

All Saints CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Challenges of Families:

There are many factors that cause stress and hardship to marriage and families. Our daily lives are filled with long school days, work, meetings, courses, classes, sports, clubs, and other commitments. These demands separate the family and often leave them too exhausted to meaningfully interact with one another. Sadly, home can soon become helpful when convenient, or swept aside if it proves to be tiresome or inconvenient. When families are overwhelmed and over extended they can sadly even fall away from their Catholic faith and religion. The Holy Father continues to remind families to stay involved in their church and nurture one another as a family. Marriage and family can be a motivator for men and women to respond to the grace that God offers them as a married couple. Married couples and their families are essential for our parish school, and church. A healthy family is a building block for society. When life is overwhelming, make sure to hold more tightly to God, each other and all the members of your family. This wonderful effort is well worth the efforts. It will take courage, enthusiasm and commitment. I feel deep admiration and gratitude that you will continue the journey of strengthening all of our families at All Saints Catholic School and in our Parish. May God bless your family. Mr. Houghton, Principal



Prayer Partner Meeting: Our first prayer partner meeting will be Tuesday, October 16th. All students should be dropped off at St. Mary's campus on this day. The inner campus bus will run as usual. Grade 5-8 students will be bused back to St. John's at 11 am.

X-County Meet: On Friday, October 12th at 4 pm at Airline School for the Invitational!

Middle School Dance: Our first dance is Friday, October 12th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm in the gym.

Sacramental Preparation: Year #2- Saturday, October 13th at St. Matthew's from 9:30 to 11 am.

Scholastic Book Fair: Here is the link to the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair coming up October 14th -19th. Details <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ascs>

Celebrate Mr. Kane: Tuesday, October 16th from 5 to 7 pm parents are invited to drop by St. Mary's cafeteria to celebrate Bill Kane and wish him well in his new job. We have been blessed by his 6 years of teaching, coaching and athletic directing at All Saints Catholic School. The Scholastic Book Fair, will also be open during this time.

NWEA Testing- Grade 3-8: Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be tested in Reading, Math and Language. The data will be sent home and discussed with parents during Parent Teacher Conferences. The testing will be Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19th. Please make sure your child is present and well rested and prepared for these important assessments.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday, October 25th is an early release day for grades K-5 and a no school day for grades 6-8. Friday, October 26th is a no school day for grades K-8.

Bishop Deeley Visit: Parents are welcome to meet the Bishop on Monday October 29th from 8:30 to 9 am in the Teacher's Room at St. Mary's campus. Please RSVP to Amy at 942-0955 if you plan on attending. Bishop Deeley will then visit with St. Mary's campus students from 9 to 11:30 and St. John's campus students from 12 to 2 pm.

All Saints Day: November 1st- Joint Mass at St. Mary's Church at 8:30 am. Parents please drop off your students at St. Mary's campus on this morning. Prayer Partner activities to follow after mass in the St. Mary's Church Hall.

Calling All Alumni: If you attended All Saints Catholic School or any of our predecessor schools including: St. Mary's School, St. John's School, or St. Teresa's School, we truly want to reconnect with you and help you reconnect with your previous classmates and friends. Please join us as we celebrate our foundations of our Catholic education, friendship and faith! November 3, 2018 at 4:00 pm for Mass at St. John's Catholic Church, followed by a 5:00 pm reception in St. John's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Sweetser School Based Counselor Services: Our Sweetser school-based clinician, Jennifer Metzger is now available Fridays to collaborate with school personnel and families. Counseling services can help reduce the barriers to school success that confront children and adolescents with social, emotional or behavioral challenges, or are at risk. If you feel that your son or daughter would benefit from individual, family and groups therapy in the natural setting of the school please contact Mr. Houghton for a confidential referral at 942-0955.

Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast to Be Held on November 17 in Portland:

Event Expected to Sell Out! All Catholic women as well as women who have lost touch with the Church are invited to gather for an inspiring celebration of faith and community in Portland on Saturday, November 17. The Scarborough chapter of Magnificat will host a Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fireside Inn & Suites on 81 Riverside Street. Seating is limited as these events typically sell out. Tickets for the breakfast are \$22 per person. To fill out the registration form, which includes instructions on where to send the form, visit:

www.portlanddiocese.org/sites/default/files/files/MagnificatForm.pdf.

For more information about the breakfast or the Scarborough chapter of Magnificat, visit: www.magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-l-m/me-scarborough.

Uniform update: As cold weather approaches, we are thoughtfully deciding on additional uniform sweater options for our boys and girls. We are working with Flynn and O'Hara, and Emerson's, to provide samples and will have the choices available soon for purchase including a fleece. Although sweatshirts are not part of our daily school uniform they may be worn to and from school, but not during school. Pre-K now also has an option to wear uniforms to school each day! Boys can no longer wear shorts after October 15th.

Attic Thrift Store: Reminder, The Attic is open on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. The Attic is accepting donations of seasonal appropriate clothing, shoes and decorations, as well as books, dishes, glassware, knick-knacks etc.

Genius Hour Project: This project is designed to allow students to choose and design a project related to one of our four core subjects (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science) and Religion. Additionally, students are strongly encouraged to incorporate other areas of study including any of the other three core subjects, as well as Fine Arts, Health, Physical Education, and Spanish. This is an opportunity to demonstrate integrated learning in a personal, fun and challenging way to promote grow in knowledge, skills and experience. October 3rd to 24th students will check in with mentors to complete agreed upon work. Projects will be completed by October 31st and students will practice their presentations. On November 5th students will present their projects during Catholic Schools Week.

Volunteers and Virtus: This is a reminder that all volunteers need to be up to date with their Virtus trainings on line. Any volunteer that is two or more trainings behind will not be able to volunteer.

Music Corner: SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Concert will be Wednesday, December 19th and snow date will be Thursday, December 20th.

Art Corner: PARENTS NIGHT OUT WITH CERAMICS & SIP! ASCS Parents will be making a large serving platter at Creative Arts Center in Brewer for \$25! Wednesday, October 24th from 6-8 pm. Adults only please. This is a great event to get to know other ASCS parents. Registration link:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11ZqZ5xZD3N0DkeDpFLWHLpVfwW4II4iakQUCFDT7io4/edit?usp=sharing>