



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

January 24, 2024

Principal's Message

This week I am pleased to share with you that the 4th grade at All Saints has been selected to represent private schools across the nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, January 30. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in public and private schools know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is different from state and school assessments because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents/guardians, policymakers, and the public. By this time, parents of 4th grade students should have received a letter regarding this program. Should you have any questions about the assessment or your child's participation, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Mallon for more information.

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend a half day retreat with colleagues from the diocese as part of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) on the topic of inclusion for students with special needs. That experience, as well as the other online meetings taking place over the course of the school year, was informative and inspiring, providing an in-depth introduction to innovative strategies designed to make Catholic education more inclusive for students with distinct learning needs. So many of the structures and methodologies, such as *Universal Design for Learning*, can benefit the wide range of student abilities in a typical classroom in this post-pandemic era. As our teachers continue to participate in training on the topic of PLCs, these ideas will undoubtedly enrich the robust conversations already surrounding the topic of teaching and learning at All Saints. I look forward to providing periodic updates as we continue to discuss how we can best meet the needs of all of the students entrusted to our care as we plan for the spring and the upcoming school year.

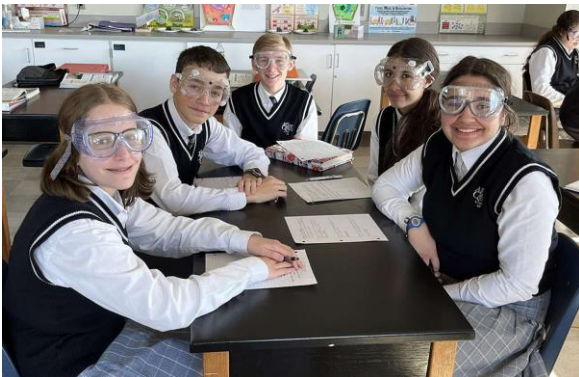
Related to this topic, Porto Charities is sponsoring an upcoming conference entitled *From Inclusion to Belonging* on February 17 at St. John Paul the Great High School. During the keynote presentation and breakout sessions, families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities will learn

practical ways to identify and utilize support systems within the local community to help them overcome mental health struggles. For more information and details regarding registration, please see the link below.

<https://www.portocharities.org/conference>

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Uniform Reminders

As we head into the second half of the year, this is a good opportunity to review the uniform guidelines. Please ensure that students are looking their best by having the young men wear belts (K-8) and button their shirts all the way to the top when wearing a tie. We also ask that their hair be above their ears, collar, and eyebrows. For the young ladies, please make sure that headbands and hair ties match the

uniform and, as reminder, bracelets, necklaces, make up, nail polish (other than clear) and fake nails are never permitted.

As a reminder, all students should be in solid, black athletic shoes without any other colors. Lastly, as we look to strengthening our adherence to the policy, please note that P.E. sweatshirts are no longer allowed to be worn with the regular uniform. Rather, all students must be in their sweater for the winter uniform, per the dress code, and are allowed to wear the sweater at other times, if needed, for an additional layer. The All Saints sweatshirt is only to be worn for P.E. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please refer to the Handbook or your child's homeroom teacher. As always, we thank you for your partnership!

February Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - February

Important Reminders

- **Open House for 2024-2025 School Year**

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Wednesday, January 31 at 9:00 a.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.

- **Parking Reminder – After School Activities**

Parents picking their children up following after school activities are reminded to park in front of the church and to walk to the courtyard where the students gather for dismissal. As the driveway adjacent to the courtyard and the front of the school is a designated fire lane, parents are asked not to park their vehicles or form a car line in this area.

- **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 provided 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

- **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**

- **Order Your Yearbook - Early Bird Discount**

One of the best ways to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. Our 2023-2024 school yearbook is now available to order and **we are offering an early-bird discount of \$20 per yearbook through Friday, January 26, 2024.** *That is a \$3.00 savings off our regular price of \$23.00 per yearbook.*

Personalization is also available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

All orders must be placed online through the link below:

- Please visit the Lifetouch website to order online: ybpay.com.
- The All Saints school code is 13273524.

For questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore (jdevore@allsaintsva.org)

- **Bingo Family Night**

Please join the PTO for Family BINGO Night on Saturday, January 27th from 5-7:30pm in the PAC! This is a relaxed and fun-filled evening for the entire family. [RSVP here](#) to reserve your spot and pre-order a Vocelli's pizza (or two) at a discount. Additional concessions of snacks, drinks and pizza by-the-slice will also be available. All fees will be collected at the door (cash, charge or check made payable to All Saints Catholic School).

Will you help us fill the much treasured prize table? Please see [Connect1](#) for details.

- **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](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

Spelling Bee (8:30 a.m.)

Early Bird Deadline for Yearbook Orders with a Discount

Saturday, January 27

First Reconciliation – 2nd Grade (10:00 a.m.)

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

Sunday, January 28

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Monday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week – Focus on our Community

- Catholic Cup Competition (8:30 a.m.)
- “Feed My Lambs” Food Drive
- Student Essay Writing

Tuesday, February 30

Catholic Schools Week – Focus on our Vocations

- Vocations Panel & Classroom Visits
- Spiritual Bouquets for Priests
- NAEP Testing – 4th Grade

Wednesday, January 31

Catholic Schools Week – Focus on our Nation

- American Saints Projects
- Thank you Cards for First Responders
- Special surprise for Parents during Carpool
- Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
- Deadline: Continuous Enrollment Forms for Year 1 Families

Thursday, February 1**Catholic Schools Week – Focus on our Students**

- Cards for Buddies
- Special treat for Students, courtesy of the PTO
- Extra Recess
- No Homework Day
- Author Visit (St. Cuthbert)
- Gift of Human Sexuality Presentation #3 (Middle School Students)
- Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 2**Catholic Schools Week – Focus on our Faculty & Staff**

- Classroom Breaks for Teachers, courtesy of the School Administration
- School Mass – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (8:30 a.m.)
- Noon Dismissal
- Catholic Schools Week Faculty & Staff Lunch, courtesy of the PTO

Tuesday, February 6

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

Thursday, February 8

Science Fair

Friday, February 9

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, February 13

Seniors' Luncheon (Hosted by 8th Grade)

Valentine's Day Parties – Grades K-5 (1:30 – 2:15 p.m.)

Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday School Mass (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, February 15

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

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

Friday, February 16

Professional Development Day (No School or Extended Day)

Monday, February 19

Holiday – Presidents' Day

Thursday, February 22

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

PTO General Assembly Meeting & Presentation (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, February 23

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