



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

November 16, 2022

Principal's Message

This week I am pleased to share with you a copy of the *Design for Excellence* Five Year Plan for our school. This document is a compilation of the goals identified by the faculty last year during the self-study process as well as the recommendations offered by the Visiting Team during their re-accreditation visit in April.

The sequencing of goals was determined through a series of faculty discussions based on a consensus-building model. Through this process, the faculty and administration identified priorities and affirmed their commitment to making these objectives the primary focus for the next five years.

I wish to thank Miss Mallon, our DFE Chairperson, for all of her efforts in drafting and revising the documents and in preparing the strategy sheets in support of each goal for Year 1. I also want to acknowledge and thank the faculty for their contributions to this process, the result of which is a clear and concise vision for the future of our school.

Here is a brief definition of terms included in the plan.

Domain I – Mission and Catholic Identity

Domain II – Governance and Leadership

Domain III – Academic Excellence

Domain IV – Operational Vitality

SS = Self-Study Document, i.e. goals identified by the faculty and administration

VTR = Visiting Team Report, i.e. recommendations offered by the Visiting Team

After reviewing the document, should you have any questions about our goals for the years ahead or the plan itself, please do not hesitate to let me know.

DFE FIVE YEAR PLAN

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday. As in prior years, we ask all parents and visitors to sign-in at the front entrance and to await the guidance of the office staff who will invite parents to meet their child in the classroom just prior to the designated lunch time. Thank you for your support of this event and our outreach to the St. Lucy Project!

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Hearts Afire – Collection for Medical Missionaries

Hearts Afire, a special needs social group, will be collecting items to make hygiene packs for Medical Missionaries, a non-profit, volunteer group of doctors, nurses, dentists, and others who work to improve the health of the poorest of the poor in the U.S. and throughout the world by providing medical care, supplies, clothing, and food to the areas they serve.

The collection will take place November 28 – December 2. Students are invited to drop off items in the donation boxes that will be located in the New Breezeway Entrance.

HEARTS AFIRE FLYER

Hearts Afire invites students in grades 7 & 8 to attend their meeting on Wednesday, December 7 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the gym to help with kit packing.

For more information, please email: heartsafiresocialgroup@gmail.com

Employment Opportunities

Spanish Teacher for Grades 1 & 2 – Immediate Opening.

The schedule for the week is as follows: Monday (11:52 a.m. – 12:36 p.m.), Tuesday (2:12 – 2:52 p.m.), and Thursday (1:25 – 2:52 p.m.). This position is a wonderful opportunity for individuals who may be considering a career in education.

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

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

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 1 (7:00 p.m.)

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 1 and plan to join us for an *Evening with Saint Nicholas*. The event will begin with an Advent Prayer Service in the church at 7:00 p.m. The "Procession of Shoes" will be led by Saint Nicholas himself. Then join us in the Parish Activities Center for cookies and cocoa where Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos. (Please bring your own camera).

We ask that you bring a donation of a pair of new shoes in honor of Saint Nicholas. All donations will go to House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes.**)

Should you have any questions about this event, please contact Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at sarah.roccograndi@gmail.com.

Important Reminders

NJHS Thanksgiving Fresh Food Drive

The All Saints Catholic School Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held during our Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 beginning at 9:30 am. Through a partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, members of the National Junior Honor Society will once again be collecting food to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as follows. We are also asking that any family who would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, include that with their grade level donation during the Food Drive.

Through the generosity of our school community in providing the items below, many families will enjoy a beautiful meal on Thanksgiving Day!

Pre-Kindergarten	3 boxes of Stove-Top stuffing mix
Kindergarten	2 (2-pound) bags of carrots
Grade 1	2 (3-pound) bags of onions
Grade 2	2 (3-pound) bags of apples
Grade 3	2 (3-pound) bags of rice (no instant, please)
Grade 4	2 Dessert “Kits” (cake/frosting or pie crust/filling)
Grade 5	2 (48-ounce) bottles of oil (no spray oil, please)
Grade 6	2 (5-pound) bags of sugar
Grade 7	2 (5-pound) bags of flour or Maseca
Grade 8	2 (5-pound) bags of white potatoes
Faculty/Staff	2 boxes of oatmeal

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>

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

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

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 8th 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 <i>Year of Tax Forms Required</i>	March 15, 2023 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
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted by due date</i>	2021
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted AFTER due date</i>	2022

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

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.

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 17

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

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

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 – PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes
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

Hearts Afire Collection Begins
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.)

Sunday, December 4

Second Week of Advent
Catholic Charities We Care Week

Monday, December 5

Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

Trimester I Report Cards sent Home

PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

Hearts Afire – 7th & 8th Grade Volunteers (Gym/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 8

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

(Correction: Mass will take place at 8:30 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m. as published in previous newsletter.)

Monday, December 12

School Mass – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 13

Seniors' Luncheon

Wednesday, December 14

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