

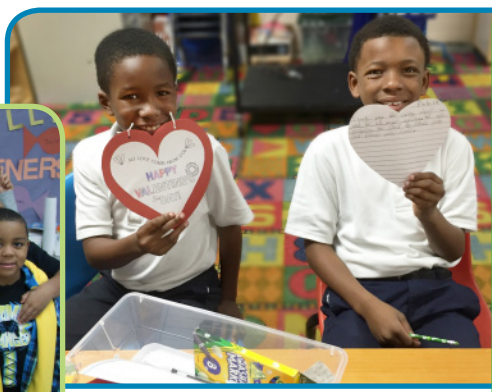


All Saints Catholic School

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

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All Saints Celebrates Catholic Schools Week January 31 - February 6

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 was "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." The week was also National School Choice Week. During the week, students all over the country participate in activities and events which focus on the value of Catholic education and its contributions to church, communities and the nation. Also, they have a lot of fun!

Some ways All Saints celebrated included:

- Parent/Grandparent Luncheon
- Book Fair
- Open House
- Faculty vs. student basketball game
- Morning Donuts/Coffee for Parents
- Making Valentines for our troops abroad with Mass buddies
- Kick-off of the Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics
- Sending "Well Wishes" videos to other local Catholic schools & churches
- Dedication of new stage curtains, carpet and microphones in memory of Edith Cashion Wyatt
- School Spirit Colors Day
- 100th Day Celebration
- Awards Ceremony
- Friday Fish Dinner

Good News for the Nation: Catholic Schools Are Thriving

According to the National Catholic Education Association, "Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools. Thirty-two percent of Catholic schools have

waiting lists for admission and new schools are opening across the country."

All Saints is no different: 100% of All Saints alumni graduate from high school and 95% go on to college. Recently, All Saints has excelled in LEGO Robotics, the State 4-H Agricultural Commodities program, the regional Spelling Bee and varsity basketball. Currently, because we have capped our classroom size to accommodate gradual growth, eight of our ten grades have waiting lists for enrollment. All Saints is thriving!

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Students Celebrate Christmas

The entire student body presented the joyous Christmas program, "SUPER GIFT FROM HEAVEN," to a packed auditorium. Earlier in the month, All Saints Choir performed at "Christmas on MacArthur" in Ginter Park, and the PTO hosted a very successful "Breakfast with Santa" event.

Students Drop Everything and Read

All Saints students love to read! Students dressed up for Dr. Seuss' birthday and dropped everything for an hour to read as part of the national reading marathon on Read Across America Day.



Bon Secours Helps Students Stay Healthy

Students and faculty of the Bon Secours School of Nursing performed health screenings of All Saints students. This is the second year the School of Nursing has provided this vital service. All Saints greatly appreciates this on-going partnership.



After-School Programs for Everyone

This spring, All Saints students can learn to croquet, play chess or the piano or try Tae Kwon Do in the After-School offerings. They can also join the Comic Book Club, Drama Club or Environmental Action Club. If those are not "their thing" they can try Art Abounds, 4-H STEM, soccer or choir. There is something for everyone in After-School!

Knights Shoot for Victory

All Saints hosted three basketball teams this year: a girls varsity team, and boys JV and varsity teams. Thanks to head coaches Carmen Murph (girls), Anthony Williams (varsity), and William Thompson (JV) and their many assistants. All the teams did well and the Varsity Boys advanced to the first round of the district tournament.



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All Saints Gives Back: Teachers Take the Plunge

All Saints' students participate in monthly community service projects throughout the year. Recently, teachers Mr. Wilde, Ms. Porter and Ms. Beale challenged the school to raise funds for the Special Olympics, promising that if the school raised enough funds, all three teachers would take the "Polar Plunge." All Saints' families and friends rose to the challenge, raising over \$1,000. Keeping their word, all three teachers made the plunge.



Marching in the Irish Festival Parade: An Annual Tradition

Families, staff and faculty donned their best green outfits to continue the annual tradition of marching in the Irish Festival on Church Hill.



Students Attend National 4-H Summit

EM Club students Nsja, Edsson, Sophia, and others were selected by the Virginia Cooperative Extension to participate in a national summit in Maryland. The annual National Youth Summit on Agri-Science strives to help students develop the skills and knowledge needed for challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. Extension staff reported that while All Saints students were some of the younger participants, they were frequently commended for the knowledge and maturity brought to their action plan, quiz bowl, and group challenges.



Student is Spelling Bee Champ

All Saints proudly congratulates sixth-grader Cameron for winning the Richmond Diocese Spelling Bee against six other Catholic schools. He moved on to compete in the Richmond Times-Dispatch Regional Spelling Bee against the champions of 30 other school districts and placed 12th!



Black History Comes Alive

During the month of February, Black history came alive as the students participated in weekly "Who Am I?" quizzes and a "Hallowed Ground" art contest. The month culminated in an assembly which also celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King.





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Leaving a Legacy

While over 80% of Americans give to charity, did you know that only 8% report leaving a charitable bequest in their will? For many donors a bequest offers the opportunity to make a more substantial gift than would be possible during the donor's lifetime. A bequest to All Saints is an opportunity to round out a lifetime of giving by helping create a lasting legacy for the school. Because of the tax advantages associated with a charitable bequest, assets from your estate that would otherwise go to the government as taxes can instead be given to support All Saints' mission for years to come.

Anyone can make a bequest. Gifts can be designated to All Saints either through a new document or a codicil (amendment) to an existing will. Some sample language you may want to take to your lawyer include: "I give and devise to All Saints Catholic School, Richmond, VA [Select one of the following clauses]:

- ☐ (a) the sum of _____, or
- ☐ (b) the following property: _____, or
- ☐ (c) a _____ % of the residue of my estate."

Last spring, All Saints received its first bequest. In the fall, All Saints created a Planned Gift Committee and formed the Legacy Society for donors who make a commitment to the future of the school through a planned gift. The school is looking ahead to the day when it has a robust endowment. All it takes is a number of planned gifts -- of any size -- whose cumulative value will support students for generations into the future.

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Please plan to join us for
All Saints Catholic School's

Annual Spring CARNIVAL:

Saturday, May 7, 11 am – 4 pm
at the school.

Enjoy bounce houses, tractor ride, food
tents, silent auction, baked goods sale,
games, prizes and more!

FREE to attend.

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