



All Saints Catholic School

Behold I make all things new.

The Sentinel Newsletter

January 3, 2024

Principal's Message

I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday and that the new year is off to a great start for you and your family. Know of my very best wishes and prayers for you in this new year!

As we begin a new calendar year, this is an ideal time for a review of some important policies and procedures in support of student health and safety.

Morning Drop-Off

During morning arrival, all parents are asked to participate in the school organized drop-off process. Rather than parking in the church lot and escorting a child to the courtyard, all parents must remain in their vehicles and follow the designated traffic pattern. In both the front and rear parking areas, patrols and staff members are available to supervise the drop-off zones, ensuring the safety of all of our students as they begin their day.

Supervision & Sign-in Procedures for Students Arriving Late

During morning arrival, when the two-minute warning bell sounds at 7:58 a.m., the safety patrols and staff who are on duty return to the building. Parents who arrive thereafter are asked to park and escort their child into the school where they will sign-in their child for the day. This procedure ensures that all children who arrive late remain supervised as they enter the building.

Winter Coats for Outdoor Recess

Parents are asked to send their child/ren to school with a winter coat. During winter time, only students with a coat will be permitted to participate in outdoor recess on cold weather days.

Early Release/Sign-Out of Students

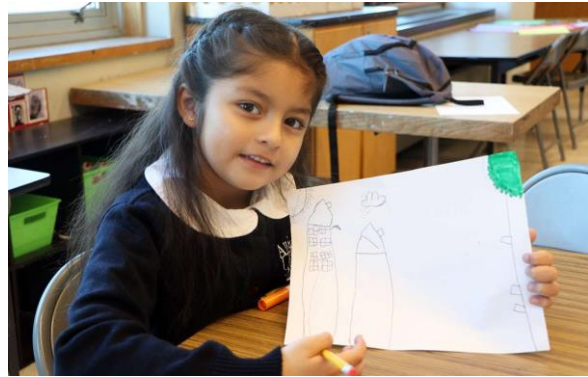
Parents who need to sign-out their child prior to the close of the school day are asked to do so by 2:45 p.m., the time at which office personnel begin to prepare for dismissal. Parents are discouraged from signing-out their children after 2:45 p.m. except in the event of an emergency.

In advance, thank you for your support of these procedures. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The second round of NWEA-MAP Testing will begin on Tuesday, January 16 and will extend through three weeks. The format will be identical to that of the first round, i.e. approximately one-hour assessments in math, reading, and language arts completed by students in grades 3-7. Teachers will use the data from this test to measure student growth since September and to tailor instruction accordingly during the second half of the year.

Wishing you and your family blessings in this new year!

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Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of January: Fidelity

Definition: Being faithful to promises and commitments

Saints: St. Cecilia (PK-2), Blessed Luigi & Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi (3-5), St. Gianna Molla (6-8)

January Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - January 2024](#)

Yearbook Art Cover Contest - Deadline: Friday, February 2nd

The Yearbook Committee is hosting its annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The committee is looking for a front and back cover that represents the spirit of All Saints Catholic School and incorporates our theme – ***Behold I make all things new.***

To submit an entry, please note the following:

- Make sure your entry is on two pieces of plain white paper. The finished size of each page of your design must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11.
- Lightly write your name and your teacher's name on the BACK of each page.
- Please DO NOT sign your name on the front of these pages.

Contest Flyer

Mrs. Shumway will be introducing the contest during art classes in the coming week. Entries are due to Mrs. Liu no later than Friday, February 2, 2024. The winning entry will win a free Yearbook. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork!

Yearbook Sales – Coming Soon

One of the most important ways to commemorate each school year is through a yearbook. All Saints will be continuing to partner with Lifetouch in the production of our annual yearbook. Lifetouch will be opening our yearbook sales portal next week. Further information and a link to the portal will be provided at that time.

Important Reminders

- ***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.
- ***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.

Upcoming Events

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

Deadline: Middle School Opt-In Forms for the Gift of Human Sexuality Program

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)

Wednesday, January 24

School Mass – Memorial of St. Francis De Sales (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, January 25

Gift of Human Sexuality Presentation #2 (Middle School Students)

Saturday, January 27

PTO Bingo Night (PAC/5:00-9:00 p.m.)

Sunday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Wednesday, January 31

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Deadline: Continuous Enrollment Forms for Year 1 Families

Thursday, February 1

Gift of Human Sexuality Presentation #3 (Middle School Students)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 2

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

Noon Dismissal

Catholic Schools Week Faculty & Staff Lunch