



# All Saints Catholic School

*My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

## The Sentinel Newsletter

January 18, 2023

### Principal's Message

Beginning on Sunday, January 29, All Saints will celebrate ***Catholic Schools Week***, an annual opportunity to join with schools across our nation in highlighting the distinct mission of Catholic education.

The following is a schedule of activities planned for the week.

### Sunday (January 29) - Celebrating our PARISH

- Students are encouraged to attend Mass at All Saints in their winter school uniforms

### Monday (January 30) - Celebrating our COMMUNITY

- Students are invited to donate peanut butter (Grades 6-8) and jelly (Grades PreK-5) for St. Lucy's Food Pantry (Catholic Charities)
- Students in Grades PreK-3 will complete an "I Love All Saints Catholic School" worksheet to be displayed throughout the school
- Dress Down Day for students

### Tuesday (January 31) - Celebrating our STUDENTS

- Open House for Prospective Parents (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- Students will exchange cards with their Prayer Buddies
- Special snack, extra recess, and no homework!

### Wednesday (February 1) - Celebrating our NATION

- Catholic Cup Competition for Grades 4-8 (PAC/8:30 a.m.)
- Students in Grades 4-8 will make cards to be sent overseas to troops

- Students in Grades 3-5 will research a saint from America and share with the class what they learn. In Grades PreK-2, teachers will read about an American saint or complete a related activity with their students.

#### **Thursday (February 2) - Celebrating VOCATIONS**

- School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
- Students will make spiritual bouquets for the priests and parish staff to thank them for their support of and participation in our Catholic school
- Students will view recorded 7th grade student interviews of Fr. Daniel and a FOCUS Missionary regarding their vocations
- PTO sponsored Faculty and Staff Luncheon

#### **Friday (February 3) Celebrating our FACULTY, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS**

- Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
- Students will make spiritual bouquets for the maintenance and cafeteria staff to thank them for their support of and participation in our Catholic school
- Celebration Station delivery to faculty and staff by SCA students
- Special surprise for parents to thank them for choosing to send their children to All Saints
- Noon Dismissal

As we finalize our preparations for *Catholic Schools Week*, I wish to thank you for the trust that you continue to place in our school and for your partnership with us. We are so pleased that you have chosen to give your child/ren the gift of a Catholic education and delighted that you are part of our All Saints community!

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#### ***Announcement of School Visit by Bishop Burbidge (April 21)***

We are pleased and excited to welcome Bishop Burbidge for a visit to our school on Friday, April 21. Bishop will be the celebrant for our school Mass at 8:30 a.m. after which he will visit with students and attend a special luncheon with the faculty and staff.

#### **Important Calendar Update:**

Due to this special event, All Saints will dismiss at noon on Friday, April 21.

### ***Start Date for Academic Year 2023-2024***

The Office of Catholic Schools has confirmed that the first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year will be Wednesday, August 23. We are now in the process of finalizing other important dates surrounding the opening of the school year and will forward this information to you as it becomes available.

### ***March for Life (January 20)***

On Friday, January 20 the students of All Saints will join their prayers with the thousands who will gather in Washington, D.C. at the annual March for Life. As a school community we will pray for an increase in respect for the sanctity of life at all stages in our society. If your child will be attending the March, please notify his or her teacher via a note by Thursday, January 19.

### **PTO BINGO Night (January 28)**

Bingo Night at All Saints Catholic is back for 2023! Mark your calendars and join us for PTO Bingo Night on Saturday, January 28 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM in the PAC. Enjoy an evening of fun, food, prizes, and BINGO with family and friends.

For your convenience, you can pre-register online today through our [PTO Bingo Online Registration form](#). Walk-ins are also welcome.

### **All Saints Catholic School – PTO Bingo Night**

Saturday, January 28

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Parish Activity Center (PAC)

[PTO Bingo Flyer](#)

### **Open House for 2023-2024 School Year (January 31)**

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 a.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 and RSVP at [allsaintsvaschool.org](http://allsaintsvaschool.org). For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, administrative assistant, at (571) 516-3170.

### **Science Fair Judges Needed**

Do you love science and like to inspire young minds? All Saints needs judges for the 7th Grade Science Fair on February 16th, 2023. The Science Fair is in the Parish Activity Center from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. In order to maintain fairness, judges should not have a middle school student competing in the science fair. Come join us and see what mysteries of science our students have discovered. Please sign up via this link: [Science Fair Judges Signup](#).

### ***Extended Day – End of Year Financial Statements***

Parents of students who attended the Extended Day Program during the 2022 calendar year and who are interested in requesting a year-end statement, may contact Ms. Reardon for more information at [creardon@allsaintsva.org](mailto:creardon@allsaintsva.org).

## **Important Reminders**

### **Uniform Reminders**

After coming back from a restful break and heading into this second half of our school year, this is a good opportunity to review uniform guidelines. Please ensure that students are looking their best by having the young men wear belts and button their shirts all the way to the top when wearing a tie with the regular uniform. The young ladies need to make sure that headbands and hair ties match the uniform guidelines and that they wear only small post earrings. As a reminder, all students should be in solid, black athletic shoes without any other colors. If you have questions, please refer to the *Parent-Student Handbook* or contact your child's homeroom teacher. As always, we thank you for your partnership!

### **Catholic Schools Week – Food Drive**

Beginning on Sunday, January 29, All Saints will join with schools across our country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. One of the activities planned for that week will be a food drive to benefit the St. Lucy Food Pantry of our parish. Students are invited to bring the following items to school on Monday, January 30.

Grades PreK-5 – Jelly

Grades 6-8 – Peanut Butter

### **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.

For more information about this position or to apply, please contact the principal at [dconroy@allsaintsva.org](mailto:dconroy@allsaintsva.org).

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **March 1, 2023**. Note: This is a change from the originally announced date of February 1. 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 link below.

#### TUITION ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

<b>Due Dates:</b>	
<b>Elementary/Middle School Students</b>	<b>March 15, 2023</b>
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required</i>	<b>2022</b>
<b>High School Students</b>	
* 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>	<b>2021</b>
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted AFTER due date</i>	<b>2022</b>

\*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**

### **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

### **Monday, January 30**

Catholic Schools Week Food Drive

Grades PK-5 – Jelly

Grades 6-8 – Peanut Butter

### **Tuesday, January 31**

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

### **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)

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Picture Day – Teams, Clubs, and Candida

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

**Wednesday, February 8**

Spelling Bee (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

**Thursday, February 9**

Enrollment Management Team Meeting – Rescheduled from February 16 (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

**Friday, February 10**

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

**Saturday, February 11**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sacrament of First Reconciliation (10:00 a.m.)

VEX IQ Tournament (Prince William County Fairgrounds)

**Tuesday, February 14**

Dress Down Day to Benefit the Band Trip (\$2.00)

Senior's Luncheon

**Thursday, February 16**

Science Fair (PAC)

**Friday, February 17**

School Mass – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (8:30 a.m.)

**Monday, February 20**

Holiday – Presidents' Day