



# All Saints Catholic School

*My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

## The Sentinel Newsletter

February 22, 2023

### Principal's Message

Today, Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. Again this year, our school community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

Each of the students has received a cardboard rice bowl into which they can place their donations during Lent. All of the funds will benefit CRS Rice Bowl which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Relief Services is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion, or nationality.

While the act of sacrificial giving is an important part of our Lenten tradition, the experience takes on even greater meaning when our students understand the plight of those less fortunate and recognize the difference that they can make to alleviate suffering. So that the children may develop this appreciation of the needs of those around the world, each week of Lent the teachers will lead discussions and lessons using the materials made available by Catholic Relief Services. It is our hope that these conversations will inspire sacrificial giving among our students as they place their contributions into their Rice Bowls. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to convert the contributions from their children into a check to be submitted to All Saints after which our school will forward all of the funds to the diocese.

Here are some strategies that you may wish to consider in shaping your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the online *Stories of Hope* and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey and guide your Lenten almsgiving.

- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Recipes for simple meals can be found on the CRS website.

For more information, including spiritual reflections, short video presentations on the topic of Lent, and virtual Stations of the Cross, please see the link below.

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Again this year, we will introduce our students to the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, another devotion of our Church. With this in mind, we will pray the modified prayer found below at the close of the day in place of the *Hail Mary* on Fridays during Lent.

Helpful resources and the history of the Divine Mercy Chaplet can be found at the following link.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

### ***My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!***

#### ***Divine Mercy Prayer***

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

*For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*Jesus, I trust in you.*

#### **Band Program Intern**

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Jeffrey Roskos is interning with Mr. Ward on Tuesdays, our band lesson day. Mr. Roskos is presently retiring from the military as a trumpeter with the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. He is considering teaching instrumental music when he is fully discharged from the Army.

Welcome Mr. Roskos to our band program! It is truly an honor having you at our school and involved in the band program.

### **FACTS Enrollment Fee Adjustment**

Since 2017, FACTS enrollment fees have remained steady as the company has delivered a number of enhancements to their platform. In order to continue providing parents with industry-leading technology and support, FACTS will be adjusting the enrollment fees for tuition management and incidental billing plans for 2023-2024 as listed below:

3+ Payments per Year	\$55.00
2 Payments per Year	\$25.00
Payment in Full	\$25.00

### ***CYO Volleyball Registration***

CYO volleyball is almost here! Registration for girls in grades 3-8 for the upcoming spring season is February 24th through March 10th and is \$40 per player. VIRTUS approved coaches are needed. Please consider serving in this important role. For more information, please contact Mrs. Liu at [tliu@allsaintsva.org](mailto:tliu@allsaintsva.org).

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues>

## **Important Reminders**

### ***PTO General Assembly Meeting (Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.)***

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.

**Dress Down Day Incentive:** By attending the *Heaven in Your Home* presentation on Thursday evening, your child(ren) can participate in a special Dress Down Day on Friday, February 24.

### **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.

**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](mailto:mrodriguez@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 the principal at [dconroy@allsaintsva.org](mailto: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 <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).

### **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](#)

***Running with the Saints 5K***

Race registration and sponsorship is now open for All Saints Catholic School's annual ***Running with the Saints 5K***. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 8:00AM. Runners and walkers of all ability levels are welcome!

Starting at All Saints Catholic School, our race course winds through nearby Manassas neighborhoods. The event features RaceWire timing for race enthusiasts, musical entertainment, and a family-friendly atmosphere.

**Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 8:00 AM**

All Saints Catholic School  
9294 Stonewall Rd — Manassas

**Early Bird Pricing ends 2/28:**

Adults: \$25 / Children: \$15

Link to Race Registration:

<https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13396>

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

The ***Running with the Saints 5K*** provides an excellent opportunity to promote your business while supporting All Saints' students and teachers. By becoming a Race Sponsor, you can advertise your goods and services to race participants and the All Saints community, a parish of over 7,100 local families.

See below for details on sponsorship packages and learn how your business can support this fun, family-friendly community event!

***Sponsorship levels available for all budgets!***

**Link to Online Sponsorship Information/Form:**

<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-6355335/>

### **Used Uniform Sale**

All Saints PTO will be hosting a used uniform sale on Friday, March 3rd in the PAC during the following times:

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

This is a great opportunity to get ready for the upcoming transition to Spring uniforms on April 3, 2023.

### **Interested in Volunteering?**

If you are VIRTUS certified and would like to volunteer, please email Mrs. Samantha Steketee at [samanthastek@gmail.com](mailto:samanthastek@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, February 23**

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

### **Friday, February 24**

Dress Down Day for Students whose Parents attended the PTO Meeting

### **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**

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)

**Monday, March 13**

Lenten Confessions – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, March 14**

Seniors' Luncheon

**Wednesday, March 15**

Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)

**Deadline: FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for Elementary Schools**

**Thursday, March 16**

Spirit Wear Day

Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

**Friday, March 17**

School Mass – Feast of St. Patrick (8:30 a.m.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat for Boys

**Saturday, March 18**

Diocesan Job Fair (St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School/9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

**Monday, March 20**

Bread of Life Food Drive Kick-Off Assembly (8:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, March 23**

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.)



**Friday, March 24**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat for Girls