



# All Saints Catholic School

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## The Sentinel Newsletter

September 13, 2023

### Principal's Message

This week we begin standardized testing in grades 3-7, a process that will be completed by September 29. Remember to look for details from the teachers regarding the dates and times of test sessions so that you can ensure that your children arrive to school on time, well rested, and ready to put forth their best effort in support of this important process.

Here are a few important updates for this week.

### Kindergarten Assistant

Ms. Mary Tran has accepted the position of instructional assistant in K1 and began her employment at All Saints last Thursday. Ms. Tran is a graduate of All Saints who recently earned a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In addition to working in the role of an undergraduate research assistant while at Virginia Tech, Ms. Tran was a program assistant for the "Explore Science" Summer Camp. She has been a participant in the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement at Holy Martyrs of Vietnam Church and has served as a Young Adult Leader since 2019. With very fond memories of her time at All Saints as a student, Ms. Tran looks forward to being a member of our staff and supporting our kindergarten learners.

### Title I Program

All Saints is pleased to continue participating in Title I, a federally funded initiative that provides instructional services to benefit elementary level students in reading. In order to qualify for the program, students must be residents of the City of Manassas or live within the jurisdiction of a Title I zoned school in Prince William County and meet specific academic criteria.

Mrs. Ginger Spetsios will serve as our Title I teacher again this year. Mrs. Spetsios and the classroom teachers are in the process of finalizing the referral process for students who meet the program criteria and are sending permission slips to parents this week.

As we focus on differentiation in our classrooms, Title I continues to be a highly effective program for us in that it specifically targets the learning needs of our students. Should you have any questions about this program or your child’s eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

**Victor O’Neill Studios**

This year All Saints is partnering with Victor O’Neill Studios for school portraits, including fall pictures, as well as First Communion and Graduation Photos. With their strong commitment to customer service as well as high quality school pictures, I am hopeful that our experience with Victor O’Neill Studios will be an even more positive one for our school community.

Should you have any questions about these updates, please do not hesitate to let me know. In the meantime, wishing you continued blessings during this first month of school!

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**Middle School Back to School Night (Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.)**

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Thursday, September 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to report directly to their son or daughter's homeroom classroom for the opening session. Don't miss what will be an exciting overview of our middle school experience!

**Important Reminders****Parent-Student Handbook (2023-2024 Edition)**

The 2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

[HANDBOOK](#)

**If you have not already done so, please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children. Each family is asked to sign and return the acknowledgment form to the office as soon as possible.**

**Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers**

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers in the school are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days of submitting the background check application.

The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/background-checks/>

To register for VIRTUS training which is hosted at parishes and schools throughout our diocese, please follow the link below.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, September 13**

Spirit Wear Day

Confessions – Grade 7 (9:15 a.m.)

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

### **Thursday, September 14**

Middle School Night (7:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, September 15**

School Mass – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows (8:30 a.m.)

### **Saturday, September 16**

Alumni Reunion (PAC/10:00 a.m.)

### **Monday, September 18**

Confessions – Grade 6 (9:30 a.m.)

### **Tuesday, September 19**

Band Lessons Begin

Room Liaisons Meeting (Meeting Room 2/7:00 p.m.) – **Postponed to September 21**

### **Wednesday, September 20**

Confessions – Grade 5 (9:15 a.m.)

### **Thursday, September 21**

School Mass – Feast of St. Matthew (8:30 a.m.)

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Room Liaisons Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, September 22**

#### **Noon Dismissal**

Professional Development Day for Faculty (Professional Learning Communities)

### **Monday, September 25**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – The EDGE

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:30 a.m.)

**Tuesday, September 26**

After School Advanced Band Begins

**Wednesday, September 27**

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

**Friday, September 29**

School Mass – Feast of the Archangels (8:30 a.m.)

**Monday, October 2**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

**Tuesday, October 3**

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

**Wednesday, October 4**

Planetarium Presentation (Sponsored by the PTO)

Memorial of St. Francis – Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 5**

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

**Friday, October 6**

School Mass – Memorial of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (8:30 a.m.)

Uniform Exchange (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Priests' Barbecue

**Saturday, October 7**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Seton Shrine

**Monday, October 9**

Holiday – Columbus Day

**Thursday, October 12**

Enrollment Management Team – **Rescheduled**

**Friday, October 13**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

**Saturday, October 14**

PTO Family Bingo Night (PAC/6:00-9:00 p.m.)