The Sentinel Newsletter

November 2, 2022

Principal's Message

Each day at All Saints is filled with reminders, some subtle and others very poignant, of the wonderful blessings that surround the experience of a Catholic education. Yesterday, the Feast of All Saints, was a day filled with many such beautiful moments.

I wish to thank the teachers and students who helped to make the day so very special for our community. From the 3rd graders who processed in costume at the beginning of our school Mass to the 8th grade students who presented the lives of the saints in the Parish Activities Center and classrooms, it was a day full of tradition and wonder for the children.

I would like to specifically thank Miss McPhilamy and the members of the Schola for leading us in music during the Mass and Miss Mallon, our assistant principal, for coordinating many of the details surrounding the day. I also want to thank the PTO for generously providing free ice cream for everyone on the occasion of our feast day.

We also thank Mrs. Renee White, Assistant Superintendent from the Office of Catholic Schools, for joining us for the liturgy and 8th grade presentations.

Earlier in the week, the students participated in the Penny Bazaar which was also a great success despite the overcast conditions. I wish to thank Mrs. Laurie Short for coordinating all of the logistics for us and for ensuring that it was a wonderful event for all of our students.

Looking ahead to next week, thank you to those parents who have already signed up to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference. Those who have not yet done so are asked to complete this process as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or experience difficulty with the online registration process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher for assistance.

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

New Student Applications & Continuous Enrollment for 2023-2024

Applications for new students for academic year 2023-2024 are now available online.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the link below.

2023-2024 APPLICATION

In consideration of the fact that most All Saints' families choose for their child/ren to remain in our program through 8 grade graduation, last year we introduced a process by which your children will be enrolled with us through the coming years. Our Continuous Enrollment system reduces paperwork and increases the efficiency of what has previously been an annual process, thereby providing greater convenience for parents.

In January, we will provide a copy of the Continuous Enrollment Contract to parents of students completing their first year of enrollment at All Saints. Through completion of this form, parents may continuously enroll their child/ren through 8th grade from All Saints or, if necessary, until such time that they complete the withdrawal process. With submission of this contract, there is no need for future completion of an annual re-registration form.

The Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on February 1, 2023. The completion of the contract and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2023-2024

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid for the upcoming school year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

TUITION ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

Due Dates:

Elementary/Middle School Students	March 15, 2023
Year of Tax Forms Required	2022

High School Students

* Bishop Ireton High School	January 6, 2023
* Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School	January 7, 2023
* St. Paul VI Catholic High School	January 6, 2023
* Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School	January 18, 2023

Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted by due date
Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted AFTER due
2021
date

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

Prospective Teacher Information Sessions

Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? Perhaps your certification has expired or perhaps you are thinking of changing careers or returning to teaching after a period of absence. Do you have questions about qualifications to teach? Would you like to learn more about the mission of teaching in a Catholic School in a nurturing and caring, Christ-centered environment? Plan to attend the Prospective Teacher Information Sessions hosted by the Office of Catholic Schools at 7:00 p.m. on November 14 at Bishop O'Connell High School and November 16 at Saint John Paul the Great High School.

PROSPECTIVE TEACHER FLYER

Virtues in Practice - November

Virtue of the Month: Stewardship

Definition: Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure.

Saints: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (PK -2); Blessed Fra Angelico (Gr. 3-5); St. Joseph Moscati (Gr. 6-8)

^{*}Families applying for financial aid for both high school **AND** elementary/middle school students will need to submit BOTH 2021 **AND** 2022 tax forms.

Important Reminders

Employment Opportunities

Religion & Spanish Teacher (Part-Time/Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – Immediate Opening

Long-Term Substitute Nurse (Full Time/Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – Beginning mid-December

For more information about these positions or to apply, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

Open House (Tomorrow @ 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.

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.

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Order Forms

On Monday, November 21 we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, a greatly beloved tradition in our school community. All parents are cordially invited to attend this special event with their child(ren). We are also pleased to announce that, as in prior years, we are linking this event to an outreach to benefit the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. This initiative will take place

in support of *Catholic Charities We Care Week* which will occur the week of December 4. Again, this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the link below for more details.

THANKSGIVING ORDER FORM

The National Junior Honor Society will also set up a collection station at the entrance to the cafeteria. We invite your participation again as we work together to support the mission of Catholic Charities and to make a positive difference in our community of Manassas.

Thanksgiving Luncheon -Volunteers needed

Help is needed with set-up and decorations, clean -up, food preparation, and serving food for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Volunteer shifts are designed in such a way that you will be able to sit and enjoy your meal with your child (ren).

Please consider helping for at least one shift throughout the day. If you are available to assist, please fill out the section titled "Additional Volunteers needed" on the Thanksgiving lunch order form or sign-up on Help Counter:

https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/volunteer

<u>Please remember that in order to volunteer, you must be VIRTUS compliant</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda Caggiano, Cafeteria Coordinator. (<u>amanda.m.caggiano@gmail.com</u>)

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, 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)

Wednesday, November 16

Lions' Club Screening

Thursday, November 17

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

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

Friday, November 18

School Mass – Memorial of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, November 21

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)

End of Trimester I

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 27

First Week of Advent

Monday, November 28

Advent Prayer Service – Grades PreK-8 (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, November 30

Advent Penance Service - Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 1

8th Grade High School Placement Test Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.) Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 2

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)