



All Saints Catholic School

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Sentinel Newsletter

February 1, 2023

Principal's Message

A number of weeks ago, I stopped by one of the first grade classrooms during one of my walks around the building to witness firsthand what the students were learning. Just as I entered the room, the children were asked the following question:

What are the basic needs to survive?

It was a reminder to me of the essential needs that we all share that must be met in order to live fully and to learn each day, such as the need for food, water, shelter, etc. Little did I expect that a first grader would quickly raise his hand and respond with the following:

Jesus in the Eucharist!

It was a powerful moment and one in which the very heart of Catholic education was communicated by a young student who had clearly heard the message and was eager to share it.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, indeed, it is a time for us to recognize the gift of Catholic education, one from which our students benefit so greatly. As they live and share the message of the Gospel over the course of weeks, months, and years, it literally becomes ever more a part of the fabric of their lives, providing a foundation for all of their future years.

On this occasion of Catholic Schools Week, I wish to acknowledge and thank the faculty and staff for all that they do each day to support our mission and to meet the needs of the children entrusted to our care. At a time when the work of education remains exceedingly challenging, they continue to labor each day with great dedication, care, and joy. I also wish to thank our parent community, particularly the PTO, for partnering so closely with us and supporting our efforts to create such a wonderful environment for our students and families.

On behalf of our pastor, Father Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff, thank you for choosing All Saints Catholic School for your family. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of February: Honesty

Definition: Being trustworthy and true

Saints: Blessed Jacinta & Francesco Marto (PK-2), St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Gr. 3-5), St. Athanasius (Gr. 6-8)

February Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - February 2023](#)

Important Reminders

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.

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. (creardon@allsaintsva.org)

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 School Principal Mr. David Conroy, at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

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.

Running with the Saints 5K T-Shirt Art Contest

All Saints *Running with the Saints 5K* will be held on Saturday, April 1. We need your help in designing the artwork for our 2023 official race T-shirt. Artwork must be submitted along with the form below to Mrs. Kruppa in the front office by February 28, 2023.

- WHO: All students are invited to participate.
- WHAT: Design original artwork for the front of the 5K T-shirts
- DETAILS: Paper size: 8 1/2 x 11, white paper
- DESIGN: Black and White or 2-color artwork / Please include NO TEXT
Medium: Dark Pencil, Ink, Marker, Dark Crayon
- PRIZES: 1st Place: \$10 gift card / 2nd & 3rd Place: \$5 gift card

The deadline to submit entries is February 28, 2023.

[Running with the Saints 5K T-Shirt Art Contest Form](#)

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 and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Judges, in order to maintain fairness, 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](#)

Upcoming Events

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

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

2nd Grade Sacrament of First Reconciliation (10:00 a.m.)

VEX IQ Robotics Tournament (Prince William County Fairgrounds)

Tuesday, February 14

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

Senior's Luncheon (4th Grade)

Valentine's Day Class Parties – Grades K-5 (2:00 p.m.)

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

Tuesday, February 21

Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (PAC/2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 22

School Mass – Ash Wednesday (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, February 23

PTO General Assembly Meeting – Presentation: *Heaven in Your Home* – Part II (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Monday, February 27

Spirit Week – Sponsored by SCA

Tuesday, February 28

Deadline: 5K Art Contest

Wednesday, March 1

FACTS Payment: Continuous Enrollment Fee for 2023-2024

Thursday, March 2

Bookworm Book Fair Opens

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

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

Friday, March 3

School Mass – Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel

Uniform Exchange Sale (8:00 – 10:30 a.m./2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)