



All Saints Catholic School

Behold I make all things new.

Mission Statement

United and nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, our culturally diverse Catholic school inspires learning within a nurturing and dynamic environment of academic excellence and Gospel values.

The Sentinel Newsletter

March 13, 2024

Principal's Message

During Catholic Schools Week, we invited parents to participate in the annual *Parent Satisfaction Survey*. I am grateful to the 145 parents who responded to the survey question, many of whom provided detailed feedback regarding their perception of existing strengths in our program as well as areas for continued growth.

A summary of the survey results can be found at the link below.

Survey Summary

Last week we shared the survey results with our teachers who will be meeting in their instructional teams to discuss the areas identified by parents for further improvement. It is my hope that through a consensus-building process, we will be able to identify a few “quick fixes” as well as some strategies in support of more substantive improvement in specific areas. I look forward to providing further updates as we work through this process.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to acknowledge the great work and dedication of our faculty and staff which was so clearly reflected in the feedback provided by parents. We are blessed with teachers who demonstrate a tremendous level of care and concern for their students and a desire to grow in their practice so as to provide the best learning environment possible for the children. In an effort to retain these teachers, we have implemented several strategies during the 2024-2025 school year.

With the support of the Parish Finance Council and the approval of our pastor, Fr. Lee, we have designed a budget for the upcoming school year that allows us to compensate our teachers at the rate of 80% of the Prince William County Public School pay scale for the current year. This has been a goal for our school and I am pleased that, in addition to providing our faculty with a 5% increase for the upcoming year, we have been able to invest the funds needed to close the gap in support of this goal.

Secondly, we recognize that providing opportunities for professional growth, collaboration, and support for one another as a teaching community is essential. To this end, we restructured the master schedule this year to provide even more opportunities for shared planning times for teachers. This effort, combined with the implementation of Professional Learning Communities, has increased the time allotted for instructional planning and made the conversations among teachers even more targeted and robust.

For those teachers who are new to the profession, I am pleased that a number have completed coursework through a partnership between the Office of Catholic Schools and Trinity University – all at no cost to our teachers, thanks in part to our access to Title II funding.

It is my hope that these efforts communicate to our teachers that they are part of a school community in which they are truly valued and affirmed for all that they do and supported and encouraged as they continue to grow as professional educators.

I would also like to take a moment to provide a little insight on the topic of discipline in our school. Over the past couple of years, recognizing that the social-emotional needs of students in the post-pandemic era are greater than ever, we have intentionally continued to reteach and model basic expectations and behaviors. The efforts of the *Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports* (PBIS) Committee as well as the training that all teachers received in August on the topic of *Conscious Classroom Management* have positively helped to shape the culture of our school. And while there remains more work to do in this area in the long-run, the fact that fewer survey respondents referenced a concern related to discipline is an indicator that we are moving in the right direction. Again, my thanks to the faculty and staff who each day teach and model behavioral expectations for our students, always anchoring the effort in the importance of kindness and respect.

Again, thank you for your participation in this annual process. We so appreciate the opportunity to hear from you and to receive your feedback as we plan for the year ahead.

Wishing you and your family Lenten blessings

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Tuition Assistance Application Deadline – Today!

Parents interested in applying for tuition assistance are reminded that the deadline for submitting all forms through FACTS is Wednesday, March 13. Please see the link below for more information.

[2024-2025 Tuition Assistance Program](#)

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance program, please contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

Art Show - Save the date!

Join us for the 2024 Art Show brought to you by our talented K-8th grade students. Don't miss this amazing event taking place in the PAC on May 23rd from 4-6 PM. Invite your entire family, friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

Art Show Flyer



Important Reminders

- **Bread of Life Food Drive**

During this Lenten season, we are pleased to host the All Saints' **Bread of Life Food Drive** to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry and St. Lucy Project from March 4 – 15, 2024. In 1992, the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island launched this community service initiative and it has since spread to communities around the country. All Saints' Bread of Life Food Drive will assist individuals and families in our local community in need of food assistance. Please see details below regarding our 2024 food drive:

When will the food drive take place?

All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive will run from **Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 15, 2024**. All Saints students from the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will help organize and promote the drive. Members of our seventh grade video production class are assisting with the creation of video promos to encourage participation throughout the week.

Where does the food go?

Almost a quarter of a million people in the Arlington Diocese are “food insecure,”

meaning they do not know where their next meal will come from. Our school's Bread of Life Food Drive will benefit the St. Lucy Project and All Saints' Bethany Food Pantry to assist families and individuals living within Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County.

What can you do to help?

During the drive from March 4-15, your child can bring in food donations in the morning and leave them in the boxes that will be outside of each classroom. Donations can also be brought to the All Saints school office (Monday - Thursday) between the hours of 8:00 AM–3:30 PM.

What food should I donate to All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive?

During the first week of the drive, we will be collecting non-perishable food per the chart below. During the second week, we are adding fresh fruits and vegetables to our collection. Please see the grade level list below:

2024 Bread of Life Food Drive – Brochure

If you have any questions regarding the Bread of Life Food Drive, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore at jdevore@allsaintsva.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this Lenten community service project to benefit those in need of food assistance.

All Saints wishes to extend sincere thanks to the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island for their continued organizational and logistical support.

- **Lenten Rice Lunch – Friday, March 22**

As we approach the conclusion of Lent, we want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

In support of the effort, on Friday, March 22nd, the cafeteria will host a simple lunch, the proceeds of which will benefit the Rice Bowl project. As a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world and in an effort to help the students gain a better understanding of poverty, the lunch will consist of one bowl of rice and water. This will be the only food and drink available for purchase on that day. Although participation is

completely voluntary, we are hopeful that many of the children will embrace this opportunity and recognize it as a chance to increase their empathy for those suffering in our world.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and should be submitted as a cash donation rather than through the online lunch accounts. Students may bring a lunch from home if they prefer and are reminded to bring a drink if they so choose as only water will be available in the cafeteria.

- **Used Uniform Sale – Friday, March 22**

All Saints PTO will be hosting a used uniform sale on **Friday, March 22nd from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM** in the PAC. This is a great opportunity to get ready for the change to summer uniforms on Monday, April 8th.

Interested in Volunteering? If you are VIRTUS certified and would like to volunteer, please sign up on Connect1.

- **Lenten Soup Suppers**

All Saints Catholic Church will have a Lenten Supper again this year! Several Parish organizations will host the Supper each week and provide a simple meal of soup and/or sandwiches. As in the past, we will not have the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday or Holy Week.

There is no cost for the soup and/or sandwich. All are encouraged to make a free will donation to the charity selected by the host organization. The schedule of dates for the soup supper is as follows:

March 13 from 5-7pm: St Vincent DePaul Society Charity: St. Vincent DePaul Society Ministries

March 20 from 5-7pm: Squire Roses Charity: Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

- **ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting**
Celebrating 20 years, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers **Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp** this July 8 - 19.

Through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more, these camps are taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise. Each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Performance by the campers. Camps are designed to be both fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts within a safe environment. Through March, *all camps are \$35 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.*

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com



- **Order Your Yearbook- Deadline: March 28**
A wonderful way to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. The cost is \$23.00 per yearbook and personalization is available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

Our deadline to order our 2023-2024 school yearbook is March 28, 2024.

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 at jdevore@allsaintsva.org.
- **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

- **March Lunch Menu**
Cafeteria Menu- March
- ***Special Announcements from John Paul the Great***
Bioethics Seminars at JP (Active through March 26, 2024)
Weekly: Tuesday, February 20, 2024- Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Join Sister Malia Grace Reed, O.P., for a six week study of the second Bioethics course offered at John Paul: "Principles of Ethics." Attend all or some sessions, held on Tuesday evenings starting February 21st in Saint Thomas Aquinas Hall from 7 - 8:30pm.

Shadow a Wolf for a Day! (Active through May 2024)

Shadow Days available at John Paul! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 13

Deadline: FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for Elementary Schools

Thursday, March 14

Spirit Wear Day

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

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

Friday, March 15

7th Grade Field Trip to Mount Vernon

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

5th Grade Wax Museum (PAC/2:00 p.m.)
Trimester II Report Cards Sent Home

Monday, March 18

SCA Spirit Week – Spring Color Day

Tuesday, March 19

School Mass – Solemnity of St. Joseph (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, March 20

SCA Spirit Week – Wacky Wednesday
Title I Parent Workshop (4:00-4:45 p.m.)

Thursday, March 21

World Down Syndrome Day (Crazy Sock Day)
SCA Spirit Week – No Homework Day
NJHS Induction Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 22

SCA Spirit Week – Buddy Activity
Used Uniform Sale (PAC/8:00-10:00 a.m.)
Rice Bowl Lunch

Tuesday, March 26

Diocesan Chrism Mass at All Saints

(Note: Cafeteria Closed. All students are asked to bring a lunch from home. This is a revision to the originally published menu for March.)

Wednesday, March 27

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, March 28

7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)
Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

Friday, March 29

Holiday (Good Friday)

Monday, April 8

School Resumes

Change to Summer Uniforms

Tuesday, April 9

Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by 6th Grade

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 12

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, April 16

1st Grade Field Trip (National Zoo)

3rd Grade Field Trip (Lego Discovery Center)

Wednesday, April 17

3rd Grade United States Presentation (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 18

Kindergarten Field Trip (Maple Tree Farm)

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

Friday, April 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)