



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

October 12, 2022

Principal's Message

Over the course of the past two years, our school community has successfully demonstrated the capacity to pivot, when necessary, in order to provide instruction in new and innovative ways for our students, specifically through online learning. Although our schedules, routines, and events continue to normalize during this post-pandemic period, it is important that we maintain a process as well as procedures that will allow us to revert to online learning if necessary, such as in the event of multi-day closures due to inclement weather.

In support of this planning process, tomorrow we will send a copy of the *Zoom Authorization Form* to parents of all students. With this form on file, we will be ready to deploy additional devices to students and to provide instruction via Zoom should this ever become necessary during the school year.

This week I am also pleased to announce that we have hired the following four individuals as additional substitute teachers.

Mrs. Kristen Alderman – Already a school parent in our community, Mrs. Alderman has a familiarity with our programs and curriculum. With prior teaching experience as a homeschool parent, including in the role of a gym instructor for a co-op class, Mrs. Alderman brings a commitment to the educational process and a great appreciation for the Catholic mission of our school. Additionally, through her years working in an administrative role in business settings, she demonstrates a high level of professionalism and a detail-oriented approach to her work.

Mrs. Lucy Lukacs – Mrs. Lukacs has extensive experience working in the Diocese of Arlington where she has served as the Assistant Director of Religious Education at Holy Spirit Church, a preschool teacher at St. Mary of Sorrows, and a lead teacher, assistant,

and substitute teacher at St. Andrew the Apostle School. With the perspective that “all education should lead to the truth,” Mrs. Lukacs looks forward to working with the faculty of All Saints and supporting our students in the learning process.

Miss Kimberly Rector – A former student of All Saints, Miss Rector is excited to return to her alma mater where she began her education. Miss Rector earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Development from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and for the past two years taught at St. Rita School in Alexandria. Currently pursuing a graduate degree in education, she looks forward to teaching in our program as a substitute teacher as needs arise over the course of the year.

Mr. Robert Ruffolo – Mr. Ruffolo earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Modern European History from Ripon College, a Master of Business Administration in Executive Leadership from Loyola University (Chicago), and a Masters in Policy Leadership from Georgetown University. After 29 years of service in the U.S. Army and additional experience in private industry, Mr. Ruffolo continues in the role of CEO of a consulting group while serving as a mentor for others. He looks forward to his new role of substitute teacher in which he hopes to not only guide but inspire our students.

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Formation in Christian Chastity Program

The safety of your children is always a top priority at All Saints. In accordance with national initiatives and diocesan policy, for a number of years we have taken additional steps to do our part to ensure that your children are in a safe place when they are participating in a program at All Saints Catholic School.

The *Formation in Christian Chastity Program* is one part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our students. As outlined in the online materials, information is provided primarily to parents as a resource to be used in the formation of their children. There is one classroom lesson for students in grades one through four and two lessons for those in grades five through eight.

We will be integrating the objectives of the program into our religion lessons in the weeks ahead beginning on Monday, October 17. The entire curriculum can be accessed through the diocesan website at the following link:

Formation in Christian Chastity

You are encouraged to spend some time reviewing this information yourself and to then share pertinent aspects with your children. Each of the lessons contains some application to common sense safety tips that you may wish to share with your children. Other parts of the resources apply to some of the decisions that you make as parents for the safety of your children. Our goal is to equip both you and your children with the knowledge that can help to keep them safe.

The essential point is that parents need to be involved with their children. The more you know about the daily events of your child's life, the better you are able to spot any danger signs that may surface. The more regular communication you have with your children, the freer they are to come to you with their concerns.

Should you have any questions about the *Formation in Christian Chastity Program* or about the classroom lessons, please do not hesitate to let us know. In the event that you would prefer to not have your child participate in the classroom training, please contact the front office to request an opt-out form.

Open House (November 3 @ 9:00 a.m.)

All Saints will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, November 3 beginning at 9:00 a.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. Please share our story with friends, neighbors, and colleagues and encourage them to join us for this in-person event. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 368-4400.

Important Reminders

PTO Sponsored Guest Speaker Series – October 18 (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Join us for the first PTO General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, October 18 beginning at 7:00 p.m. We are excited to announce that Soren and Ever Johnson, the owners of Trinity House Café in Leesburg, will present the first in a three-part series entitled *Heaven in Your Home*.

The Johnsons have offered this series at a number of parishes in our diocese and were recently invited to speak before Pope Francis as part of the World Meeting of Families in Rome this past summer.

If you are looking for practical strategies and support for strengthening your family, please plan to attend this informative and inspiring series! Additionally, please invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may be interested in this topic to join our community for this special series.

Veterans Day Celebration (Friday, November 11)

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite active duty, reserve, former, and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on Friday, November 11 at 8:30 AM. Following the Mass, there will be an assembly in the Parish Activity Center and a reception for our honored guests.

An information packet is being sent home to parents with forms to submit a Family Veteran Survey and paper brick to commemorate a veteran in your family.

Veterans Day Student Packet

For those who have participated in the past, please note that we retain and display all surveys and bricks submitted by students in previous years.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, All Saints Catholic School families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary in a special way. On Friday, October 7, two statues of Our Lady of Fatima will begin traveling to the homes of school families for week-long visits.

Families who wish to participate in this program this year may sign up online at the following link:

Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Pick up time for the Statues at the front office is before 2:30 p.m. on Friday with a return time of before 9:00 a.m. the following Friday. Please be sure to sign in and out for the Statue in the Visitor Binder at the front desk.

While the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together either part of or the entire five-decade rosary for the intentions of our school as

well as for their private intentions. The presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is certain to increase your devotion to Mary and to bring you and your family closer to her Son.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Rotation Coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at gmpascua@outlook.com or 571-393-0942.

House of Mercy

Immediate job openings are available! House of Mercy Food Pantry, Thrift Store, and Donation Center is expanding their staff and have part-time positions open with varying working hours between 10am and 8pm, Monday through Saturday.

Visit <https://houseofmercyva.org/jobs/> for a list of opportunities and a downloadable job application.

CYO Basketball Registration Deadline 10/15

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the CYO basketball program. This program is a faith-filled, developmental program that focuses on game fundamentals in a Christ-centered environment. The basketball season begins in November and runs through early March. Practices are held each week with weekly games beginning in December. Registration is \$80 per player.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches are needed! Our program is run on volunteers. If you are interested in serving in a coach or assistant coach position, please reach out to the CYO Basketball Commissioner for All Saints – Dan McKenna (blackstone96@gmail.com). You must be VIRTUS approved to serve in these roles. Registration discount is available for serving in a coaching role.

Registration is open until October 15th.

CYO Basketball Registration

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 some important dates at St. John Paul the Great.

St. John Paul the Great

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 13

St. John Paul the Great High School – 7th & 8th Grade Visit
Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 14

School Mass – Memorial of St. Callistus I (8:30 a.m.)
SCA Installation Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 15

PTO Family Game Night - Canceled

Monday, October 17

Formation in Christian Chastity Lessons Begin

Tuesday, October 18

PTO General Assembly Meeting – Guest Speaker Series: *Heaven in Your Home*, Soren & Ever Johnson (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 19

School Mass – Memorial of Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 20

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation I

Friday, October 21

Dress Down Day (sponsored by the Creation Care Club)

Thursday, October 27

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation II
Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 28

School Mass – Memorial of Sts. Simon & Jude (8:30 a.m.)
Noon Dismissal- Teacher Work day

Monday, October 31

Penny Bazaar (1:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 1

Change to Winter Uniforms
School Mass – All Saints Feast Day & 3rd Grade Procession of Saints (8:30 a.m.)
8th Grade Saints Alive Presentations (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, November 2

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation III

Thursday, November 3

Open House for Prospective Parents (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 10

Picture Day

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day Mass (Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), Assembly, & Reception (8:30 a.m.)
Noon Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 14

Parent-Teacher Conferences (No Classes or Extended Day)