



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

January 11, 2023

Principal's Message

Prior to the Christmas holiday, we provided all of our students in grades K-8 with access to First in Math, a new online learning tool at All Saints that reinforces computational fluency and problem-solving skills. We invited students to explore the system and the many math games available so as to become familiar with the online platform. Most importantly, we just wanted the students to enjoy the site and to experience how exciting math can be.

I'm pleased to share that as of today, our students have completed more than 225,000 math problems and spent a combined estimated total of 625 hours on the system. Given the fact that there has been no expectation or requirement for completion of this online work and no incentive provided, this is a remarkable start to this implementation process. I am very proud of our students and the excitement they are sharing for learning more about math at All Saints. And, in doing so, they are reminding all of us at the start of this new year of the joy found in learning and the wonderful sense of success that we experience when completing something both challenging and meaningful.

Related to this, last Thursday our teachers participated in a training session hosted by First in Math. With the knowledge and skills acquired through that presentation, we will be discussing class level goals during the professional development day on Friday and taking the next step in introducing this program to our students. We look forward to sharing more details in the weeks ahead!

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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.

Jelly – Grades PreK-5

Peanut Butter – Grades 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.

For more information about this position or to apply, please contact the principal at 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 **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 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.

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, January 30

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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

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

VEX IQ Tournament (Prince William County Fairgrounds)