



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

April 26, 2023

Principal's Message

This weekend the Parish Festival at All Saints will take place on Friday (5:00 -9:00 p.m.) and Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.). In order that the planning committee may prepare the building and grounds for this special event, parents are reminded that school will dismiss at noon on Friday. Additionally, the following changes will be in effect for the school.

Extended Day – The program will relocate to the Art and Music Rooms for the after school session on Thursday and for both the before and after school sessions on Friday.

- Parents arriving to pick up their children in the afternoon on Thursday are asked to park in the back lot near the ramp leading to the double glass doors at the rear of the building. Drop-off of students for the morning session on Friday will occur at this same location.
- On Friday afternoon, parents are asked to park in the church parking lot and to enter the school via the front doors. With the Parish Festival beginning at 5:00 p.m., we are encouraging parents to pick up their children by that time.

Gym, Father Kelley Hall, and Library – These areas will be closed to student and staff access throughout the day on Friday as Festival Committee Members set-up for the event. (Note: The doors leading into the school from the old breezeway will be locked throughout the day with no volunteer access to the instructional areas of the school building.)

Thank you for your patience and extra efforts as we prepare for the return of this wonderful parish tradition. We hope to see many of you at the Festival this weekend!

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FACTS Enrollment & Tuition Assistance Update

As we make plans for the upcoming school year, one of our priorities is that of continuing to provide as much tuition assistance as possible for families in our community. In support of this effort, we have

submitted applications on behalf of our school families for funding through the *Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation* and the *St. Beatrice Special Tuition Assistance Program*. Diocesan allocations related to these sources of tuition assistance will be confirmed over the course of the next month. Once we receive this information, we will finalize decisions regarding tuition assistance and notify those families who have applied for financial aid accordingly.

The FACTS Tuition re-enrollment process for 2023-2024 and selection of online tuition payment plans will occur during May. The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is Friday, June 9.

May Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - May 2023

School Calendar 2023-2024 (Important Dates & Holidays)

August 23	First Day of School – Grades K-8 (Noon Dismissal)
August 28	First Day of School – Pre-Kindergarten
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
October 9	Columbus Day Holiday
October 27	Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)
November 10	Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
November 13	Student Holiday (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
November 21	Noon Dismissal (Thanksgiving Holiday)
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27	Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
December 21	Christmas Holiday Begins
January 3	Classes Resume
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 2	Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)
February 16	Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)
February 19	Presidents’ Day Holiday
March 8	Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)
March 28	Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)
March 29	Good Friday Holiday
April 1	Easter Week Holiday
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
June 13	Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 (Tentative/3 Inclement Weather Days Included)

Important Reminders

Race for Education

This year's Race for Education is next week! On Thursday, May 4, students in all grades will be running or walking laps along a race course on the school grounds, competing for most laps finished.

Well into the second half of our Race for Education fundraiser, we remain far short of our \$35,000 goal. With your help we can reach our school goal.

We are encouraging those school families that have yet to participate to set a goal of contacting three potential sponsors this week. No matter the amount, any donation will make a huge difference in our fundraising efforts.

Please visit pledgestar.com/saints today and share your student's personal fundraising page with family and friends.

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

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.

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 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

First Communion Rehearsals (6:00 & 7:00 p.m.)

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 (Professional Development)

Saturday, May 6

First Communion (11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.)

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.)

Confirmation Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)

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

Friday, May 12

Band Trip (Hershey Park)

8th Grade Class Trip (Annapolis)

Monday, May 15

Confirmation Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)

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.)

Saturday, May 20

Confirmation (10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

School Mass – Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable (8:30 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten

Friday, May 26

Field Day (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)