



All Saints Catholic School

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

The Sentinel Newsletter

May 18, 2022

Principal's Message

This week we congratulate our eighth grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. We rejoice in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that each of them experienced and pray that they will continue to be inspired by the grace of the Sacrament in the days ahead and throughout their lives.

As previously announced, Mrs. Snowden has decided to resign from her position as school nurse at the close of the school year. However, due to a change in her schedule, her last day of employment at All Saints will be Friday, May 27. Again, we thank Mrs. Snowden for all that she has done to support the health and wellness of our community, most especially during the very difficult years of the pandemic. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for her dedication and we wish her every continued success and blessing in all of her future endeavors.

Beginning on Tuesday, May 31, Mrs. Karen Pomeroy will serve as our substitute nurse through the final day of school. As a school parent who has been serving as an on-call nurse sub for our clinic, Mrs. Pomeroy is already familiar with our program and will be available to assist students, staff, and parents as we close out the 2021-2022 school year.

Earlier this spring I shared with you the news that the Scantron testing program will no longer be available next year and that the diocese has initiated a process for selecting a new standardized testing package. I am pleased to announce that the diocese has chosen NWEA Map Growth testing as the assessment program for implementation beginning in the fall. As this test will also be administered online and is adaptive in nature, it has a number of similarities to Scantron. Additionally, we will continue to

assess students in grades 3-7 in reading, language arts, and math three times per year as has been our practice.

At a recent meeting of diocesan principals, I had an opportunity to view some of the reporting features related to Map Growth. I am pleased to share that the testing reports appear to be very user-friendly for both parents and teachers. Perhaps most importantly, the reports will allow for the customization of learning plans for individual students by providing data highlighting each child's learning path with areas identified for further growth.

During the month of August, both the faculty and I will participate in professional development sessions as we prepare to roll-out this new assessment program. I look forward to sharing more details with you at that time as we begin the 2022-2023 academic year. In the meantime, should you have any questions about this change in testing, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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

DFE Visiting Team Report - Introduction for Mission and Catholic Identity Domain
Nestled in the heart of Manassas, All Saints Catholic School has been nurturing the hearts and minds of students since 1957. From the moment you enter the property, you see the value the entire parish places on fostering faith and community. When entering the school, you know you have entered sacred ground. Built on the saints and nurtured by the pastor and principal, who inspire the entire staff, All Saints Catholic School is a truly unique school which strives to reflect the diversity and dynamism of the parish. The Visiting Team commends All Saints for striving to reflect the face of the Church by honoring diversity of ethnicity, culture, and socioeconomic status. All Saints Catholic School excels in fostering its Catholic Identity.

The mission of creating a nurturing and dynamic environment of academic excellence and Gospel values is evident through the careful hiring of teaching and support staff, embracing Bishop Burbidge's call for academic inclusion, implementing the compassionate school-wide classroom management program, and integrating virtues and faith life across subject areas. Each morning, the staff begins with morning prayer, supporting one another through the sharing of intentions. This sense of community is then passed on to the students, who pray together as a school to begin their day. The Middle School House system, named after saints, embodies the model of service and is an example for younger students to emulate. The tradition of Saints Alive further

inspires students towards their own sainthood and continually reminds students and families of the wonderful role models available to each of us.

The relationship between the pastor, priests, faculty, and staff highlights the shared mission and vision of forming saints. From the design of the courtyard, which connects the parish and school, to the prudent sharing of resources, it is evident that faith formation is the heart and soul of the All Saints community. The pastor and priests are welcome faces in the school, offering multiple opportunities for students to express and grow in the knowledge of the Faith. The annual Nativity Play, Passion Play, Farewell to the Alleluia, and the introduction of Video Production provide a way to share the Faith with the broader parish community. The Visiting Team commends the school's desire to further its faith formation program through the incorporation of annual retreats for the students. The pastor and principal have worked together to maximize human and material resources to promote the highest level of spiritual and academic success including the Director of Youth Ministry as part of the teaching staff. It is clear the school is viewed as one of the vital ministries of All Saints Parish.

Upon entering All Saints Catholic School, it is indisputable that the core of the school is faith formation and service to the community. The catechesis of the faculty and supporting staff is incontestable, as faith and virtue are woven into how they interact with one another, with the students they serve, and through both implicit and explicit teaching practices. There are bible passages on each classroom door, beautiful artwork that tastefully represents different core values of our Catholic faith, and communications from the school that are given in both English and Spanish to ensure that the community is able to participate fully and actively. The school frequently collects donations for various charitable organizations, promoting a giving spirit and fulfilling the mission of social justice. The community is celebrated by honoring alumni who have chosen to dedicate their lives to either the Church or military service. The Visiting Team commends the school for its goal of strengthening efforts to support parents as the primary educators of the child by offering additional opportunities for evangelization and faith formation for families.

Employment Opportunities (2022-2023 School Year)

All Saints Catholic School is now seeking applicants for the following positions for the upcoming school year.

Instructional Assistants (Full-Time)
Substitute Teachers (On-Call)
Extended Day Assistants (Part-Time)

Applications are available at the office and interested candidates are encouraged to contact Mr. Conroy (dconroy@allsaintsva.org) should they have any questions or wish to further discuss these positions.

Parents seeking part or full time employment are invited to consider joining our team! In addition to having the opportunity of working in a joy-filled and mission-focused environment, employees may be eligible for diocesan benefits as well as tuition discounts at All Saints Catholic School.

8th Grade Girls Volleyball – Undefeated Season!

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Girls CYO Volleyball Team who completed an undefeated season last week. We thank Mr. Algeier and Mrs. O'Dell for coaching and inspiring our students to achieve this wonderful success!

Coach Dan Vander Woude's Boys Basketball Camps 2022

Please visit the link below for additional information on Coach Dan Vander Woude's Boys Basketball Camps 2022.

Ages: 6-16

Location: Seton School, 9314 Maples st., Manassas

Registration details: <https://danvwbasketball.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/2022-skills-drills-one-file.pdf>

Drama, Art, & Musical Theatre Day Camps in a Catholic Setting for K-12

For the past 18 years, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps has been offering high quality summer camps. This July, All Saints & Nativity will be hosting the following camps: Broadway Spotlight, Arts & Crafts Fun, Drama Bootcamp, and Art Explorer. Various offerings are open to ages K - 12. Most instructors are Diocesan Teachers and

all instructors bring their professional backgrounds to help young people explore the arts in a safe environment.

Visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to check it out! All registrations received by May 31st get a discount and a free t-shirt.

SUMMER CAMPS

Important Reminders

PTO General Membership Meeting – May 25 (7:00 p.m.)

Join us for the final PTO Meeting of the 2021-2022 school year as we share highlights from the recent DFE Visit and goals for the next five years at All Saints. Additionally, the PTO will provide a wrap-up for the year, share opportunities for family involvement in our community over the summer, and provide details regarding the start of the upcoming academic year.

Topic: PTO General Assembly Meeting

Time: May 25, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83427183089?pwd=S0dOYytyUUNXblRqZWVh3dWFXcWY1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 834 2718 3089

Passcode: 432244

End of Year Calendar & Events

Thursday, May 26	Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten
Friday, May 27	Field Day – Grades K-8 (On Site - All Saints/9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Note: Extended Day services will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will be no before school care offered on Field Day.
Friday, June 3	Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.) Graduation Breakfast for 8 th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.) 8 th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.) 8 th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.) Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7
Tuesday, June 7	Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)
Wednesday, June 8	Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7 Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.) Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
Thursday, June 9	Professional Development Day for Teachers
Friday, June 10	Professional Development Day for Teachers

Graduation Day (June 3) – Noon Dismissal

Since 8th Grade Graduation will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the church on Friday, June 3, school will dismiss at noon that day.

FACTS Enrollment & Tuition Assistance Update

As we make plans for the upcoming year, one of our priorities is that of continuing to provide as much tuition assistance as possible for families in our community. In support of this effort, we have submitted applications on behalf of our school families for funding through the *Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation* and the *St. Beatrice Special Tuition Assistance Program*. Diocesan allocations related to these sources of tuition assistance will be confirmed over the course of the next month. Once we receive this information, we will finalize decisions regarding tuition assistance and notify those families who have applied for financial aid accordingly.

The FACTS re-enrollment process for 2022-2023 and selection of online tuition payment plans will occur during May. The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is Friday, June 10.

School Calendar 2022-2023 ~ Important Dates & Holidays

August 24	First Day of School (Noon Dismissal)
August 29	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten
September 5	Labor Day Holiday
September 30	Diocesan Professional Development Day (No School)
October 10	Columbus Day Holiday
October 28	Noon Dismissal (Teacher Work Day)
November 11	Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
November 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
November 22	Noon Dismissal (Thanksgiving)
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 22	Christmas Holiday Begins
January 3	Classes Resume
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 3	Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)
February 20	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 10	Diocesan Professional Development Day (No School)
April 6	Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)
April 7	Good Friday Holiday
April 10	Easter Week Holiday
April 28	Noon Dismissal
May 5	Noon Dismissal (Teacher Work Day)
May 25	Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday
June 14	Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 (Tentative/3 Inclement Weather Days Included)

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 20

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)

Deadline: Changing Payment Plan Schedule for FACTS Tuition (2022-2023)

Tuesday, May 24

Planetarium Presentation, Courtesy of the PTO

8th Grade PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, May 25

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

Thursday, May 26

School Mass – Memorial of St. Philip Neri (8:30 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten

Friday, May 27

Field Day (Grades K-8)

Note: Extended Day services will be available beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will be no before school care offered on Field Day.

K-7 PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, May 30

Holiday – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

Race for Education Awards Ceremony (PAC/8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, June 2

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Volleyball Game (1:30 p.m.)

Friday, June 3

Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.)

Graduation Breakfast (10:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

8th Grade Graduation Mass & Ceremony (4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 4

Algebra Exemption Exam

Monday, June 6

5th Grade Stepping Up Ceremony (PAC/8:30 a.m.)

Kindergarten Luau

Tuesday, June 7

Kindergarten Graduation (10:00 a.m.)

End of Year Classroom Parties (1:30 p.m.)

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

Wednesday, June 8

Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)

Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)

Faculty/Staff End of Year Luncheon (Noon)

Thursday, June 9

Professional Development Day

Friday, June 10

Professional Development Day

Deadline: Payment in Full with 2% Discount for 2022-2023 School Year