



All Saints Catholic School

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Sentinel Newsletter

April 19, 2023

Principal's Message

I hope that all of you enjoyed a very blessed Easter holiday and a wonderful time of rest and relaxation with your family. With the bright sunshine and warmer temperatures, we are reminded that the close of the school year is approaching, but many opportunities for growth and learning for our students remain as we look ahead to the final two months.

As we continue to finalize the end of year calendar, I wish to confirm that school will dismiss at noon on Tuesday, June 6, the day of 8th Grade Graduation. This will allow the faculty and staff time to prepare for the event that will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the church. This addition to the calendar, as well as all of the traditions that are such an important part of Graduation Day, are included in the list of end of year events found below.

This Friday we welcome Bishop Burbidge to our school as he spends the morning visiting with our faculty, staff, and students. All students are reminded to wear the regular summer uniform rather than the P.E. uniform that day.

After celebrating Mass at 8:30 a.m., Bishop will meet with the students by grade levels in the gym and atrium of the Parish Activities Center. Following a noon dismissal, during which he will greet students and parents, Bishop will enjoy lunch with the faculty and staff in the Parish Activities Center.

We look forward to this special day of visitation and give thanks to God for Bishop Burbidge's continued leadership of our diocese.

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18th Annual Race for Education

This year's Race for Education will be held on Thursday, May 4. It's not too late for your student to earn rewards for their fundraising efforts. Register your students today at pledgestar.com/saints. PledgeStar makes the registration process quick and simple. With your help we can reach our school goal of raising \$35,000 for PTO initiatives that directly benefit students and faculty throughout the year. We need your help to make this year's Race a success.

Register today, and we look forward to seeing you on Race Day to help cheer the students on!

End of Year Calendar & Events

Thursday, May 25	Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten
Friday, May 26	Field Day – Grades K-8 (On Site - All Saints)
Tuesday, June 6	8 th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 8	Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 9	Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7 Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.) <u>Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal</u>
Monday, June 12	Professional Development Day for Teachers
Tuesday, June 13	Professional Development Day for Teachers

National Drug Take Back Day

This Saturday, April 22nd is National Drug take Back Day, where you are able to safely dispose of medications no longer in use. This free, “no questions asked” opportunity is conducted twice yearly. It has proven to be a safe way to rid home medicine chests of unused prescription drugs often linked to misuse. Managed by Virginia State Police, drop-off sites accept tablets, capsules, patches and other solid forms of medication. Once batteries are removed, the sites also accept vape pens and other e-cigarette devices. **Sharps, illegal drugs, liquids including intravenous solutions and syringes cannot be accepted.** All drugs brought to these locations are disposed of in a secure, environmentally friendly, safe manner.

Please copy and paste the web address below to your browser to find a drop-off site near you.

<https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s1>

Trail Life USA Troop and American Heritage Girl Troop Event

All Saints is starting up a Trail Life USA Troop and American Heritage Girl Troop for boys and girls 5 to 18 year old. Both scouting organizations focus on character development, building courageous young men and women to honor God, leadership with integrity, the service of others, and the experience of

outdoor adventure. If your family is interested in learning more, please come to our kickoff event next Saturday April 22 from 12-4. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

[Trail Life USA Troop and American Heritage Girl Troop Flyer](#)

All Saints Parish Festival 2023

The Parish Festival is back this year! We are asking each parishioner to consider volunteering or donating to our Parish Festival on April 28 & 29 in some way.

Whether it be helping with setup or cleanup, working two hours in a game booth, donating a baked good for the bake shop or cake walk, or donating prizes or items for our games, silent auction, white elephant, and use book sale ... there must be some way that you can contribute to one of our largest community events and fund-raisers.

This event is a lot of fun and a great way to get involved in parish life. Individuals and families are encouraged to volunteer. Teenagers (13 and older) are welcome to volunteer; there will be adult supervision. Children ages 10-12 may volunteer with their parent. Seventh graders who will be making their Confirmation at All Saints next year are encouraged to complete one Corporal Work of Mercy, for a minimum of 10 hours. Why not start at the Parish Festival!

Sign-ups will be done via *Flocknote*. Please visit allsaintsvachurch.org and sign up to volunteer/donate as follows:

- [Donate Baked Goods, Cakes, Gift Baskets, Game Prizes](#)
- [Volunteer for White Elephant Sale, Book Fair](#)
- [Volunteer for Games, Bake Shop, Book Sale – Friday](#)
- [Volunteer for Games, Bake Shop, Book Sale – Saturday](#)

For questions regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Linda Gaynord at 571-516-3140 or lgaynord@allsaintsva.org.

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.

Marymount University Annual Stem Event

Please see the link below for more information.

[Marymount University Annual Stem Event](#)

Art, Drama, Musical Theatre Camps for K-12

Returning July 10-21, **Broadway Spotlight** and **Drama Bootcamp** trains campers in Acting, Improv, Song & Dance and concludes their week with a show for families! **Art Camps** incorporate many special projects in different mediums that all go on display in an end of week Art Show. Most of the professional instructors teach in our Diocesan Schools and bring a myriad of experience in their specialties.

Camps are designed to be both fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts within a safe environment.

Through April 15th, ***all camps are \$25 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.*** Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

[SUMMER CAMP](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

Bishop Burbidge School Visit

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

Saturday, April 22

Creation Care Club visit to Leopold's Reserve

Monday, April 24

Kindergarten Screening **(No Pre-K or Kindergarten Classes)**

Tuesday, April 25

ACRE Testing for Grades 5 & 8

Wednesday, April 26

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Thursday, April 27

SCA Sponsored Book Character Day

Friday, April 28

School Mass – Memorial of St. Louis De Montfort (8:30 a.m.)

Mid-Point of Trimester III

Noon Dismissal (Parish Festival Preparation)

Saturday, April 29

Parish Festival

Monday, May 1

NWEA – MAP Testing for Grades 3-7 Begins

Tuesday, May 2

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

Thursday, May 4

18th Annual Race for Education

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 5

School Mass & May Crowning (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation & 2nd Grade Communion Photos (9:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal Day (Professional Development)**Tuesday, May 9**

8th Grade World Language Exam

Wednesday, May 10

Race for Education Awards Ceremony (2:00 p.m.)

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

Thursday, May 11

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Spring Choral Concert (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 12

Band Trip (Hershey Park)

8th Grade Class Trip (Annapolis)

Tuesday, May 16

Band Concert (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 18

Art Show (PAC/4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)