



# All Saints Catholic School

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## The Sentinel Newsletter

January 4, 2023

### Principal's Message

I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday and that the new year is off to a great start for you and your family. Know of my very best wishes and prayers for you in this new year!

This week I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Helen Sgro, the long-term substitute teacher for the second grade class, has accepted the position of permanent replacement and will serve as the classroom teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. With her prior experience teaching third grade at All Saints and familiarity with our school and procedures, she is well positioned to provide the children with the routine essential for their success as learners. Again, welcome, Mrs. Sgro, and thank you for your continued commitment to All Saints!

*As we begin a new calendar year, this is an ideal time for some procedural reminders in support of student health and safety.*

### Morning Drop-Off

During morning arrival, all parents are asked to participate in the school organized drop-off process. Rather than parking in the church lot and escorting a child to the courtyard, all parents must remain in their vehicles and follow the designated traffic pattern. In both the front and rear parking areas, patrols and staff members are available to supervise the drop-off zones, ensuring the safety of all of our students as they begin their day.

### Supervision & Sign-in Procedures for Students Arriving Late

During morning arrival, when the two-minute warning bell sounds at 7:58 a.m., the safety patrols and faculty who are on duty return to the building. Parents who arrive thereafter are asked to park and escort their child into the school where they will sign-in their child for the day. This procedure ensures that all children who arrive late remain supervised as they enter the building.

### **Winter Coats for Outdoor Recess**

Parents are asked to send their child/ren to school with a winter coat. During winter time, only students with a coat will be permitted to participate in outdoor recess on cold weather days.

### **Early Release/Sign-Out of Students**

Parents who need to sign-out their child prior to the close of the school day are asked to do so by 2:45 p.m., the time at which office personnel begin to prepare for dismissal. Parents are discouraged from signing-out their children after 2:45 p.m. except in the event of an emergency.

*In advance, thank you for your support of these procedures. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.*

The second round of NWEA-MAP Testing will begin on Monday, January 9 and will extend through three weeks. The format will be identical to that of the first round, i.e. approximately one hour assessments in math, reading, and language arts completed by students in grades 3-7. Teachers will use the data from this test to measure student growth and to tailor instruction accordingly during the second half of the year.

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### **Virtues in Practice**

Virtue for the Month of January: Gratitude

Definition: Seeing everything as a gift and being thankful

Saints: St. Francis of Assisi (PK-2), St. Julie Billiart (3-5), St. Josemaria Escriva (6-8)

### **Important Reminders**

#### **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 [dconroy@allsaintsva.org](mailto:dconroy@allsaintsva.org).

### **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**

During 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](#)

<b>Due Dates:</b>	
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](mailto:vneri@allsaintsva.org).

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, January 5

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

### Friday, January 6

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

Catholic High School Application Deadline

### Monday, January 9

2nd Round of MAP Testing Begins

### Tuesday, January 10

Seniors' Luncheon (5th Grade Servers)

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

**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 (PAC/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

**Wednesday, January 25**

School Mass – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (8:30 a.m.)

**Saturday, January 28**

PTO Family Bingo Night (PAC/5:00 p.m.)

**Sunday, January 29**

Catholic Schools Week

**Tuesday, January 31**

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

**Wednesday, February 1**

**FACTS Tuition: Continuous Enrollment Fee Transaction for 2023-2024**

**Thursday, February 2**

School Mass – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (8:30 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

**Friday, February 3**

Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats

Noon Dismissal (Faculty/Staff Catholic Schools Week Lunch)