



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

September 14, 2022

Principal's Message

This week I am pleased to share with you that we have hired two additional staff members for our program.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Elizabeth Prevost who began her employment on Monday as an instructional assistant in Mrs. Worley's kindergarten classroom. Mrs. Prevost earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech and for the past eleven years has worked as an engineer in private industry. Already a member of our community as a school parent, she looks forward to joining our team and providing assistance to Mrs. Worley and the children in her classroom.

Additionally, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Deidre Wagner who will begin working as an assistant in the Extended Day Program this week. Mrs. Wagner is a former school parent whose children attended All Saints a number of years ago. Having previously volunteered extensively in our program and having served as a catechist for Religious Education, she has great familiarity with our community and a strong desire to support our mission.

During this second week of the hot lunch program, I wish to congratulate Mrs. Fleisig (Cafeteria Coordinator), Mrs. Slaiby (Cafeteria Assistant), and Mrs. Gutierrez (Cafeteria Bookkeeper) on a successful reopening. It was a great joy to see the students thoroughly enjoying their school lunches last week, most especially the pizza and the cheeseburgers!

I am immensely grateful to our cafeteria team for all that they continue to do to provide this wonderful experience for our students and to ensure that our program operates in accordance with established food service standards.

As families create or reactivate PaySchools accounts for online lunch purchases, please know that any positive balances for returning families who participated in the program in 2019-2020 have automatically been applied to the current year accounts. Should you have any questions about the status of your account, please do not hesitate to contact the cafeteria staff.

We look forward to providing additional periodic updates regarding the cafeteria program in the coming months.

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Title I Program Update

All Saints is pleased to continue participating in Title I, a federally funded initiative that provides services to benefit students in the elementary grades in math and/or reading. In order to qualify for the program, students must be residents of the City of Manassas or live within the jurisdiction of a Title I zoned school in Prince William County and meet specific academic criteria.

Mrs. Ginger Spetsios will serve as our Title I teacher this year. We welcome her to our community and thank her for all of her efforts in launching the program in this new academic year. Mrs. Spetsios and the classroom teachers are in the process of finalizing the referral process for students who meet the program criteria and are sending permission slips to parents this week.

As we focus on differentiation in all of our classrooms, Title I continues to be a highly effective program for us in that it specifically targets the learning needs of our students. Should you have any questions about this program or your child's eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Healthcare providers:

Join a mission to provide free healthcare to the poor and uninsured people of our region. The Catholic Charities Mother Of Mercy Free Clinics in Manassas and Woodbridge are recruiting optometrists, ophthalmologists, dentists, orthopedic doctors, urologists, gastroenterologists, physical therapists and dietitians. Just a few hours of volunteer service per month can make the world of difference for our poor and suffering brothers and sisters. For more information, please contact John Mallonee at John.Mallonee@CCDA.Net

Important Reminders

Middle School Back to School Night (Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.)

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Thursday, September 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to report directly to their son or daughter's homeroom classroom for the opening session. Don't miss what will be an exciting overview of our middle school experience!

Parent- Student Handbook (2022-2023 Edition)

The 2022-2023 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

[ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)
[PRESCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK](#)

Please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children.

Those families who have not yet signed and returned the acknowledgment form are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers in the school are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days of submitting the background check application.

In accordance with diocesan policy, full compliance for an adult parent volunteer is not required for *open* events. (An open event is one that is open to the public, infrequent and publicized, such as Field Day, concerts and special events/assemblies.) However, full compliance is required for adult parent volunteers who wish to participate in closed events. (A closed event is one that is not entirely open to the general public such as classroom activities, parties, field trips, etc.) For this reason, all parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training.

The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:

[BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS](#)

To register for VIRTUS training which is hosted at parishes and schools throughout our diocese, please follow the link below.

[VIRTUS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Eucharistic Symposium

The Eucharistic Symposium will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Click on the link below for further information.

[Eucharistic Symposium](#)

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Visit the link below to learn about the some important dates at St. John Paul The Great.

[ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 15

Middle School Night (7:00 p.m.)

8th Grade Parent Meeting (8:30 p.m.)

Friday, September 16

School Mass – Memorial of Saints Cornelius & Cyprian (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 19

Confessions – Grade 6 (9:15 a.m.)

Title I Classes Begin

SCA Election Assembly (1:30)

Tuesday, September 20

Room Liaisons Meeting (Meeting Room 2/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 21

School Mass – Feast of St. Matthew (8:30 a.m.)

Confessions – Grade 5 (9:15 a.m.)

Thursday, September 22

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 23

Faculty & Staff Retreat Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Saturday, September 24

Creation Care Club Streaming Cleaning Outing (10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.)

Alumni Reunion (10:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 26

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:15 a.m.)

Wednesday, September 28

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Thursday, September 29

School Mass – Feast of the Archangels (8:30 a.m.)

Gift of Human Sexuality Program – Middle School Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 30

Diocesan Professional Development Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Tuesday, October 4

Band Ice Cream Social (3:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Parish Blessing of Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

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

Thursday, October 6

6th Grade Field Trip – The Edge

Friday, October 7

School Mass – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (8:30 a.m.)

Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Midpoint of Trimester I

Uniform Exchange Sale (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 10

Holiday – Columbus Day

Thursday, October 13

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

Friday, October 14

School Mass – Memorial of St. Callistus I (8:30 a.m.)