



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

February 8, 2023

Principal's Message

Just prior to the Christmas holiday, we provided all K-8 students with credentials to access First in Math, an online math program designed to reinforce fact fluency, conceptual thinking, and problem solving skills. Since that time, it is estimated that our students have solved more than 1 million math problems and spent more than 3,000 hours completing math related tasks. I am very proud of all of our students for their enthusiastic participation and for the gains that I know they will be demonstrating in their math proficiency.

Although our school has been participating in the program for just over one month, our students have already achieved impressive state-wide rankings. As of today, All Saints Catholic School is ranked #2 in the state for the number of math problems completed. Additionally, some of our students are now ranked within the top 100 in the state, including Connor P. who is currently ranked second!

Although we intentionally initiated the program with a “soft launch”, the students have demonstrated an eagerness to participate and to gain recognition as a class and among their peers.

In an effort to sustain this momentum and to build a culture of excellence in math, this week we have begun a process of regularly recognizing students for achievement in First in Math.

Each Monday morning at 7:00 a.m., we will check the online dashboard and identify the “Class of the Week”. As we begin the day, we will announce the class after which we will present the First in Math Trophy which will travel from class to class each week.

We also look forward to announcing the individual achievements of students, such as those who earn recognition as “Mathematicians” for completing 9,000 math problems, of which there are already 47 in our school! Stay tuned.... we’re just getting started!

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PTO General Assembly Meeting (February 23)

The next PTO General Assembly Meeting will take place on Thursday, February 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. We look forward to welcoming back Soren and Ever Johnson for their second presentation in their series entitled *Heaven in Your Home*. Plan to join us for what will be both an inspiring and practical presentation for parents as they strive to nurture the faith life of their families.

Open House – March 2 (7:00 p.m.)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 2 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (571) 516-3170 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

12th Annual Catholic Cup

All Saints students gathered last week to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith in the school's 12th Annual Catholic Cup. The following winners of classroom competitions from grades 4-8 advanced to the final round of the Catholic Cup, an academic-style competition with questions related to Catholic theology and teaching.

Shaela P. (4A)

Quinton V. (4B)

Noah P. (5A)

Angel U. (5B)

Mark Tessier (6A)

Alisha K. (6B)

Emily M. (7A)

Junior A. (7B)

Anne T. (8A)

Breydon P. (8B)

Gianna G. (8B/Alternate)

Congratulations to our 2023 Catholic Cup winner Quinton V. and to our first runner-up, Anne T.

We thank Fr. Daniel, Mrs. Bill, and Mrs. Starrs for serving as judges. We also thank Mr. Tessier and Mrs. Bill for serving as event coordinators. This uplifting event provided a wonderful way for all of our students, those directly participating and those in the audience, to celebrate their knowledge of our Catholic faith.

Dress Down Day Band Fund Raiser

Please remind your student that they can participate in a Valentine's Day dress down day for \$2.00 on Tuesday, February 14th. This dress down day is for the whole school, and the money raised will help support the band's trip to Pennsylvania for the High Note Music Festival. Be sure to urge your students to participate!

Valentine's Day Raffle

There is still time to purchase your ticket for the Valentine's Day Raffle going on now through February 14. See our flyer for more details.

[Valentine's Day Raffle Flyer](#)

Important Reminders

Continuous Enrollment Program Fee

The Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on **March 1, 2023**.

The completion of the contract and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

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.](#)

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.

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

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.)

School-Wide Rosary for the 2nd Year of Preparation for the Golden Jubilee of our Diocese

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

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

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 (8:30 a.m.)

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

Monday, March 6

Lenten Confessions – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

Virginia Statewide Tornado Drill (9:45 a.m.)

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, March 9

School Mass – St. Frances of Rome (8:30 a.m.)

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)

End of Trimester II

Friday, March 10

No School (Professional Development Day)