# The Sentinel Newsletter

June 7, 2023

### **Principal's Message**

Yesterday afternoon, families and friends gathered with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2023 to celebrate their successful completion of our program and to wish them continued blessings as they transition to high school.

The ceremony represented an important milestone for our graduates and their families, many of whom have been part of our community for the past decade. Whether their children joined our school in Pre-Kindergarten or at another grade level, they have all been an important part of our story and we are grateful that they chose All Saints.

With this in mind, it is a tradition for us to acknowledge those families who have been in our school for more than ten years and whose youngest child has now graduated. As such, we wish to recognize and thank the following families for their commitment to All Saints through the years.

Iskenderoglu Family (12 Years)
Kennedy Family (12 Years)
Mendiola Family (12 Years)
Ramirez-Ramos (12 Years)
Rennolds Family (12 Years)
Ribeiro Family (12 Years)
Gomez Family (19 Years)

To all of our families, I wish to say that it is a great joy to have your children enrolled in our school. We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with you, their first teachers, in providing for their education and formation. Working with your children each day, we share with you the privilege of inspiring the hearts and minds of the future.

As this academic year draws to a close, I want to once again thank the faculty and staff for their tremendous dedication. Each day they provide our students with a caring, supportive, and engaging learning environment. And most importantly, each day they lead our students closer to Christ through their teaching and example.

As the academic year draws to a close, plans are well underway for 2023-2024 and what will be another exciting year of faith formation and learning for our students. I look forward to sharing periodic updates with you over the course of the summer and in August will provide many important details regarding the new school year. In the meantime, should you have any questions or if the office staff can be of assistance to you during the summer break, please do not hesitate to let us know.

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff, I wish all of you a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

### My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

# **Employment Opportunities (2023-2024)**

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

Kindergarten Teacher
1st Grade Teacher
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Middle School Literature Teacher
Technology Specialist
Instructional Assistants

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

Parents seeking part or full time employment are invited to consider joining our team! In addition to having the opportunity of working in a joy-filled and mission-focused environment, employees may be eligible for diocesan benefits as well as tuition discounts at All Saints Catholic School.

### Race for Education - Final Totals

Thanks to the generous support of families in our community, as well as friends and family members around the country, we exceeded out fundraising goal for the 2023 Race for Education. We are pleased to announce that we received a total of \$40,747 in contributions, which will be applied to the excellent work of the PTO in providing meaningful support to our students and teachers.

This week we have sent a check to St. Jude Children's Research in the amount of \$2,038.00, which is 5% of the total proceeds.

Thank you to our co-chairs, Mrs. Kelly Ballard and Mrs. Laura Burroughs, for all that they did to contribute to the success of this event. And thank you to the many parents and community members who so generously supported the effort!

### **Important Calendar Changes for 2023-2024**

There have been two important changes to the school calendar for the upcoming year.

Since the diocese has recently announced that Friday, November 10 will be a diocesan holiday, there will be no school that day and the noon dismissal & parent-teacher conferences will be moved to Thursday, November 9.

Secondly, school will be closed on Friday, April 26 in preparation for the Parish Festival.

In order to reschedule these two days of closure, school will be open on Thursday, December 21 with a noon dismissal to begin the Christmas holiday and the tentative final day of the school year has been moved to Friday, June 14.

Note: All of these changes are reflected in the calendar found below.

#### **END OF YEAR INFORMATION**

## **Extended Day Program**

Extended Day services will continue through Thursday, June 8.

There will be no Extended Day Program on Friday, June 9. All students will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up if you anticipate being unavailable at that time.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards and awards will be issued on the final day of school, June 9. Since the office will have a record of your child's final grades at the close of the year, you may retain these cards.

### **Reminders from the Nurse**

Medication pick up will be available the last two days of school. Please check in with Mrs. Kruppa before going to the nurse's office to pick up any medication. Any remaining medication will be kept at the front desk for a week and then disposed of, in accordance with diocesan policy.

Please remember that any rising 7th Graders will need the mandatory Meningococcal and DTap vaccines for entry to the new school year. Kindly include their annual School Health Entrance Form with these immunizations listed. All rising Kindergartners will need a new School Health Entrance Form and immunizations for the new school year.

**NOTE:** While Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students require a new School Health Entrance Form **before** the first day of school, students of *ALL* grades should provide a School Health Entrance form following their annual school physical.

Forms for the 2023-2024 school year can be found on the Nurse's Page on our website. Please note that forms must be renewed every year, including medication administration forms. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Nowakowski at <a href="mailto:knowakowski@allsaintsva.org">knowakowski@allsaintsva.org</a>

### **Summer Office Hours**

The school office will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. during the months of June and August. Should you need to contact school personnel during the summer months, please do not hesitate to leave a voicemail message or contact us via email. We will make every effort to assist you in a timely manner.

### Important Dates for the Upcoming Year

- Orientation Day (Students and parents are invited to visit the school, meet new teachers, and pick up supply orders.) Monday, August 21
- ◆ First Day of School ~ Noon Dismissal (Grades K-8) Wednesday, August 23
- ◆ 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Back-to School Barbecue hosted by the PTO Friday, August 25 (5:30 p.m.)
- ♦ First Day of Pre-Kindergarten Monday, August 28

## **Important Reminders**

# **FACTS Enrollment & Tuition Assistance Update**

Recently we finalized FACTS payment plans for the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that the balance due does not yet reflect any tuition assistance allocations. Once tuition assistance awards are confirmed, we will notify families who have applied and adjust the corresponding payment plans accordingly. We anticipate completing this process within the next week.

### **Summer Learning Program**

The Summer Learning Program is now available and can be found on our website and at the link below. All assignments and activities are posted by grade level and available in digital format for ease of access. There are both reading and math assignments.

In an effort to more effectively target the learning levels of each student, the reading assignments are differentiated by level with corresponding follow up activities.

All current students will have access to *First in Math* during the summer months and are encouraged to continue practicing their fact fluency and problem solving skills.

### **SUMMER LEARNING 2023**

### 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 educational products.com/shoppacks
- Enter the school ID, ALLO88 (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.

### School Calendar 2023-2024 (Important Dates & Holidays)

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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)

### All About Totally Catholic Stellar VBS!

Get ready to launch your kids into an out-of-this-world adventure! At Totally Catholic Stellar VBS, kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. Stellar is filled with awesome experiences where kids learn more about their Catholic faith with team building games, unforgettable music, amazing experiments and tasty treats.

Stellar VBS will be held at All Saints from June 26-June 29, Monday-Thursday from 6:00pm- 8:30pm. All Saints is counting down to blast-off this new opportunity of opening VBS to even more children!

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade in school year 2023-2024 may be registered for VBS. The registration fee is \$60 per child. The registration deadline is Friday, June 9. Volunteers (including adults,

high schoolers and rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are now being recruited for station and group leaders. Families may register their children and sign up to volunteer at <a href="https://www.allsaintsreligiouseducation.org">www.allsaintsreligiouseducation.org</a>

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** 

Coach Dan Vander Woude's Boys Basketball Camps 2023

Please visit the link below for additional information on Coach Dan Vander Woude's Boys Basketball Camps 2023.

Ages: 6-16

Location: Seton School, 9314 Maples St., Manassas

Registration details: <u>HTTPS://DANVWBASKETBALL.FILES.WORDPRESS.COM/2023/03/2023-SKILLS-DRILLS-ONE-FILE.PDF</u>

# **Upcoming Events**

# Wednesday, June 7

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

# Thursday, June 8

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Stepping Up Ceremony (PAC/8:30 a.m.) Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.) End of Year Classroom Parties (1:30 p.m.)

# **Last Day of Extended Day Program**

# 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.) Cookies in the Courtyard for Parents (PAC Atrium/10:15 - 11:00 a.m.)

### Early Dismissal (11:00 a.m.)

Note: No Extended Day Services Available
Deadline: Tuition Payment in Full with 2% Discount

# Monday, June 12

Professional Development Day for Teachers

# Tuesday, June 13

Professional Development Day for Teachers