



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

December 7, 2022

Principal's Message

Last Thursday a number of families from our school and parish community gathered for an Evening with St. Nicholas. With the largest attendance in recent years, it was truly a joyful occasion. Through music, readings, and prayer, the children learned more about the life of St. Nicholas and the call for each of us to live lives of generosity, sharing our gifts and treasure with those in need.

The culmination of the prayer service was the presentation of 86 pairs of new shoes on the steps of the sanctuary. A particularly beautiful moment occurred when, at the end of the procession, one of our pre-kindergarten students walked all by herself up the aisle to place her shoes in the collection boxes. There was something about the way in which she stood there at the foot of the altar, quietly struggling to remove the shoes from her carrying bag that touched more than a few hearts. Thank you to all those who attended the event and who, through their generosity, helped to brighten the lives of those less fortunate.

All of the shoes collected at the event have been donated to House of Mercy, a local non-profit dedicated to "making God's love visible to those in need." We thank Ms. Jessica Root (Executive Director), Ms. Sophia Crooks (Program Manager), and Ms. Erin Tooley (Program Coordinator) for joining us for the event. We are so pleased to have partnered with House of Mercy through this event for more than ten years and look forward to continuing to support their ministry in the future.

An Evening with St. Nicholas would not have been possible without the efforts of Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi. I wish to thank her for all that she did to once again organize this beautiful event for our community. I also wish to thank the members of the Schola, who led the music under the direction of Miss McPhilamy, and the members of our Student Council Association who served as greeters and lectors. And thanks to the support of parent volunteers, everyone was able to enjoy a lovely reception in the Parish Activities Center. Both festive and prayerful, it was an evening that captured the spirit of Advent.

Looking ahead to next week, on Monday we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the church. Immediately following the liturgy, the students will gather around the Statue of Mary in the courtyard where they will enjoy a musical presentation by the parish Guadalupe Choir followed by the distribution of traditional Mexican bread in the PAC. The school day will conclude with the students praying the Rosary in their classrooms at 2:30 p.m. In doing so, we are pleased to join with schools across the diocese in praying this Marian devotion in support of the second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Arlington. We look forward to this joyful celebration of Our Lady and hope that many of you will be able to join us for the Mass and celebration.

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A Prayer for Advent – Week 2

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

All Saints Christmas Pageant

Students in grades K, 1, 4, 5, and 6 will participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, The Living Crèche. Please note the following information:

Date: Monday, December 19, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Students report to the narthex of the church by 6:30 p.m. 6th grade students are asked to report by 6:25 p.m.)

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

Students not in costume are asked to wear their school uniform.

Bishop's Holiday (December 21)

All Saints Catholic School will be closed for the "Bishop's Holiday" on Wednesday, December 21. There will be no classes or Extended Day services available that day.

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 dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

“Christmas Joy” Toy Drive

Families may choose to donate new unwrapped toys and to bring “Christmas Joy” to a child this Advent season. The NJHS will sponsor a toy drive to benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission between December 5 – December 16. Toys may be dropped off in the breezeway entrance during morning arrival. Members of the NJHS will arrange for delivery to the Saint Gabriel Mission.

Open House for 2023-2024 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, administrative assistant, at (571) 516-3170.

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 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
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required</i>	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.

John Paul the Great-Shadow a Wolf for a Day!

November 2022 - May 2023 Shadow Days at John Paul have begun for this year! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 7

Trimester I Report Cards sent Home

PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

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

Thursday, December 8

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

Monday, December 12

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

School-wide Rosary (2:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 13

Seniors' Luncheon (6th Grade Servers)

Wednesday, December 14

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

Monday, December 19

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant (Church/10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of School for Pre-K prior to Christmas

Christmas Pageant – Grades K-8 (Dress Rehearsal/1:45 p.m. & Performance for Parents/7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 20

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 21

Bishop's Holiday – Christmas Break Begins

Tuesday, January 3

School Resumes

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

Thursday, January 5

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 6

School Mass – Memorial of St. André Bessette (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 9

2nd Round of MAP Testing Begins

Tuesday, January 10

Seniors' Luncheon (5th Grade Servers)

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

Picture Re-Takes

Open House for Prospective Parents (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 13

Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day