

All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

December 14, 2022

Principal's Message

This week I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Kristen Federmeier will serve as the long-term substitute teacher in 5th grade when Mrs. Brink is on maternity leave. Mrs. Federmeier earned a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences in Speech Communication from the University of Illinois. She has previously served as the Director of Faith Formation at a parish in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Since that time, she has been a business owner and educator and has gained extensive experience as a homeschool teacher. During the past year and a half, she has acquired a thorough understanding of the diocesan curriculum and a strong familiarity with the routines and procedures of our school. As an on-call substitute teacher and volunteer at All Saints, she has gained even further insight into our program.

We thank Mrs. Federmeier for her commitment to our school and look forward to welcoming her to our team!

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A Prayer for Advent – Week 3

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises, and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord forever and ever.

Important Reminders

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

<u>Time</u>: 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.) <u>Place</u>: 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) – Immediate Opening

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

Yearbook Cover Contest - Deadline Extended to January 6, 2023

The Yearbook Committee is hosting the annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The committee is looking for a front and back cover that represents the spirit of All Saints Catholic School and incorporates our theme - *My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

To submit an entry, please note the following:

- Make sure your entry is on two pieces of plain white paper. The finished size of each page of your design must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11.
- Lightly write your name and your teacher's name on the BACK of each page.
- Please DO NOT sign your name on the front of these pages.

Entries are due to Mrs. Bill no later than <u>Friday, January 6, 2023.</u> The winning entry will win a free Yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bill. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork!

Yearbook Sales

One of the most important ways to commemorate your school year is through a yearbook. The All Saints Catholic School Yearbook is now available for sale. The 2022-2023 Yearbook will be on sale now through April 14, 2023.

We are offering an early bird discount of \$20 if ordered prior to January 13, 2023. After this date, the price will increase to \$23.00. Personalization of your yearbook is available for an additional fee of \$5.00 All orders must be placed online. The link and required information is shown below.

- Please visit the Lifetouch website to order online: www.ybpay.com
- The All Saints school code is 13273523
- Please note that personalization of your yearbook is available for \$5.00.

Should you have any questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Vickie Bill (vbill@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

March 15, 2023
2022
January 6, 2023
January 7, 2023
January 6, 2023
January 18, 2023
2021
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 <u>vneri@allsaintsva.org</u>.

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:<u>https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry</u>

Upcoming Events

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 Santa Hat Day (sponsored by the SCA) 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

School Mass (8:30 a.m.) Picture Re-Takes Open House for Prospective Parents (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 13

Professional Development Day – No Classes or Extended Day

Monday, January 16 Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 20 School Mass – Memorial of St. Sebastian (8:30 a.m.) Trimester II Mid-Point