

The Sentinel Newsletter

May 25, 2022

Principal's Message

With just one week remaining until Graduation Day (June 3), we are finalizing plans for what will be a beautiful celebration of the success of our 8th grade students. The following is a schedule of special events planned for that day for the Class of 2022.

Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.) - The students will gather in the church at 9:30 a.m. to observe the *Pass-it-On Ceremony*, an annual tradition and prayer service during which the 8th grade students "pass on" their leadership role to the rising 7th grade class as symbolized by the handing on of the 8th grade honor medals.

Graduation Breakfast (Father Kelly Hall/10:00 a.m.) – This graduates only event is a tradition during which the students will enjoy breakfast served by the pastor, school administration, and 8th grade teachers. At the conclusion of the meal, memories will be shared, gifts presented, and final report cards distributed to the students.

8th Grade Walk of Honor (Courtyard/11:00 a.m.) – Following the breakfast, the graduates will process individually from Father Kelly Hall while all of the students in grades K-7 line the hallways and applaud each one as they exit the building for the final time as students.

Graduation Mass & Ceremony (Church/4:00 p.m.) – All school families and members of our community are cordially invited to attend the Graduation Mass & Ceremony, followed by a reception in the Parish Activities Center.

Important Reminder: As Graduation will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday, June 3, school will dismiss at noon for students in grades K-7. Extended Day services will remain available.

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

DFE Visiting Team Report - Introduction for Governance & Leadership Domain Careful stewardship of available resources by both the pastor and the principal have resulted in a beautifully maintained, inviting facility that carefully serves both the parish and school communities. The financial support from the parish for the school, enabling the school to open the doors to serve a broader population, is exemplary. The staffing of the school has been planned and budgeted to provide support services as well as a range of engaging opportunities designed to expand student learning. The robust financial aid provided by the school, with the assistance of parish funding, is a commendable commitment. The school is also to be commended for effective use of funding made available during the pandemic to ensure the safety and security of the students' and teachers' learning environment. Embracing diversity and academic inclusion is clearly part of the school mission and securing the funding to allow those programs to flourish should be a continuing priority.

All Saints Catholic School is facing the challenge of fluctuations in enrollment head-on and the addition of the position of Marketing and Development Director, shared with the parish, is a great way to address the need for a higher profile and broader reach for applicants. The Annual Fund is another excellent addition to school funding and encourages the participation of a wide range of donors. The school PTO fundraising is a critical piece in the funding process, and the efforts of All Saints Catholic School parents is a tremendous gift to the school. The Visiting Team supports the school's goal of expanding the counseling program, as well as the team of curriculum specialists and classroom aides as funding permits. The Visiting Team also commends All Saints Catholic School for living its mission with a vibrant, diverse, and academically challenging learning environment that has been carefully built and funded with a strong vision for the future.

The Leadership Team at All Saints Catholic School reflects the Servant Leadership Model, giving evidence of following Christ in serving others. The pastor demonstrates a genuine care and concern for the school community, a commitment to fostering the faith formation of students, faculty, staff, and parents, and a strong support for the educational ministry of the school. Sacraments are celebrated regularly and the pastor is present at many events for faculty and students, attends the first faculty meeting, offers faculty retreats, and also contributes his personal expertise in technology within the church and school. The pastor works closely with the Leadership Team to demonstrate a solid stewardship of resources.

The Leadership Team demonstrates support for faculty through its openness and availability to faculty and parents, empowering faculty through appropriate delegation to serve on committees and contributes to various programs including teacher mentorship and the academic inclusion of diverse learners, embracing the Bishop's call to serve the educational needs of all students. They are committed to hiring the best teachers and staff, with thoughtful placements to allow all to use their gifts and expertise. They create a community where all are welcome from the moment they meet the Director of First Impressions, are introduced to bilingual resources for parents and students, are invited to understand the importance of faith and mission in the school, and also to be a vital part of the parent volunteers who give so generously in countless ways. The principal delegates key responsibilities to the assistant principal so that they can lead more effectively. With a legacy of 30+ years of service to the Arlington Diocese, the principal is not only an outstanding role model of the Catholic faith, but also lovingly serves the school with humility, docility, and openness, creating a vision that has allowed for adaptation to a changing population and educational needs. The Visiting Team supports the school's goals, especially to strengthen the onboarding process and mentoring program for new faculty members to ensure they develop a comprehensive understanding of the school mission, and to design and implement a process and timeline to monitor, review, and evaluate student learning consistently through data analysis in support of continuous improvement of curriculum and instruction.

Stewardship Shares Program

Parents who have not yet completed their Stewardship Shares requirement are reminded to submit payment for any unearned shares by Friday, June 3. Should you have any questions about this program or your balance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Extended Day Program

Extended Day services will continue through Tuesday, June 7.

<u>There will be no Extended Day Program on Wednesday, June 8.</u> All students will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up if you anticipate being unavailable at that time.

Report Cards

Report cards and awards will be issued on the final day of school, June 8. Since the office will have a record of your child's final grades at the close of the year, you may retain these cards.

End of Year Message from the Nurse

Medication pick up will be available the last two days of school. Check in with Mrs. Kruppa before going to the nurse's office to pick up any medication. Any remaining medication will be kept at the front desk for a week and then disposed of, in accordance with diocesan policy.

Please remember that any rising 7th Graders will need the mandatory Meningococcal and TDap vaccines for entry to the new year. All rising kindergartners will need a new School Health Entrance Form and immunizations for the new school year.

Forms for the 2022-2023 school year can be found on the Nurse's Page on our website. Please note that forms must be renewed every year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Snowden.

It has been a pleasure caring for your children while here at All Saints. I pray that you all have a safe and relaxing summertime!

Summer Office Hours

The school office will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. during the months of June and August. Should you need to contact school personnel during the summer months, please do not hesitate to leave a voicemail message or contact us via email. We will make every effort to assist you in a timely manner.

Important Dates for the Upcoming Year

- Orientation Day (Students and parents are invited to visit the school, meet new teachers, and pick up supply orders.) – Friday, August 19
- 14th Annual Back-to School Barbecue hosted by the PTO Friday, August 19
- First Day of School ~ Noon Dismissal (Grades K-8) Wednesday, August 24
- First Day of Pre-Kindergarten Monday, August 29

Important Reminders

PTO General Membership Meeting – Tonight at 7:00 PM

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=S0dOYytyUUNXbIRqZWh3dWFXcWY1 Zz09

Meeting ID: 834 2718 3089 Passcode: 432244

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 (<u>dconroy@allsaintsva.org</u>) 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.

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 Supplies (2022-2023)

There are two ways to purchase school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year:

Shop on Your Own

You can shop on your own using our 2022-2023 School Supply List as your guide.

or

Purchase Online through EPI

All Saints is pleased to offer school supply kits as a convenient way to purchase exactly what your child needs for the classroom. Supply kits will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to the start of school.

Order securely online starting now through June 30, 2022

- 1. Go to <u>www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks</u>
- 2. Enter the school ID, ALL088 (3 letters/ 3 numbers)
- 3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
- 4. Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Please Note — Orders have not been finalized if you do not receive an order confirmation. Please save the order confirmation as your receipt. Please remember to order NEXT year's grade level for your student

If you have any questions about school supplies, please contact Mrs. Horgan at shorgan@allsaintsva.org.

EPI SCHOOL SUPPLY INFORMATION

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)

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

SUMMER CAMPS

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, VA

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

John Paul the Great Summer Camps

June-August 2022 JP Summer Camps are back for 2022! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months.

For registration and more details, please visit: <u>https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities</u>

Upcoming Events

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.) Wednesday, June 1 Race for Education Movie/Popcorn Parties

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.) Deadline: Payment for Unearned Stewardship Shares

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.)

Last Day of Extended Day Services 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.) Note: No Extended Day Services Available Faculty/Staff End of Year Luncheon (Noon)

Thursday, June 9 – Friday, June 10 Professional Development Day

Friday, June 10 Deadline: Payment in Full with 2% Discount for 2022-2023 School Year