



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

November 22, 2022

Principal's Message:

For the first time in three years, our school community gathered once again for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. What a joy it was to witness so many students, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, and staff, sharing a wonderful meal and enjoying their time together.

Relaunching this event was truly a “heavy lift” for our Cafeteria Staff and I am so grateful to all of them for their dedication. I wish to specifically thank Mrs. Flory Fleisig (Director of Cafeteria Services), Mrs. Leticia Gutierrez (Cafeteria Assistant), and Mrs. Myriam Slaiby (Cafeteria Bookkeeper). I also want to thank Miss Ashton Mallon (Assistant Principal) for all that she did to help organize the schedule and logistics surrounding the day. Additionally, I want to extend a word of thanks to Mrs. Wendy Matner and Mrs. Wilma Marsengill, former employees, who returned as volunteers and generously shared from their cafeteria experience.

I also want to convey a word of appreciation to the members of our Facilities Staff who worked diligently behind the scenes in support of the event. Thank you, Mr. Bill Andre (Director of Facilities), Mr. Alex Paul, Mr. Javier Enriquez, and Mrs. Virmania Gonzalez.

Such an event would not have been possible without strong volunteer support. I wish to thank the many parents who generously donated their time and talent in support of the luncheon. From assisting with the set-up and decorations to helping with food service during the event, our parents, alumni, and local high school students provided wonderful support.

Of course, a highlight of the luncheon for the children was seeing Fr. Lee and our parish priests helping with the food service. We thank each of them for joining us for this occasion, for their service to our community, and for the level of pastoral care that they demonstrate each and every day.

As we pause to join family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, please know of my gratitude and that of Fr. Lee for your continued support of our school and its mission of providing an

education of faith and academic excellence. Thank you for choosing our school for your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

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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.

Important Reminders

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.

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

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

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.

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	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

John Paul the Great Fall Play

Friday-Sunday, December 2-4, 2022

JP Drama will debut its fall play, *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde, on Friday, December 2nd with shows running through Sunday, December 4th! Tickets can be purchased in advance online using this link: <https://jpthegreat.booktix.com/dept/drama>

Upcoming Events

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.)

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

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

Christmas Holiday Begins