



All Saints Catholic School

Behold I make all things new.

The Sentinel Newsletter

December 13, 2023

Principal's Message

Yesterday our school community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a performance of the Parish Guadalupe Choir in the courtyard and distribution of Mexican bread in the Parish Activities Center. It was a beautiful experience of faith and culture for our students. I am grateful to the members of the Parish Guadalupe Committee who so generously supported our efforts and who through the years have helped us to create a wonderful tradition for our school.

Last week I received an update regarding the success of #Giving Tuesday and the launch of the 2023-2024 Annual Fund. With your support, our school raised \$12,290, meeting our \$10,000 Matching Gift Challenge. The total raised to date is \$32,290, putting us very close to reaching our goal of \$35,000. The amount received already surpasses that of previous Annual Funds, thanks to the great generosity of a major donor who provided a matching gift and many in our school and parish community who have contributed to this effort. Know of my great gratitude and that of the faculty, staff, and students, for your tremendous support of our mission!

Wishing you and your family Advent blessings!

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A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Important - Calendar Clarification

The first version of the cafeteria menu for the month of December included an error. Please note that Thursday, December 21 will be a half-day of school as indicated on our school calendar rather than the first day of the Christmas holiday.

Open House for 2024-2025 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, administrative assistant, at 571-516-3170.

Victor O'Neill Studios- Makeup and Retakes

The Makeup and Retake images are now available to view online. Please visit: vosphoto.com/uc and use your student ID when prompted for the online code. For questions regarding school pictures please email: underclass@vosphoto.com

Important Reminders

- ***All Saints Christmas Pageant***

Students in grades **K, 1, 4, 5, and 6** will be participating in the annual Christmas Pageant, *The Living Crèche*.

There are several changes from last year's details.

Date: **Monday, December 18th, 2023**

Time: **7pm** (**6th graders** report to the PAC Atrium at **6:25pm**; **all other grades** report to the *narthex of the Church* at **6:45pm**).

Parents/ family members who are unable to attend the evening performance are more than welcome to attend the **daytime performance**, which is at **1:45pm** in the Church.

Place: All Saints Catholic Church

Attire: Festive, "**Sunday best**" attire (except for costumed 6th graders). See the dress code below.

Dress code:

Girls: dresses, skirts, or nice dress pants (no bare shoulders or sleeveless dresses; the length may not be shorter than two inches above the knee), blouses or sweaters that are not form-fitting, with a neckline that is an appropriate length (i.e. just below the collar bone); Jeans, jeggings, leggings, or tights used as pants are not permitted. Sweaters should not have words or characters pictured on the front.

Boys: shirts and/ or sweaters (no sleeveless; sweaters should not have words or characters pictured on the front) and dress pants that are appropriate for church (i.e. navy blue, black, gray colored) and appropriate socks (dress socks).

- **Employment Opportunity – Extended Day Assistant**

All Saints Catholic School is seeking applicants for the position of Extended Day Assistant with employment beginning mid-January and extending through mid-March. The hours are approximately 2:30 – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to apply, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

- **Christmas Joy Toy Drive**

Families may choose to donate new unwrapped toys and to bring Christmas Joy to a child this Advent season. The NJHS sponsored toy drive will benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission. Donations will take place between December 4 – December 15. Toys may be dropped off in the breezeway entrance or the front office and will then be delivered to the Saint Gabriel Mission. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- **VIRTUS Training Session - December 16**

The diocese will host an in-person VIRTUS training session in English at All Saints on Saturday, December 16. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. For more information about the program and to register to attend, please see the link below.

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18408

- **New Student Applications & Continuous Enrollment for 2024-2025**

Applications for new students for academic year 2024-2025 are now available online.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the link below.

[Application 2024-2025 Link](#)

In January, we will provide a copy of the *Continuous Enrollment Contract* to parents of students completing their first year of enrollment at All Saints. Through completion of this form, parents may continuously enroll their child/ren through 8th grade from All Saints or, if necessary, until such time that they complete the withdrawal process. With submission of this contract, there is no need for future completion of an annual re-registration form.

The Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on March 1, 2024. The completion of

the contract and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

- **Tuition Assistance Program (2024-2025)**

Important information regarding Diocesan Tuition Assistance for the upcoming academic year is now available. For details about the program, please see the flyer found at the link below.

[2024-2025 Tuition Assistance Program](#)

Details about the program can also be found on the diocesan website.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/tuition-assistance/>

The key financial aid dates for 2024-2025 are as follows:

October 31, 2023	FACTS financial aid application closes for 2023-2024
November 1, 2023	FACTS financial aid application opens for 2024-2025
January 5, 2024	Financial aid application due date for diocesan high schools
March 13, 2024	Financial aid application due date for diocesan K-8 schools

- **All Saints Spirit Wear**

Are you still looking for All Saints Spirit Wear? Well look no further. Visit the link below to find the perfect item for you and the entire family from our assorted selections.

[Order Your Squadlocker Spirit Wear](#)

- **Harris Teeter Together in Education Program**

Did you know All Saints participates in Harris Teeter's Together in Education program? Simply register your Harris Teeter store loyalty card (VIC card) online, and our school will receive a donation from Harris Teeter based on a percentage of your purchases of Harris Teeter brand items. There is no extra cost to you.

Click [here](#) to link your VIC card (or use the Harris Teeter app). Our school code is 6623. If you have any questions or need assistance linking your card, please contact our program coordinator, Laura Burroughs, at Laura.Burroughs@gmail.com.

- **Science Fair**

We are excited to announce that the All Saints Catholic School Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 for the 7th grade students! We are looking for judges and would like to invite anyone who is interested in being involved. On behalf of Mrs. Starrs, we greatly appreciate any and all help! If you are interested, please fill out the form at this [link](#). For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Tran (mtran@allsaintsva.org).

- ***Boys Wrestling Clinics for Elementary and Middle School Students at Saint John Paul the Great!***

JP's Boys Wrestling Head Coach Jacob Kingett invites your students to participate in and spread the word about our Boys Wrestling Clinics now through February 1st! For more information about clinic dates and registration, please see the clinic flyer below for more details!

[Wrestling Flyer](#)

[Click here to register today!](#)

For any questions, please email Coach Kingett at jacob.kingett@jpthegreat.org.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 16

VIRTUS Training Session (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Monday, December 18

Advent Wreath Prayer Services (8:15 a.m.)

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant & Reception (10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to Christmas

Christmas Pageant (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 21

School Mass – Memorial of St. Peter Canisius (8:30 a.m.)

Santa Hat Day, Sponsored by the SCA

Classroom Christmas Parties (10:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

Friday, December 22

Christmas Holiday Begins

Wednesday, January 3

Classes Resume

Thursday, January 4

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 5

School Mass – Memorial of St. John Neumann (8:30 a.m.)

FACTS Tuition Assistance Application Deadline for High Schools

High School Application Deadline

Tuesday, January 9

Seniors Luncheon (Hosted by Grade 4)

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

Thursday, January 11

Gift of Human Sexuality Presentation #1 (Middle School Students)

Open House for Prospective Parents (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 12

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Picture Day – Clubs & Candid

Monday, January 15

Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Tuesday, January 16

Second Round of MAP Testing Begins (through February 2)

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Spelling Bee (10:15 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)