



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

April 17, 2024

Principal's Message

This week I wish to provide an update regarding staffing in the kindergarten program. Mrs. Geiran, instructional assistant in the K2 classroom, has decided to resign from her position and will be concluding her employment at All Saints on Thursday, April 18. We thank her for her year of service and for all that she has done in support of our kindergarten students.

I am pleased to announce that I have hired Mrs. Christine Russell as her replacement and that she will begin working in the classroom on Friday. Mrs. Russell is a graduate of All Saints who has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Christopher Newport University. For the past several years, she has worked as a registered behavior technician, providing support to students with special learning needs. Prior to that time, she was employed as a preschool assistant teacher in a daycare setting and also assisted instructors in the Upper Room Theater Ministry Drama Camp. With her first-hand knowledge of the mission of our school and her previous professional work experience, Mrs. Russell will be a great asset to our kindergarten program.

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Catholic Relief Services – Rice Bowl Project

Thanks to the generous support of our students and their participation in the CRS Rice Bowl Program and the special lunch hosted by the cafeteria staff, our school raised \$1,713.33. These funds will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and will benefit those in need in our community and around the world. Through the kindness and sacrifice of our students, the lives of those less fortunate will be positively impacted during this Easter Season.

School Calendar 2024-2025 (Important Dates & Holidays)

August 21

First Day of School – Grades K-8 (Noon Dismissal)

August 26

First Day of School – Pre-Kindergarten

September 2

Labor Day Holiday

September 30

Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)

October 14

Columbus Day Holiday

October 18

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)

November 8

Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

November 11

Student Holiday (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

November 26

Noon Dismissal (Thanksgiving Holiday)

November 27-29

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2

Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)

December 23

Christmas Holiday Begins

January 6

Classes Resume

January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 24

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)

January 31

Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)

February 17

Presidents' Day Holiday

March 7

Noon Dismissal (Teacher Workday)

March 24

Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)

April 17

Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

April 18

Good Friday Holiday

April 21

Easter Week Holiday

May 2

Student Holiday (Parish Festival)

May 26

Memorial Day Holiday

June 13

Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 (Tentative/3 Inclement Weather Days Included)

Spring Choral Concert – Rescheduled

The Spring Choral Concert, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 9 in the Parish Activities Center has been moved to Wednesday, May 29. There will be a concert for students at 1:30 p.m. followed by a performance for parents at 7:00 p.m.

Important Reminders

End of Year Calendar & Events

Thursday, May 30

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten

Friday, May 31

Field Day – Grades K-8 (On Site - All Saints)

Friday, June 7

Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.)

Graduation Breakfast for 8th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.)

Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7

Wednesday, June 12

Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, June 13

Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7

Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)

Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal

Friday, June 14 Professional Development Day for Teachers

Monday, June 17 Professional Development Day for Teachers

- **Race for Education**

Race day is just over two weeks away, and the friendly competition between classes has already begun. Have you registered your students on PledgeStar? See our [page](#) on the school website for details.

Parents and relatives are welcome to attend the race as spectators. We look forward to seeing you on May 2nd to help cheer the students on.

Interested in volunteering at the race? See [Connect 1](#) for opportunities to earn volunteer points while attending the race. VIRTUS certification required for volunteers. Thank you for supporting our school's largest fundraiser of the year!

- **April Lunch Menu**

Cafeteria Menu - April

- **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



- **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



- **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

- **Special Announcements from John Paul the Great
Shadow a Wolf for a Day!**

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

Practice High School Placement Test & Parent How to High School:

Saturday, May 18, 2024 (9:00 am-12:15 pm)

John Paul is hosting the Pre-High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) for current 7th graders. The Pre-HSPT is optional, and is a practice test intended to help students become more familiar with the different sections of the HSPT under timed conditions. The practice test is designed to give the student an idea of how the exam will be administered and what to expect on the actual day of testing during the student's 8th grade year. Parents are invited to stay for Parent How to High School - a workshop on preparing your student for high school.

Placement Test Flyer

Spring Musical

Friday, April 26, 2024 - Sunday, April 28, 2024

The JP Fine Arts department will debut its spring musical, Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, on April 26th with shows running through April 28th!

Tickets are available for purchase here: <https://jpthegreat.booktix.com/>

Upcoming Events

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)

Yearbook Photos – Team Pictures

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

Friday, April 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)

Monday, April 22

Kindergarten Screening (No Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten Classes)

Tuesday, April 23

ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5 & 8)

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Thursday, April 25

School Mass – Feast of St. Mark (8:30 a.m.)

Friday, April 26

Holiday (Parish Festival Prep Day)

Thursday, May 2

19th Annual Race for Education

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 3

School Mass (Feast of Saints Phillip & James) & May Crowning (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation & 2nd Grade First Communion Photos (9:30 a.m.)

Monday, May 6

NWEA Map Testing (Round #3) Begins

Tuesday, May 7

Diocesan 8th Grade Vocations Mass (11:00 a.m.)

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

Friday, May 10

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

Band Trip (Busch Gardens)

School-Wide Rosary

Monday, May 13

2nd Grade Field Trip (Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)

Tuesday, May 14

Seniors Luncheon – Hosted by 5th Grade

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

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

8th Grade Field Trip (Annapolis, Maryland)

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)