

August 23, 2019

Dear Families of All Saints Academy Students,

No School Labor Day Holiday

On Friday, August 30, and Monday, September 2, All Saints Academy will be closed for Labor Day weekend; however, child care will be open on Friday only. Please sign up for child care in advance.

2019-2020 Calendar Summary

If you'd like a printable calendar summer for the school year, [you can find it here](#). Please remember the most accurate calendar is always the [online ASA Google calendar](#), which is displayed on the home page of the website.

Attendance Reminders

Attendance records are managed in the offices, therefore if your child will be out of class for any reason, please notify the school office, not the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will be informed about any absences, late arrivals or early dismissals by the office staff. You can contact the office at any time, not just during open office hours.

Elementary K-3 Attendance: Phone (616) 447-2997, Email mmollan@asagr.org

Toddler/Preschool Attendance: Email mmollan@asagr.org AND bpatterson@asagr.org

Middle School Attendance: Phone (616) 363-7725 press the option to report an absence, Email amitchell@asagr.org AND kszczytko@asagr.org

Procedures for reporting absences:

Daily Absences for any reason: Contact the school office by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. Please give a reason for your child's absence. All Michigan schools are required to report the number and type of illnesses to the county health department. If you know your child will be absent in advance, you may contact the office ahead of time.

Tardy: Students are considered tardy if they are not in their seats by the time school starts. If your child arrives at school after school starts, please escort your child into the school office and sign him/her in. The tardy bell is 8:15 a.m. at the Elementary and 8:00 a.m. at the Middle School. All students arriving after the start of the school day must be signed in by an adult.

Early Release/Appointments: If your child will be leaving school before the end of the day, please notify the office staff ahead of time and the staff will make every effort to have your child ready at the scheduled time. When it is time to pick up your child, please come into the office and sign him/her out. All students leaving before dismissal must be signed out by an adult.

Vacations: Families are encouraged to take vacations during school breaks. If this is absolutely not possible, please notify the office staff as far ahead of time as possible.

Join us for Mass!

We would love to have parents and grandparents join us for weekly mass. Mass schedules are as follows:

Elementary (grades K-3): 10:30 am Wednesdays, Blessed Sacrament Church

Middle School (grades 4-8): 8:30 am Thursdays, St. Jude Church

Protecting Young Eyes Digital Citizenship

All students in grades K-8 will attend a digital citizenship presentation from [Protecting Young Eyes](#) (PYE) next Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Parents and grandparents, you are invited to attend as well! This event kicks off ongoing digital citizenship instruction for our students. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 am 6th-8th Grades, Brophy Center
- 9:30 am 4th & 5th Grades, Brophy Center
- 10:30 am K-3rd Grades, Elementary Library

If you are unfamiliar with Protecting Young Eyes, in addition to the instruction and presentations, they provide many faith based resources for parents to keep their children safe online. They can help you learn how to explain risks, lock down your children's devices and gaming systems, and how to be aware of what your children are doing and who they are meeting online. We will share a series of home discussion questions for families to use as a followup to these presentations next week.

Middle School Band and Jazz Band

This year's [band calendar can be found here](#).

There are three required concerts for each grade this year:

- The Christmas Concert for 5th-8th on Dec 5th at 7pm at West Catholic
- The Pre-Festival Concert for 7th & 8th on February 3rd at 7pm at ASA
- Bandtastic for 5th & 6th on April 1st at 7pm at Catholic Central

- The Spring Band Concert for 5th-8th on May 14th at 7pm at Catholic Central

There will be an Ice Cream Party at the end of May celebrating participation in all of these performances!!

There are a number of additional performance opportunities on the band calendar, from Solo and Ensemble competitions and Jazz Band Festival, to various National Anthem performances!

“The purpose of arts education is...to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives.” - Kelly Pollock

Why Social Media is Not Smart for Middle School Kids

[This is a very useful article](#), from Psychology Today, for parents of middle schoolers, who are guiding their children in this hyper connected world. It explains from a parent’s point of view why tween brains are too immature to use social media appropriately.

Please follow ASA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, August 27

8:30 am 6-8 Grades Protect Young Eyes, Brophy Center
9:30 am 4-5 Grades Protect Young Eyes, Brophy Center
10:30 am K-3 Grades Protect Young Eyes, Elementary

Wednesday, August 28

10:30 am Elementary (Grades K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church
6:30 pm Board Member Training, Cathedral Square

Thursday, August 29

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, August 30

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Weekend
Child Care OPEN

Monday, September 2

NO SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

8:00 am Blessing of the Backpacks, Middle School Gym

8:15 am Blessing of the Backpacks, Elementary Gym

Wednesday, September 4

10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

Thursday, September 5

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

6:30-8:00 pm Middle School Open House

Friday, September 6

Spirit Day

8:15 am Elementary Rosary, Gym

God Bless,

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The Vision of All Saints Academy is to provide a transformative education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this education meets the needs of individual learners, preparing them to make a positive impact on others.

The ASA Sponsor/Community Partner of the week is: Woodland Travel Center



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