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Dear All Saints Family Members,

We are so excited to welcome you (back) to All Saints! This packet shares some important tips, hints, and information that your family will need to help our new school year get off to the best start possible.

By way of foundations and priorities, each year we have a biblical theme. Past years include Proverbs 22:6 and Micah 6:8. This year's biblical theme will be NAB - Romans 5:3-5 – *"...affliction produces endurance, and endurance proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts..."* I believe that this verse captures what All Saints (and, dare I say, all of humanity) endured last year as a result of Covid, only to find ourselves stronger as a school community (and, dare I say, as a people). Our hope in God gives us strength and allows us to move forward. Furthermore, the virtues that we will study as a student body center around the theological virtue of "Hope". I encourage you to work with your child(ren) to commit this verse to memory and to walk with us as we explore and unpack the virtue of Hope.

Let's get ready for a great year!

Helpful dates/times:

Family Meet and Greet – Sunday, August 8 – 12pm-2:30pm: We are inviting all new and returning families to come together, have some fun, and see our new and existing space. There will be food trucks where you can order food and the playground will be open. See the enclosed flyer and look for a future email with an RSVP link closer to the date.

New Parent Info Night – Wednesday, August 18 – 6:00pm – School Gym: Please join us in order to receive information about our school and the school day. We will be here to meet, greet, and answer any questions.

Orientations – Monday, August 23: We encourage you to come to orientation and bring your child's school supplies along. Please be sure to put his/her name on the supplies. You will receive an email with details and times for each grade level in July.

First Day of School – Tuesday, August 24: Our doors open at 7:30am. Our tardy bell rings at 8:00am. Homeroom ends/1st period begins at 8:10am. Carline dismissal starts at 2:50pm. School ends at 3:00pm.

Other helpful tips:

After School Program (ASP): Our ASP will begin the first day of school, Tuesday, August 24, 2021. ASP runs from 3pm-6pm, Monday - Friday. The cost is \$50.00 per week. The enclosed Student Data/ASP Registration Form must be returned by the first day of school. It is crucial that ALL information on the form is completed as this is required by the VA Department of Education. Snacks are sold during after-school for \$1.00 each – cash only, or students may bring a snack. Students should be picked up from ASP by 6pm. There is a late pick-up fee of \$10 after 6pm.

Early Release (2:10pm dismissal) days – 1st Tuesday of the month: In order to support our faculty in their professional development and team cohesiveness, we will end school at 2:10 on the first Tuesday of every month. See the school calendar for specific dates.

Knights News: A newsletter is sent home electronically every Friday during the school year. This newsletter is an important source of information and will include relevant attachments. Parents, we work hard to ensure you have the most important and up-to-date information. Please read the Knights News carefully. Please keep the school office informed of any changes to your contact information.

Morning Carline & Gathering: While we understand that parents of younger students may wish to walk their child in to school in the beginning of the year, we do not permit parents to enter the building during morning carline. If you walk your child into the school, you must say goodbye at the front door. Parents are not permitted to visit classrooms in the morning. During a normal day, all grades gather in the gym during morning arrival time. At 8:00am, we make morning announcements, recite our Mission Statement, the Student Pledge for Peace, our Morning Prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parent Volunteers: We need your help! There are lots of opportunities both during the week and on weekends: field trip chaperone, PTO functions, assisting with extracurricular activities, assisting in our library and on our school grounds, etc. The Catholic Diocese of Richmond requires all volunteers to attend a free training session on child abuse prevention entitled “Protecting God’s Children” by VIRTUS. Please see the enclosed information on how to become an approved school volunteer.

Physical Education (PE) Uniforms: PE uniforms can be purchased on Orientation Day or from the school office this summer between 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Shorts, short-sleeve shirts, sweat shirts and sweat pants are available. Children wear the PE Uniform on their assigned PE day beginning the 2nd week of school. Your teacher will let you know the assigned PE day. A “PE Uniform Order Form” is included in this mailing.

School Uniforms: Students are expected to wear the proper school uniform starting the first day of school. New uniforms should be purchased through Flynn & O’Hara. Used uniforms are available at a discounted price on a first come-first served basis at All Saints.

Student Handbooks: Student handbooks for 2020-2021 are on our website. Updates for the 2021-2022 school year will be published on our website by Friday, August 13, 2021. All school guidelines and policies are included in the handbook. It would be helpful to spend time with the handbook as this will be a reference for us throughout the year.

Summer Reading: All students have Summer Reading requirements. Returning students already received their copy. For new students, a copy of the summer reading book from 1st-8th grade is enclosed in this mailing.

Tag-days: Modesty (defined as: Behavior, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency) is the virtue that underpins our dress code both on uniform days and on “tag days” (AKA – dress-down days). To the extent that modest dress is worn on a Tag day, students may interpret the Tag Day dress code with modesty in mind. The school handbook has specific parameters for Tag-days that help guide a student and parent toward modest dress.

Technology Fee: There is a \$100.00 Technology Fee that will be collected on or before Orientation Day to help offset the cost of the Google Chromebook and the Online Learning Platforms. Cash, check or credit card payments are accepted. Please contact the front office to make a payment.

Tuition Payments: Please be sure you have signed up for tuition payments through FACTS or you have contacted Mrs. Hilliard, shilliard@allsaintsric.org with questions before July 15, 2021. First monthly tuition payments typically withdraw via EFT the first week of August. There is a \$500.00 early contract cancellation penalty for any enrollment withdrawals on or after August 1, 2021.

“Virtues in Practice” Program: Helping students establish a well-formed conscience through a life of virtue is an important facet of a Catholic School. We use the “Virtues in Practice” program as our guide for our themes each month. This year’s theme is the “Year of Hope”. The virtues for each month are as follows: Sept. – Hope; Oct. – Studiousness; Nov. – Humility; Dec. – Patience; Jan. – Fidelity; Feb. – Cheerfulness; Mar. – Temperance; Apr. – Obedience; May – Diligence. Each family will receive a printed Parent Guide which will supplement what is being taught at school. For more information – Google: “Virtues in Practice Program – Nashville Dominicans”.

Website: The school website is full of helpful information such as the school calendar, upcoming event information, PTO information, uniform requirements, and a showcase of student work and activities. The site is updated weekly, so mark it as a favorite and visit often! www.allsaintsric.org

Please note: While plans may change in order to keep us in compliance with safety and health regulations surrounding Covid, this information is as accurate as possible at the time of publication.

Thank you for choosing All Saints. We look forward to a great school year filled with learning, fun, and community building. We are delighted to welcome your family!

With All the Saints,

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