



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

June 8, 2022

Principal's Message

During this final week of the school year, I wish to provide a couple of updates regarding our faculty and staff. Mrs. Mia McIntyre, first grade assistant, has decided that she will not be returning in the fall in order to pursue another professional opportunity. We thank her for her years of service to our school and for all that she did to support our first grade students in the learning process. Additionally, Mrs. Leticia Lasseter, second grade teacher, has decided to resign from her position at the close of this year. We are grateful for all of her efforts in preparing her students to receive their Sacraments this year. We thank her for her dedication since joining our team during the fall and we wish her every continued success and blessing in the years ahead.

Several weeks ago we had planned to host a planetarium experience for our students, courtesy of the PTO. However, due to the fact that the presenter became ill just prior to the date of the event, it was necessary to postpone the visit. For this reason, we are currently in the process of rescheduling this presentation for our students to enjoy during the fall trimester.

On Friday afternoon, families and friends gathered with the 8th Grade Class of 2022 to celebrate their successful completion of our program and to wish them continued blessings as they transition to high school.

The ceremony represented an important milestone for our graduates and their families, many of whom have been part of our community for the past decade. Whether their children joined our school in Pre-Kindergarten or at another grade level, they have all been an important part of our story and we are grateful that they chose All Saints.

With this in mind, it is a tradition for us to acknowledge those families who have been in our school for more than ten years and whose youngest child has now graduated. As such, we wish to recognize and thank the following families for their commitment to All Saints through the years.

Gutierrez Family (12 Years)

Appiatse Family (13 Years)

Valliere Family (15 Years)

Crocker Family (18 Years)

To all of our families, I wish to say that it is a great joy to have your children enrolled in our school. We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with you, their first teachers, in providing for their education and formation. Working with your children each day, we share with you the privilege of inspiring the hearts and minds of the future.

As this academic year draws to a close, I want to once again thank the faculty and staff for their tremendous dedication. During the second year of the pandemic, each day they provided our students with a caring, supportive, and engaging learning environment. In addition, they worked tirelessly to successfully complete the Design for Excellence re-accreditation process. Indeed, we are blessed with a very talented and devoted team of faculty and staff!

Even as this year draws to a close, we are already hard at work planning for 2022-2023 and what will be another exciting year of faith formation and learning for our students. I look forward to sharing periodic updates with you over the course of the summer and in August will provide many important details regarding the new school year. In the meantime, should you have any questions or if the office staff can be of assistance to you during the summer break, please do not hesitate to let us know.

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff, I wish all of you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

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DFE Visiting Team Report - Introduction for Operational Vitality Domain

All Saints Catholic School is a beautifully maintained and landscaped pastoral campus that is inviting and bright, reflecting the pride of the maintenance, cleaning, and landscaping crews. The art and school work, hung throughout the building, shows that the faculty, staff, and students also have great pride in their surroundings. A walk through the campus shows that the church and school share an integrated and complementary physical design that evidence a careful stewardship of resources. The Visiting Team supports the goal to implement environmentally sound and green initiatives. A new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System (HVAC) is an expense that will need to be addressed in future budgeting.

All Saints Catholic School has a culturally diverse population that is served by a carefully selected and credentialed professional staff. All are focused on providing a nurturing and dynamic learning environment. A full time counselor and a Registered Nurse support the health and emotional needs of the student community. The Visiting Team strongly supports the school's goal to expand the counseling and resource programs to support the changing school population.

All Saints Catholic School provides a competitive, high value option among many different educational alternatives that are available in the local area, including other non-Diocesan Catholic schools. An innovative approach to retaining Middle School students includes a Video Production Program in seventh grade that will lead to student run announcements when students reach eighth grade. Plans to increase revenue by reaching out to donors and alumni are in place. The pandemic caused the closing of the cafeteria and associated reduction of personnel. As the school transitions to a more normal routine, increased staffing should be considered to allow classroom teachers more opportunities for collaboration.

An Enrollment Management Team for marketing and enrollment viability is comprised of church and school personnel. New trends in the diversity and cultural makeup of the parish and school community have been identified and addressed. Grants have been sought and received that focus on the learning needs of this increasingly diverse population. Initiatives are in place to welcome, enroll, and retain Spanish speaking families. including the improvement of parent literacy rates. The mission statement, artwork, and bulletin boards can be found throughout the school in both English and Spanish. Communication to families, including e-mails, website material, and social media are in both English and Spanish.

Summer Learning Program

The Summer Learning Program will be emailed to parents and posted on our website on Friday. All assignments and activities will be posted by grade level and available in digital format for ease of access. There will be both reading and math assignments.

In an effort to more effectively target the learning levels of each student, the reading assignments are differentiated by level with corresponding follow up activities. Please see the directions page in the reading folder which explains all assignments.

After reviewing, should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Horgan. (shorgan@allsaintsva.org)

Band Program Update (Parents of Rising 4th-8th Grade Students)

Instrumental music instruction is available for your son or daughter at All Saints Catholic School. Classes are offered during regular school hours from September – May. The child who learns to play an instrument learns discipline, cooperation with others, and a new way to a fuller, richer life. Playing an instrument places him or her in worthwhile school activities; it gives him something interesting, pleasurable, and worthwhile to do.

The Garwood Whaley Music Program is a local organization closely associated with the Catholic schools which offers contracted music instruction in your school. The fee for instruction includes weekly half-hour lessons during the school day and scheduled on a rotational schedule in order to coordinate with the other subjects, including all concerts or other related functions. Membership in the premier school performing group, the Advanced Band, is based on reliability and instrument achievement during the first school year. There will likely be virtual and in-person concerts, if at all possible, during the school year. The program organizes, again if possible, diocesan-wide events such as an Honor Band and a Band Festival usually held at Bishop Ireton High School.

Our program was selected as the official program of instrumental music instruction in the Diocese of Arlington Schools in 1979. The G.W. Music Program is staffed with qualified full-time and part-time instructors with degrees in music. The program is supervised by Mr. Barry Ward who has taught for 44 years in different schools throughout the diocese and Mr. Ward is presently the Band Director at All Saints, St. Thomas More, St. Bernadette, and St. Leo School.

If you or your child are interested in learning more about the instrumental music program at All Saints, we urge you to attend a meeting to be held at the school in

September. If the interest exists, give your child all possible support and assurance when starting. Take advantage of this opportunity. Enroll your child in the school Band Program.

Instruments that are offered to 4th/5th students (generally first obtained through selected rental program): Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, and Drums.

Instruments that are also offered to older students (sometimes offered to students, owned by school band program): Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Baritone/Euphonium, and Tuba.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

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.

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

Stewardship Shares Program

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

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.

Tuition Assistance Update

Last week the diocese confirmed tuition assistance allocations for the Scholarship Foundation Program and the St. Beatrice Fund. We are now in the process of finalizing decisions for families who have applied for financial aid and will notify them accordingly in the week ahead.

The deadline for payment in full for the 2022-2023 school year 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 www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
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

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!

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

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: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>

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

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

Professional Development Day

Friday, June 10

Professional Development Day

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

