for all that she has done in support of our students with special learning needs. Through her dedicated approach and attention to details, she has provided support and guidance to students, parents, and faculty alike. Indeed, she has truly made a difference for students who learn differently and who benefit from special assistance.

Mrs. Patrice Snowden (School Nurse) - Mrs. Snowden has decided that this will be her last year in our program. I know that I speak on behalf of our entire community in extending to Mrs. Snowden our great gratitude for all that she has done for our school during the two years of the pandemic. As a member of the Task Force and as our on-site medical professional, she demonstrated extraordinary dedication. She coordinated our school-wide response to COVID cases and provided timely guidance to parents, faculty, and staff, frequently doing so during evening hours and even over the course of weekends and holidays. Her steadfast commitment helped our school navigate the

challenging moments of the pandemic. We thank her for all of these efforts and for all that she continues to do on a daily basis to provide care for our students, faculty, and staff.

On another topic, I would like to provide an update to you regarding our efforts to guide the students toward a “new normal” as circumstances related to the pandemic continue to improve.

During the past two years, mindful of the stress levels of the children and the need to focus on health mitigation strategies, we relaxed some of the expectations related to the school uniform. With the recent changes that have occurred and the decrease in the rate of transmission, we now have the opportunity to shift some of our attention.

Beginning this week, the teachers are providing regular reminders to the students about the uniform, specifically the expectation that they not wear non-uniform apparel in the building and that they strive to wear the uniform properly and proudly. We appreciate your support in this regard as we aim to improve the overall appearance and consistent wearing of our school uniform.

Related to this, the teachers are also encouraging the students to assume greater responsibility for their workspace and classroom. For example, the children will be encouraged to keep their desks clear of any unnecessary items by storing jackets and books in their lockers, cubbies, desks or seat sacks. These best practices will reduce learning distractions and foster good work habits for our students.

In the weeks ahead, the teachers will be reinforcing these expectations and providing gentle reminders to the children in an effort to set them up for success.

I'll continue to keep you updated regarding our efforts to “raise the bar” for our students as we embrace our new normal.

As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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

Running with the Saints 5K Art Contest

Congratulations to Eli F. (4B) on winning first place in the recent art contest for the upcoming Running with the Saints 5K. His design will be featured on the event t-shirt. We also congratulate Emma M. (4A) on winning second place and Quynh-Vi T. & Sophie-Claire M. (4A) on placing third. Thank you to all of our students who participated in this year's contest.

SPIRIT EVENT:

Stop by Fosters Grille in Old Town Manassas on Monday March 14 from 11am to 9pm to support the PTO.

DINING FOR DOLLARS

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

Important Reminders

Professional Development Day (No School) - Monday, March 14

On Monday, March 14 our faculty will participate in a diocesan-wide day of professional development. For this reason, there will be no classes or Extended Day Program that day.

Tuition Assistance – Application Deadline (March 16)

Parents interested in applying for tuition assistance are reminded that the deadline for submitting all forms through FACTS is Wednesday, March 16. Please see the link below for more information.

Tuition Assistance

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, March 15

Spirit Wear Day

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

Wednesday, March 16

Deadline: FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications

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.)

Monday, March 28

Bread of Life Food Drive Begins

Thursday, March 31

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

Friday, April 1

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Race for Education Kick-Off Assembly (2:30 p.m.)

Monday, April 4

Change to Summer Uniforms

NJHS Induction Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 7

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

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

Friday, April 8

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)