



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

May 10, 2023

Principal's Message

This week we congratulate our second grade students who received their First Communion on Saturday. We pray that this will continue to be a particularly grace-filled time in their lives and that they will each remain close to Jesus now and always. I wish to thank Mrs. Sgro and Miss Walker for preparing our students so well for this most special occasion.

We also wish to congratulate the following four students in our school who received their Sacraments of Christian Initiation on Saturday morning and were welcomed into the Catholic Church.

Enrique C. (8th Grade)

Angelina C. (3rd Grade)

Liam E. (3rd Grade)

Alyssa W. (2nd Grade)

Thanks to the generous support of parents, relatives, and friends of All Saints, we exceeded our goal of raising \$35,000 through the annual *Race for Education*. We are pleased to share that, as of today, we have received a total of \$40,302 in contributions. We are so grateful for this community-wide support which funds and sustains the great work of our PTO in providing resources that benefit our students and teachers.

I wish to thank Mrs. Kelly Ballard and Mrs. Laura Burroughs, event co-chairs, for all that they did to make the Race such a success. Through on-going and creative messaging to the community, they raised awareness of the event and promoted a strong level of support among school families. These efforts, as well as the daily monitoring and processing of contributions, required many hours of dedicated service. We thank them for their commitment to this initiative and for all that they did to organize such a wonderful day for the students.

Despite the surprise of “pop-up” showers during the second session of the Race, the day was a great success with many parents, grandparents, and volunteers gathered to support the event and to cheer on our runners. We look forward to acknowledging our student winners at an Awards Ceremony in the Parish Activities Center at 2:00 p.m. today. And to celebrate the success of the event, we even have a special “surprise assembly” planned for the students on Monday!

As we approach the close of the year, I also want to provide a couple of additional updates regarding staffing. Mrs. Bill, middle school math teacher, has decided to resign at the end of the academic year. We thank her for fifteen years of dedicated service, the time during which she has taught 5th grade and middle school math. Additionally, she has served as the moderator of the National Junior Honor Society, leader of the Middle School Team, and member of both the Crisis Management Team and Continuity of Mission Task Force. She has supported our mission in countless ways and we are grateful for her many years of service. As she prepares to relocate this summer and to pursue new opportunities, we wish her every continued success and blessing.

I also wish to announce that Mrs. Pettyjohn, our technology specialist, has also decided to resign at the end of the year in order to pursue another position. With her extensive experience in technology and databases used in our diocese, she contributed significantly to the daily operations of our school and the learning taking place in the classrooms. I am particularly grateful for her work as a member of the Task Force that helped the school pivot multiple times during the pandemic and her management of our one-to-one device program. As she prepares to step into a new role, we wish her all the very best.

Field Day Flyer & Lunch Order Form

Field Day for students in grades K-8 will take place on Friday, May 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at All Saints. The day will start as a regular school day with arrival beginning at 7:40 a.m. However, dismissal will take place at 1:00 p.m.

Extended Day services will be available both before and after school. For additional details about this annual event, including a form for placing lunch orders, please see the link below.

[FIELD DAY FLYER](#)

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School Supplies (2023-2024)

There are two ways to purchase school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. **Shop on your own**

You can do your shopping on your own using our [2023-2024 School Supply List](#) as your guide.

2. **Purchase online through EPI**

All Saints is pleased to offer school supply kits as a convenient way to purchase exactly what your child needs for the classroom. Supply kits will be delivered to your child's classroom prior to the start of school. Order securely online starting now through June 30, 2023.

- Go to educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
- Enter the school ID, ALL088 (3 letters/ 3 numbers)
- Follow the directions to complete your order.
- Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Please Note — Orders have not been finalized if you do not receive an order confirmation. Please save the order confirmation as your receipt.

Please remember to order NEXT year's grade level for your student.

[EPI School Supply Order Flyer](#)

If you have any questions about school supplies, please contact Miss Mallon at amallon@allsaintsva.org

Important Reminders

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

PTO General Assembly Meeting – May 24 (7:00 p.m.)

Join us for the final General Assembly PTO Meeting of the school year as Soren and Ever Johnson present the third session of the *Heaven in Your Home* workshop series. Even if you were unable to participate in the first two presentations, please plan to attend to learn practical strategies for supporting and strengthening the faith life of your family. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center.

Stewardship Shares Program ~ Year End Totals

This year each family at All Saints has once again been asked to earn 25 Stewardship Shares. Those who are unable to do so are asked to submit a check at the conclusion of the year for any outstanding “shares” that remain. (1 share = \$20.00)

As we approach the end of the year, parents are reminded to update their “shares total” online so that the database accurately reflects their contributions over the course of the entire year.

During the month of May, the office will issue individualized letters to each family, confirming the number of shares reflected in the school database. For this reason, we ask that those families who have not recently updated their totals to do so by **Wednesday, May 10.**

Employment Opportunities (2023-2024)

All Saints Catholic School is seeking applicants for the following positions for the upcoming school year.

1st Grade Teacher

Middle School Literature Teacher

Technology Specialist

Resource Teacher (Grades 4-8)

Instructional Assistants

For more information or to apply for any of these positions, please contact Mr. Conroy at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

FACTS Enrollment – Payment Plans (2023-2024)

During May we will confirm FACTS tuition payment plans for the upcoming school year. Any returning family that wishes to change their schedule of payments for 2023-2024 is asked to notify Mrs. Neri (vneri@allsaintsva.org) by May 19. Otherwise, we will apply your current payment schedule to the upcoming school year.

Reminder: The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is Friday, June 9.

2023-2024 Tuition Schedule

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 this month. Once we receive this information, we will finalize decisions regarding tuition assistance and notify those families who have applied for financial aid accordingly.

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)

Virtus Session - Keeping Our Children Safe

Do you know the warning signs for the sexual abuse of children?

Do you know the difference between contact that is safe and contact that could be harmful? Would you like to be better equipped to protect your young ones from danger?

All Saints is hosting a Virtus (pronounced vur-toose) seminar on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in the PAC beginning promptly at 6:00 pm — four hours that could make a BIG difference in the lives of our children and youth. Required for all clergy and employees and for any volunteers who have significant contact with children or youth under 18, this valuable training is available to all adults who register online at www.virtus.org. Parents of young children, especially, could benefit from the information presented.

If you have any questions, please call Cristina Jimenez at 703-881-6914 or via email at cjimenez@allsaintsva.org

Education and awareness can be powerful tools in protecting God's children from harm. Let's continue working to ensure that our faith community is a safe and protected environment for the youngest members of our parish.

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.

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

SUMMER CAMP

Upcoming Events

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 – 8th Grade Musical (Note: Performance time changed to 1:30 p.m.)

Confirmation Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 12

Band Trip (Hershey Park)

8th Grade Class Trip (Annapolis)

School-Wide Rosary in Courtyard (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, May 15

Surprise Assembly for Students (Race for Education)

Confirmation Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 16

Band Concert (PAC/2:00 & 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 17

SCA Election Speeches (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, May 18

Art Show (PAC/4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Deadline: PTO Nominations

Saturday, May 20

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

Monday, May 22

4th Grade Field Trip (Richmond Science Museum)

5th Grade Field Trip (Luray Caverns)

7th Grade Field Trip (Mount Vernon)

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.)

Monday, May 29

Holiday – Memorial Day

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

School Mass – Memorial of Saints Marcellinus & Peter (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, June 3

Algebra Exemption Exam

Tuesday, June 6

Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.)

Graduation Breakfast for 8th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Grades K-7)

8th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)

End of Year Classroom Parties (1:30 p.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.)

Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)

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