



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

February 7, 2024

Principal's Message

This week I want to take a moment to thank Miss Mallon and the members of the Catholic Schools Week Committee for planning such a great celebration of our mission last week. From start to finish, the week was filled with meaningful activities that reinforced the Catholic identity of our school while providing students with service opportunities to benefit our local community. Related to this, I am proud to share with you that our students donated nearly 500 lbs. of food in support of the "Feed my Lambs" Food Drive. All of the grade level donations were assembled into more than 150 meal kits to benefit students in the local public school system. We were pleased to donate all of these items to the St. Lucy Food Project where they will be distributed to students in need. Thank you, students and parents, for your generous participation in this program!

I also wish to share with you the news that Ms. Tran, instructional assistant (K1), has accepted a new position as a research scientist and, for this reason, will be resigning from her role at All Saints effective March 8. We congratulate Ms. Tran on this opportunity and thank her for all of her efforts this year in support of the students in her class. As she prepares for this transition to a new role, we wish her every continued success and blessing.

I have already begun the process of identifying a replacement to work in the role of instructional assistant in the K1 class. If you or any of your contacts are interested in learning more about the position and employment at All Saints, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Thank you to those parents who have already responded to the survey that we distributed last Thursday and by which you are invited to share your overall satisfaction with the experience of our school and the programs we offer. As in prior years, we are asking you to respond to one key question and a follow-up question that allows for an open-ended response.

On a scale of 1-10, how likely would you be to recommend All Saints Catholic School to a friend or colleague?

I hope that you will take a few minutes to participate in this important survey. Your responses will help to provide an important perspective to us and inform our planning for the future. Most importantly, this tool provides an opportunity to ensure that we are in step with parent perceptions and actively responding to the needs of our community members.

TAKE OUR SURVEY

The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, February 12. In advance, thank you for your participation and feedback.

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Race for Education Raffle

Beginning on Monday, February 12th, students will be invited to participate in a raffle to win a prize bundle featuring a Squishmallow plush toy. Raffle tickets will be sold for 50 cents each. The raffle will continue through February 22nd, and the winning name will be drawn on February 23rd. Proceeds will benefit the 2024 Race for Education. See flyer for details.



Open House – March 7 (9:00 AM)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 7 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (571) 516-3170 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

Continuous Enrollment Program Fee

The Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on **March 1, 2023**.

The completion of the *Continuous Enrollment Contract*, for first year families, and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

13th Annual Catholic Cup

All Saints students gathered last week to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith in the school's 13th Annual Catholic Cup, a signature event of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. The following winners of classroom competitions from grades 4-8 advanced to the final round in an academic-style competition with questions related to Catholic theology and teaching.

Congratulations to our 2024 Catholic Cup winner Quinton V. and to Charlie M., our first runner-up.

4A

Winner: Christian M.

Alternate: Alex C.

4B

Winner: August R.

Alternate: Sara B.

5A

Winner: Quinton V.

Alternate: Princess A.

5B

Winner: Lucas S.

Alternate: Deacon G.

6A

Winner: Vi T.

Alternate: Molly C.

6B

Winner: Charles M.

Alternate: Matthew C.

7A

Winner: Mark T.

Alternate: Kiera R.

7B

Winner: Connor P.

Alternate: Kylie B.

8A

Winner: Ashley Y.

Alternate: Xander G.

8B

Winner: Joshua R.

Alternate: Isabella S.

Important Reminders

- **PTO General Assembly Meeting – February 22 (7:00 p.m.)**

Plan to join us for what will be an informative presentation for all parents on the evening of February 22. Representatives from the Manassas City Police Department will be speaking on the topic of ***Substance Awareness and Prevention***. They will highlight three specific concerns affecting young people in our region: Fentanyl, vapes, and THC/marijuana. We hope that you will be able to attend and hear this important message that will increase our awareness of these dangers in our society and what we can do to continue to safeguard our children.

- **From Inclusion to Belonging Conference**

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>

- **Running with the Saints 5K – Important Update**

After discussion among the 5K Committee and the PTO Executive Committee, a decision has been made to move the Running with the Saints 5K from the spring to the fall. We are hopeful that this new timeframe will allow for even greater participation since the event won't be occurring during the spring when there are a number of other special activities occurring. We are also optimistic that the timing will allow the PTO to grow the volunteer base as we aim to increase the size of this event in the coming years. We look forward to sharing more details in the near future!

- **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

- **Order Your Yearbook**

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

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.

- **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, February 8

Science Fair (Awards Ceremony – 2:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 9

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

School-Wide Rosary

Monday, February 12

Valentine's Dress Down Day, sponsored by SCA

Deadline: Net Promoter Survey

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 & Manassas City Police Presentation – *Substance Awareness & Prevention* (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 27

Band Concert – Tentative (2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, February 29

Dress Down Day to Benefit the Band Trip (\$2.00)

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 1

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Payment Due Date: Continuous Enrollment Fee via FACTS Tuition

Monday, March 4

Bread of Life Kick-Off Assembly (8:30 a.m.)

Lenten Confessions – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

PTO Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper (PAC/5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 7

School Mass – Memorial of Saints Perpetua & Felicity (8:30 a.m.)

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

Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

End of Trimester II (PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes)

Friday, March 8

Professional Development Day – Teacher Work Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Saturday, March 9

Diocesan Job Fair (St. Bernadette School/9:00-11:00 a.m.)