



All Saints Catholic School

A semi-annual newsletter for the fans of All Saints Catholic School

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All Saints' Annual Spring Carnival Is Big Fun!

On the first Saturday of May, All Saints held its Annual Spring Carnival at the school. Attendees enjoyed a rock climbing wall, bounce houses, the tractor ride, excellent food tents, a competitive silent auction, a delicious baked goods sale, along with games and prizes. Special this year: an All Saints Alumni gathering was held; alumni from the last 35 years visited and took photos with fellow alums and revisited yearbooks and photos from their class.

A big thank you to all the parents and teachers, and especially the PTO, who gave so much to make this year's Carnival a success!



Sixth Annual "Breakfast with the Saints" A Success

One hundred ninety guests gathered the morning of April 7th to hear from All Saints' alumni, its first principal, current leadership and all 200 students serenade the audience with "Bright Happy Day!" Guests responded very generously donating and/or pledging over \$100,000 toward the Full Mission Fund and \$80,000+ toward tuition assistance. This record-level of Full Mission support not only met this year's operating budget needs, it also matched a generous lead gift of \$50,000 by Weinstein Properties to fulfill a "wish list" which included playground equipment, STEM activities, Art

supplies and more. Many thanks to the Table Hosts, Breakfast Committee, servers, program participants—especially all the students—for making this event a success. For more information about being a Table Host, guest or sponsor for next year's Breakfast, please contact Alyssa McBride, Director of Development and Marketing at (804) 329-7524 or amcbride@allsaintsric.org. To contribute toward the Breakfast, visit www.allsaintsric.org/donate.htm or send a check marked "Breakfast with the Saints" to the school.



All Saints is Happening



Students Celebrate Christmas

Students performed in beautiful musical Christmas programs and the PTO (and their friend with a beard) hosted a very merry "Breakfast with Santa" event.



Student's Nomination of the Late Senator Lambert Wins Award

Last year's 8th grade class, with Mrs. Murph, the middle school history teacher, nominated the late Senator Benjamin J. Lambert, III for the Dominion Resource/Library of Virginia's 2017 Strong Men & Women in Virginia History Honor. This year the Senator was selected and honored. The class chronicled how the Senator overcame segregated schools then went on to be an optometrist and a state legislator.

Black History Comes Alive

All Saints' Black History program, "Celebrating A Rich Heritage," recognized African Americans who have made significant contributions in music, science and government. All Saints own 8th grader, Taiheem, was awarded the 2017 Black Catholic Youth Leadership Award and Augustus Tolton Scholarship at the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's Black Catholic Leadership Award Banquet for his leadership and service at All Saints and in his parish.

Winter and Spring Sports Kick-Off

All Saints hosted three basketball teams this year: a girls team, and boys JV and varsity teams. We also hosted a spring co-ed soccer team for 7th and 8th graders. New this year, All Saints kicked-off a co-ed 3rd and 4th grade flag football team. They had a great first season!



Students Make Memorable Field Trips

The entire middle school made a historic trip to the National Museum for African Art and History in Washington D.C. The 8th grade class enjoyed another memorable field trip on the James River Association's Wet Feet Overnight to Presquile National Wildlife Refuge.



All Saints Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

The highlights of All Saints' annual Catholic Schools Week included parent/grandparent luncheons, 100th Day of School activities, Rev. Coleman's challenge to be "world-changers" and the student vs. faculty basketball game (the faculty won, but just barely!).



After-School Programs for Everyone

This spring, All Saints students can learn to play chess, try Tae Kwon Do, 3 on 3 soccer or Mad Science in the After-School offerings. They can also join the Comic Book Club, Run Club, Cooking Club, Drama Club, Library Club or Environmental Action Club. Or they can try Art Abounds, Jazz dancing, Coding Made Easy, or Choir. There is something for everyone!



7th Graders Speed into Science

The 7th grade class participated in the "Speed into Science Day" at the Richmond International Raceway. They learned about the chemistry and physics behind racecars and racing and applied their knowledge of forces and motion. Then students participated in rollover, distracted driving, and airbag demonstrations. Their fun day of "racing" applied science to real world situations.



Students Showcase Art and Science

Students from every grade served as docents for the Second Annual Arts and Science Showcase. The showcase included performing arts in the garden and the auditorium and demonstrations of classroom art and science projects.



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Beyond All Saints - Graduating Class of 2017

At All Saints Catholic School, we are well-aware that this is just the beginning for our students. Beginning in 5th grade, we discuss "what's next" with students. We help our students make intentional and positive decisions about high school and beyond. We are proud that in the last 10 years, 100% of the students that graduate from All Saints go on to graduate from high school and 95% attend college. This year's class of graduating eighth graders will attend the following high schools:

Appomattox Regional Governor's School
Benedictine College Preparatory (2 students)
Cardinal Newman Academy
Hanover High School (2 students)
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Monocan High School

Richmond Community High School (4 students)
School of Communications at Varina High School
School of the Humanities at Hermitage High School (2 students)
St. Gertrude High School (3 students)
The Steward School
Thomas Jefferson High School

Patricia Parker Pitts Retirement Celebration

Mrs. Pitts first joined the All Saints Catholic School family in 1981, when she selected the school for her then-first-grader. During the past 36 years she wore many hats at All Saints. She has served as Technology Teacher, Math Teacher and Assistant Principal. Mrs. Pitts served as the guidance counselor for the eighth graders, helping them apply and decide on a high school option. She also created and emceed several All Saints programs such as the Black History Month Program, the Talent Show and Eighth Grade Graduation. She could also be seen cooking fish in the kitchen every Fish Fry and Carnival.

She will be missed!

