



# Celebrating Community

AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Spirit Day Is Wednesday; Wear ASCS Tops With PE Bottoms

Dear All Saints Catholic School Parents,

Even though this is our second year dealing with the COVID pandemic, many aspects of this school year seem to be more difficult to navigate than last year. We are all desperately seeking a return to "normal," where we are free to come together and celebrate our amazing community. It's been absolutely exhausting for families, teachers and staff, and our students. As we plan for the rest of the year, we continually keep this in mind. While we aim to fully resume all of the activities and events that make our school so special, our main goal is to keep students and staff healthy and learning in the building. Numbers of COVID cases in Wayne County remain listed in the high category, and getting back to "normal" is going to be a gradual process.

While we have not yet fully resumed our typical routines and events, we are celebrating what has been accomplished so far. Student clubs are back in session, prayer buddies between grade levels have begun, parent volunteers are slowly being re-instituted, and we are able to offer many modified traditional events that weren't celebrated last year. Students are engaged, there is so much laughter and joy in the building, and we continue to offer in-person education. God has truly been gracious to our community! Attached is our school calendar for the remainder of the academic year. Please note the following:

-Although last year we were unable to host a Christmas concert, we are happy to say we will be able to provide a livestream K-2nd grade performance for our families! Due to school distancing guidelines, we are only able to accommodate students and teachers in the gymnasium, however the Christmas concert and Nativity Night will both be offered virtually (live streamed) and as well as recorded for families this year. The early childhood Christmas concerts will be recorded and provided to parents as well.

-The Archbishop of Detroit and the Office of Catholic Schools has recently granted schools two additional days off. We were asked to communicate the following to families:

*"The Department of Catholic Schools, with the support of Archbishop Vigneron and the Catholic Schools Council, is allowing schools to take two additional days off from their calendar to allow teachers, principals, and staff members an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate. Each school should determine the two days off that will be most appropriate for their school community. The ongoing pandemic has presented our educators with many unique and trying challenges. We are certain that the slight reduction in instructional hours will not compromise the quality of education and formation provided to students in our schools. We are grateful for the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the Lord in the ministry of Catholic education that are demonstrated by the principals, teachers, and staff members in our Catholic schools. Thank you for participating with us in our mission to form disciples of Jesus Christ."*

Our two additional days off will be March 11, 2022, and May 13, 2022. This will provide two longer weekends during our longest months.

Thank you and God bless,  
Kristen Strausbaugh  
Principal

### Current COVID Information

Current Covid Positive Students/Staff: 7

Total Year-to-Date Covid Positive Students/Staff: 33

New Cases Since Last Report: 7

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## In The Know

### November 17

ASCS Spirit Day  
All Saints Tops with PE Bottoms

### November 24

No School for Early Childhood

1/2-day Dismissal for K-8  
11:30 a.m.

### November 25-26

No School--Thanksgiving Break

### December 6-10

Secret Santa Shop

### December 7

K-2 Christmas Concert  
(Livestreamed and Recorded)

### December 14

Advent Nativity Night  
(Livestreamed and Recorded)

## Club Meeting Information

### Quiz Bowl

November 18--2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
in Room 213

### Math Tutoring 7-8

There is no Math Tutoring this week.

### Math Club 5-6

November 8--During Recess

### Dance Club

November 18--2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
in Room 109; Pickup in Front Loop

### Young Naturalists' Club

Grade 3: Wednesday, November 17,  
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Students will bring their lunch to  
Room 204.

### Science Club

November 17--Recess from 12:45 p.m.  
to 1:05 p.m. with Mrs. Werner

### Blessing Brigade Band

Today, November 15--After school until  
3:30 p.m. in Mr. Arnould's Room 205

### Math Tutoring 3-4

November 17--After school until 3:30 p.m.  
in Room 201

### Shakespeare Troupe

November 17--After school until 3:30 p.m.  
in Room 216

### FLL Robotics--Grades 4 and 5

Friday, November 19--4:00 p.m. to 5:00  
p.m. in Mrs. Zahari's Room; Pickup in  
Front Loop

# Advent Giving Tree Donation Drive Continues Online

The All Saints' Advent Giving Tree drive continues through November 24. This year, we have been asked to provide gifts for the Child Welfare (Foster Care and Adoption sections) and Independent Living Programs, sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. The Foster Care Program works with children from ages newborn to 18 years of age, who have been removed from their parents' care due to abuse and/or neglect. The Child Welfare Program works to reunite these children with their parents. If a parent is not able to be reunited with their child, then they look to an alternative permanency plan of adoption.

The Independent Living Program works with youths ages 16 to 21 years old. These youths have been deemed by the court to "age out" of the foster care system. Their permanent goal is APPLA (another planned permanent living arrangement), which is basically emancipation. The agency works with the young people to ensure that they obtain the necessary skills to be self-sufficient. There are young people who are working to finish high school, some who are living at college, and some who have their own apartments and are navigating the adult world.

We have a total of 70 children and youths who are part of both programs. Each child has requested two to three gifts of their choice, along with essential clothing (jeans, tops, shoes, and pajamas). The youths in the independent living program are requesting clothing and a gift card. For most of these children, these may be the only presents they will receive this Christmas.

Because of COVID-19, we are asking for monetary donations with which our team of "Santa's Elves" will purchase all of the items on the list so the young people in foster care can have a blessed Christmas. Last year, our school community donated more than \$10,500 towards the Advent Giving Tree.

Here is the All Saints Storefront link:

[https://allsaintscs.3dcartstores.com/All-Saints-Advent-Giving-Tree-Donation-Drive\\_p\\_102.html](https://allsaintscs.3dcartstores.com/All-Saints-Advent-Giving-Tree-Donation-Drive_p_102.html)

Thank you for your generosity! Have a wonderful Advent season!

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# Calendar for January to June 2022 Is Now Available

Please visit this [link](#) to view the updated November 2021 to June 2022 school calendar. Please note that this calendar is subject to changes, so always check our school website at [www.allsaintscs.com](http://www.allsaintscs.com) and our Facebook page for the latest information. Additional events and time changes may be included in future updates.

## 2022 Fund for All Saints Is Coming Soon!

The Fund for All Saints is the cornerstone of all giving at All Saints Catholic School. Our annual giving program is designed to bridge the gap between paid tuition and what it costs to educate a student at All Saints. Keep watching for more details on the launch of our 2022 campaign, which will be starting soon.

Your tax-deductible gift towards the Fund for All Saints ensures we can continue to lay the foundation, not only for academic education, but also for the spiritual and moral growth and development of each child entering All Saints' doors. Your gift allows us to build and sustain a team of dedicated faculty and staff, and it encourages Catholic education to flourish in our community. We have a beautiful school, but to continue to enhance the experience for all current and future All Saints' students, we need to do our part in providing cutting-edge programs and facilities.

## ASCS Girl Scouts Volunteer in Community



Some Girl Scouts from our All Saints 6th grade Cadette Troop volunteered at the Open Door Ministry last week. Our volunteers assembled carts of food for each of the 300 families who pick up donations every Thursday. Thank you for serving our community!

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# All Saints Honors Veterans



All Saints Catholic School honored our veterans and those serving in the military on Veterans' Day 2021. In addition to placing the names of loved ones and friends who have served in the military on stars that lined our school hallways, All Saints posted outdoor signs thanking our veterans for their service.

Our students recently colored thank you cards and wrote letters for veterans. Our students' artwork and letters have been packaged with special medallions and will be delivered to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, with greetings to brighten the day for those whose sacrifices we honor. We are also wore red, white, and blue tops to recognize our veterans on Thursday.

## Hammy Is Found Safe and Sound!

In the good news story of the week, Hammy--the hamster of Mrs. Nicholas' 4th grade classroom--has been found! Hammy was on the lam for much of the week, apparently exploring the All Saints campus. In answer to the prayers of everyone--and to the surprise of Ms. Pacente--he was found in her 5th grade homeroom early Friday morning.

Hammy is back home, and even has a new animal classmate. Coco "Buns" Hutchinson, a Harlequin rabbit, is residing alongside Hammy in Mrs. Nicholas' room. Hopefully, Buns will keep a close eye on Hammy to prevent any more escapades!



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# Classroom Happenings



Kindergarteners were doing the Hand Jive in their poodle skirts and leather jackets on Friday, as the classes celebrated the 50th day of school. Activities included 50s counting exercises, stacking 50 plastic cups, dancing with hula hoops, and topping off festivities with root beer floats--just like kids enjoyed at soda fountains back in the 1950s. The students also wrote about 50 items they wanted, and 50 items they did not want. Everyone had a swell time!



Mrs. Nicholas' 4th grade science classes are studying the difference between transverse and longitudinal waves. Using jump ropes and Slinky toys, the students are replicating those types of waves and noting their observations. The Slinky toys demonstrate how the longitudinal waves extend out parallel to the wave and travel a farther distance. Transverse waves move up and down and are perpendicular to the origin of the wave's travel direction.



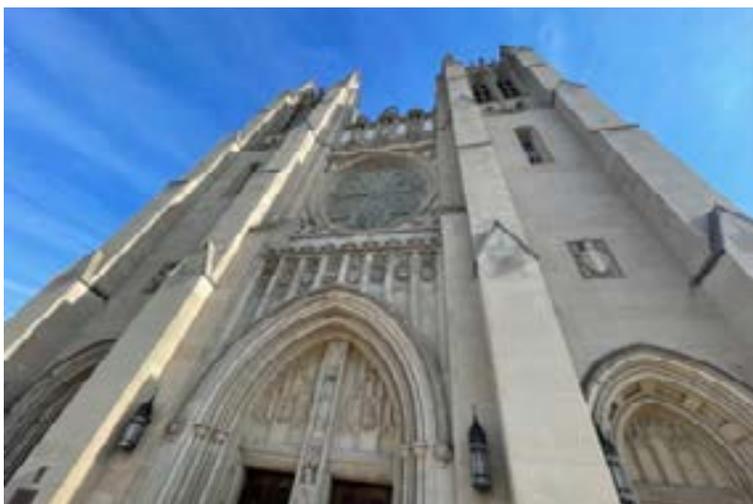
Our junior high students met on Tuesday with their Prayer Buddies in our younger grades. The students enjoy interacting with each other in person.

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# More Classroom Happenings



Students in Mrs. Zahari's 8th grade Dissection elective became acquainted with their dissection tools and vocabulary this week. Their first specimen was a dill pickle. Look at our future surgeons!



Our 7th graders traveled to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit on Thursday to experience a behind-the-scenes tour. Students were able to explore many parts inside and outside the mother church of our Archdiocese and learn about the history of the building. They were also able to hear many interesting facts and see some unique sights! Highlights included the drawers of vestments, Cathedra (seat of Archbishop Vigneron), and the stained glass!

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# Parents in Prayer Resumes In-Person

All Saints' Parents in Prayer returned as an in-person program on Friday! Parents and small children came to pray the rosary for the intentions of our school community in our Chapel.

Family members are welcomed to attend each Friday morning right after drop off.

Large rosary beads and age-appropriate religious books are available for our youngest attendees to use while praying with their moms and dads.



# New Student Council Leaders Take Office



Congratulations to our new Student Council leaders: President Emma Bauman, Vice President Harmony Purwadihardja, Secretary Ben Sanko, and Treasurer Josh Tamas. The students were elected by their classmates following speeches they made that were livestreamed into classrooms. Thank you to all of the students who stepped forward to run for Student Council. We are proud of all of your efforts!

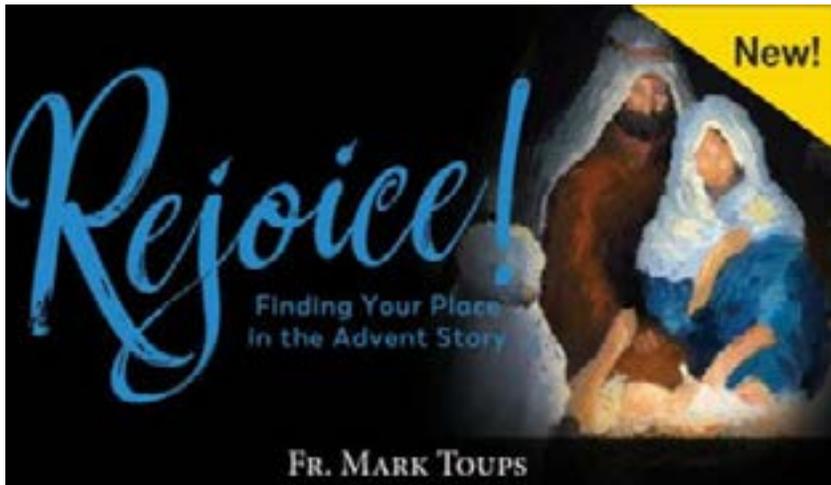
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# Experience a More Peaceful, Joyful, and Meaningful Advent Than Ever Before!

Dear Parents,

I am very excited to offer a new meditation journal for Advent by Father Mark Toups called "Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story." Together with the guided meditation videos, this journal will help you to see the how the people, places, and events of the first Advent affected Jesus's story. You will also take a look at the people, places, and events in your own life to see how the Lord is shaping your story, today.

This is the 4th year for this series, and it continues to grow in popularity. Be sure to reserve your copy or copies today. They are available on a first come, first serve basis. Simply email me at [mjenkins@allsaintscs.com](mailto:mjenkins@allsaintscs.com) with your name, number of copies you would like, and the name of your oldest child and their homeroom teacher. I will send them home with your child and then you can pay me \$6 per journal once you have received them.



Also, this year we will be offering once again an opportunity for parents to come together for three sessions in the chapel from 8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. to discuss and see how God is speaking to you this season. These sessions are designed so you may participate regardless of how much or little time you have to prepare. This has been a tremendous community- and faith-building experience for a number of our parents, and we are thrilled to be able to offer it again in person on the first three weeks of Advent--Thursday, December 2, 9, and 16. When you email me with the journal order, also indicate that you would like to participate in these sessions as well.

Please note that we will not be able to offer childcare for younger children as we continue to be cautious with keeping distanced at this time.

I looking forward to Advent and journeying with you as we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

Mary Ann Jenkins  
Campus Minister

## All Saints Needs Substitute Teachers

All Saints Catholic School is looking for energetic and motivated substitute teachers to work with students at all grade levels, from Preschool to 8th grade. Official experience and/or a state teaching license is great, but we welcome parents and those with informal experience, too. All applicants must have 90 credit hours of college credit. In this position, you will work in the absence of our regular teachers, aiding students in their daily tasks and helping ensure the understanding of the subject matter being covered. If you are a friendly and competent professional with an interest in education, then we're interested in you.

### Substitute Teacher Duties and Responsibilities

- Use materials provided to attain lesson goals
- Direct the classroom, accomplishing curriculum objectives and goals outlined in the lesson plans
- Take attendance according to the procedures of the school, keep classroom and work orderly, and maintain normal classroom rhythms
- Comply with all procedures, guidelines, and policies of the school at all times
- Maintain a professional attitude in all manner of conduct with students, faculty, and parents, including a commitment to confidentiality

This is a great job opportunity for parents looking to get back into the workforce or for recent college graduates in education seeking classroom experience. Please apply to All Saints Principal Kristen Strausbaugh at [kstrausbaugh@allsaintscs.com](mailto:kstrausbaugh@allsaintscs.com).

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## 2021-2022 School Calendar

### November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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November 1—All Saints Celebration  
 November 1—Mass 10:00 a.m.  
 November 3—Report Cards Available  
 November 3—Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Virtual)  
 November 4—Conferences 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
 (No School PS-8) (Virtual)  
 November 8—No School (Teacher PD PS-8)  
 November 11—Veteran’s Day Celebration  
**November 24—No School Early Childhood (Teacher PD)**  
 November 24—½ day 11:30 a.m. dismissal K-8  
 November 25-26—Thanksgiving Break (No School PS-8)

### December

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December 6-10—Secret Santa Shop  
 December 7—K-2 Christmas Concert (Virtual)  
 December 14—Advent Nativity Night (Virtual)  
 December 16—Midterms Grades 7-8 (½ day optional)  
 December 17—Midterms Grades 7-8 (½ day optional)  
 December 20-31—Christmas Break (No School PS-8)

### January

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30	31					

January 17—No School (Teacher PD)  
 January 21—End of Quarter  
**January 24-25—No School Early Childhood (Conferences)**  
 January 26—Report Cards Available  
 January 30—Open House 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 January 30-February 5—Catholic Schools Week

### February

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27	28					

January 30-February 5—Catholic Schools Week  
 February 6—Open House 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
 February 18-22—Mid-Winter Break (No School PS-8)

### March

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March 1—No Mass  
 March 2—Ash Wednesday Mass  
 March 11—No School  
 March 14—No School (Teacher PD)  
**March 25—No School (Early Childhood)**  
 March 25—No School (Kindergarten)  
 March 25—Kindergarten Round Up  
 March 25—End of Quarter  
 March 30—Report Cards Available

### April

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April 5—Spring Concert (Grades 3-5)  
 April 13—Living Stations of the Cross Performances  
**April 14—No School Early Childhood (Teacher PD)**  
 April 14—½ day 11:30 a.m. dismissal  
 April 15-22—Easter Break (No School PS-8)

## May

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May 3—May Crowning

May 13—No School

May 17—Ribbon Mass 10:00 a.m.

May 20—Field Day

May 27—No School Early Childhood (Teacher PD)

May 27—½ day 11:30 a.m. dismissal K-8

May 30—Memorial Day (No School PS-8)

May 31—Communion Mass 10:00 a.m.

## June

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June 3—PK Full Day dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

June 1—Graduation Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

June 1—Graduation at SJN 7:00 p.m.

June 2-3—Last Day for Early Childhood Classes

June 3—Kindergarten Promotion 9:00 a.m.

June 10—½ day 11:00 a.m. dismissal for Last Day

June 15—Report Cards mailed

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

10 November 2021

Dear Catholic School Principals, Teachers, and Staff Members,

I give God thanks for each of you and bless His name for all you do to bring His sons and daughters closer to Jesus. Your ministry in Catholic schools is one of the most important works in the Archdiocese of Detroit. You are on the front line of today's missionaries.

On behalf of the Department of Catholic Schools and the Catholic Schools Council, thank you for your dedication and perseverance in this critical apostolate. The pandemic's challenges continue—contact tracing, policy disagreements, tense interactions, exhaustion, and a shortage of substitute teachers and staff, among others. It is challenging work, but your love of the mission and God's unfailing help lift you during difficult moments.

Times like this cause me to reflect on Pope St. John Paul II's message—Be not afraid! During one of his general audiences in 1995, he spoke about "[Perseverance in Mission](#):"

*From the start, we can recall that the Church's mission has always been a challenge: how did that little group of Christ's disciples commit themselves to the work of universal evangelization he had requested? How could that small group of fishermen from Galilee "make disciples of all the nations"? Jesus was well aware of the difficulties that the Apostles would meet; this is why he offers us the same guarantee: "And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!" (Mt 28:20).*

Jesus is always with you amid the joys and challenges at your schools! Please know of my prayers for your strength, health, and, importantly, for an increased trust in the Lord and your perseverance.

As a means of expressing our gratitude—and to provide respite for our hardworking school teams, it was suggested that two additional days off for the entire school community would be welcome. My hope is that these additional days off will provide an opportunity to spend time with your families and friends, to pray, rest and recharge.

Since the days of the apostles, our work to bring the Good News of the Gospel to a suffering world has not been easy. You are truly doing God's work by fostering centers of evangelization—by forming the souls of those entrusted to your care.

During this month of gratitude for God's abundant blessings, know of my deep appreciation for you and all those working in our Catholic schools.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
Archbishop of Detroit

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
**JANUARY 28**  
**6-8 PM**



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