



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

December 1, 2021

Principal's Message

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the weeklong Thanksgiving holiday. I am pleased to share with you that our students contributed more than 2,000 pounds of food through our annual Thanksgiving food drive. It was a great joy to see the students presenting their gifts of food during our school Mass on November 19. Thank you to all of our students for their great generosity and to the National Junior Honor Society for leading this initiative.

Through the years at All Saints we have established several traditions that help to create a tone of anticipation and waiting as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Savior at Christmas. Through prayer and outreach to the local community, our students will once again have an opportunity to enter more fully into this season of hope.

Advent Wreath Prayer Services

On Monday morning the students assembled in the Parish Activities Center at 8:30 a.m. for a school-wide prayer service highlighting the meaning of the Advent Wreath. During the second and third weeks of Advent, each Monday morning students will gather around three separate wreaths in each of the hallways of the school where they will participate in grade level prayer services.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Each of the students in grades three through eight will have an opportunity to encounter Christ in this beautiful Sacrament of healing and forgiveness during two Penance Services. The Advent Penance Service for grades 3-5 occurred on Monday with one to follow for grades 6-8 on Monday, December 6.

"Spirit of Christmas" Food Drive

Our students can help to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate by donating to the Bethany Food Pantry during this Advent season. Members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will conduct a food drive from December 1 - December 15 to benefit the less fortunate in our

community. The food pantry is in need of the following items: maseca, sugar, oil, salt, canned chicken, meal helpers, flavored rice, pancake mix, syrup, and oatmeal. Items may be dropped off in the breezeway during morning arrival after which members of the NJHS will deliver the items to the food pantry.

“Christmas Joy” Toy Drive

Families may also choose to donate new unwrapped toys and to bring a smile to a child this Advent season. The NJHS will sponsor a toy drive to benefit the children of the Saint Gabriel Mission between December 1 - December 15. Toys may be dropped off in the breezeway during arrival. Members of the NJHS will arrange for delivery to the Saint Gabriel Mission.

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A Prayer for Advent – Week 1

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

National Junior Honor Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the All Saints Catholic School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society during a ceremony on November 17. Each of these students is commended for demonstrating the five pillars of the society: scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. We thank Mr. Tessier for serving as our keynote speaker. Through stories and exciting balancing feats, he reminded the students of the importance of keeping their eyes fixed on Jesus each day.

Grace A.

Julianna A.

Brielle A.

Josephine C.

Cody C.

Julia F.

Arely G.

Grace H.

Adelaide O.

Melissa S.

Open House for 2022-2023 School Year

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, January 6 beginning 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 (703) 393-1490.

Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of December: Purity

Definition: Keeping your soul free of sin.

Saints of the Month: St. Dominic Savio (PreK-2), St. Agnes (3-5), St. Maria Goretti (6-8)

PBIS Update & Videos

As previously mentioned, Father Ed has been involved in the roll-out of the Think Sheets to support PBIS. He has provided a prayer to guide student reflection and recorded videos for both younger and older students to help explain the process. Teachers have spent time with their classes this week teaching, reviewing, and explaining the reflection process to students. Below, please find the links to view the videos that Father Ed recorded. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Horgan (shorgan@allsaintsva.org) if you have any questions.

PBIS VIDEO – [Elementary](#)

PBIS VIDEO – [Middle School](#)

Important Reminders

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 3 (7:00 p.m.)

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 3 and plan to join us for an *Evening with Saint Nicholas*. The event will begin with an Advent Prayer Service in the church at 7:00 p.m. The “Procession of Shoes” will be led by Saint Nicholas himself. Then join us in the Parish Activities Center for cookies and cocoa where Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos (please bring our own camera).

We ask that you bring a donation of a pair of new shoes in honor of Saint Nicholas. All donations will go to House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes.**)

Should you have any questions about this event, please contact Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at sarah.roccograndi@gmail.com.

Applications & Re-Enrollment for 2022-2023

Applications for new students for academic year 2022-2023 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 following link.

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/admissions/how-to-apply/>

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2022-2023

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid for the upcoming school year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Overview - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

High Schools (early verification)- **January 19, 2022**

- 2020 tax returns and W-2s are required for early verification by FACTS
- 2021 tax returns and W-2s will be required for applications submitted after January 19, 2022

Elementary Schools- **March 16, 2022**

- 2021 tax returns and W-2s are required for verification by FACTS

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

Re-Enrollment

Re-Enrollment for current students will begin on January 3. All families are asked to submit both forms and the re-registration fee no later than Friday, January 21.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 2

8th Grade High School Placement Test

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 3

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Monday, December 6

Advent Wreath Prayer Services (8:15 a.m.)

Picture Retakes

Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 7

Trimester I Report Cards Sent Home

PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

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

Wednesday, December 8

School Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, December 13

Advent Wreath Prayer Services (8:15 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 15

Spirit Event: Panera (Liberia Avenue/4:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

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

Thursday, December 16

Pre-K Pageant (Church/10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to the Christmas Holiday

Christmas Pageant (Church/ 1:45 p.m. Dress Rehearsal & 7:00 p.m. Performance)

Friday, December 17

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

SCA Sponsored Santa Hat Day

Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

Monday, December 20

Christmas Holiday Begins

Monday, January 3

Classes Resume

Re-Enrollment for 2022-2023 Opens

Tuesday, January 4

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

Wednesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 6

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

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 7

Noon Dismissal (DFE Meeting)