

January 17, 2020

Dear All Saints Academy Families,

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, January 20, is a no school day for grades P-8. Child care services are available. If care is needed, please sign your child up in the child care rooms.

Hat & Jeans Day Next Friday

Next Friday, January 24, we will celebrate meeting our fall Box Tops goals with a hat and jeans day. Our next Box Tops contest will begin in February. Please keep clipping and scanning!

Pack the Pews

Sunday, January 26th, All Saints Academy will be packing the pews at St. Alphonsus. What does this mean? All ASA families are asked to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus Church, wearing their ASA clothing. We are putting together a choir to lead the music at this Mass. If your grade 4th-8th grade child would like to participate, please email Mrs. Clark at vclark@asagr.org. Mrs. Fedewa, Music Director at St. Alphonsus, will be leading the choir. We would love to have as many voices as possible to represent ASA! Pack the Pews will be cycling through our other three parishes in the coming months.

Lunch Menus

Our current lunch menus for both campuses can always be found on our website at <https://asagr.org/lunch-menus> - even when they are not yet available on the app. The ASA app has also been updated for January.

In Case You Missed These Permission Forms...

If you have not already completed these permission forms for Catholic Schools Week (January 26-February 1, 2020), please take a moment to do so now.

- [Gr. K-8 CSW School Mass and Readers' Theater at St. Alphonsus](#)
- [Gr. 6-8 CSW Youth Rally at Catholic Central](#)
- [Gr. 3 CSW Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew](#)

Reminder - Financial Aid Applications Due January 31

If you will be applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 school year, the deadline for your application is January 31, 2020. You can apply online via Smart Aid. Here are the [general Smart Aid instructions](#), [online application instructions](#), and the [online application](#). If you do not have internet access, please contact Mr. Darrell Beckwith, Business Manager, at 616-447-2997, ext. 1251.

Employment Opportunity

All Saints Academy is seeking a fun-loving adult to join our Early Childhood Team as an Early Childhood Assistant in our Toddler 2 room. We are in need of someone Monday through Friday from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM (flexibility is available if you can't do all 5 days). This school calendar position may require working on non-school days including snow days. The option of summer employment would also be available if desired. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. This is a great opportunity for a college student pursuing an education degree or a retired educator. Interested candidates should email Beckie Patterson - bpatterson@asagr.org or call (616)447-2997.

Support ASA with Amazon Smile

If you shop on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>), and designating your support for All Saints Academy. With no other effort on your part, a portion of your purchases will be sent to ASA. Just remember to login to your Amazon Smile site each time you order - the prices are the same.

Spring Sports Registrations

Registrations are now open for spring sports for grades 5-8! This spring we will be offering softball, baseball, girls and boys lacrosse, girls soccer, track & field, and tennis (grades 6-8 only). [Please use the TeamSnap link here to register](#). All participants must have a current sports physical on file in the school office to participate. Please contact Angela Mitchell at amitchell@asagr.org or 363-7725 with any questions.

Bark - Does Your Child Use iMessage, YouTube, Instagram and SnapChat?

Bark Parental Controls can help identify inappropriate bullying and sexualized comments in both apps, keeping parents informed. There are few options for monitoring Snapchat and Instagram. [You can read more about BARK here](#). BARK is the ONLY social media monitoring solution we

recommend at Protect Young Eyes. When you [opt in to free Family Alerts through ASA](#), you are eligible for a discount on Bark. Please note: ASA does not receive any compensation for parents who use Bark.

What Makes Snapchat So Addictive? What's the Big Deal About Snapstreak?

These are good questions and the answers are important because the creators of Snapchat are very smart about the teenage brain. They know what makes it “tick” and how to make it want their product. Instagram isn’t much different. Why are teens more anxious than ever? The answer is explained in this post about what social media does to ramp-up teenage worry. [Post: Snapstreak Addiction – Why Kids Can’t Put Snapchat Down](#)

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

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, January 19

5:30 pm St. Jude 1st Communion and 1st Reconciliation Sacrament Parent Meeting

Monday, January 20

No School P-8, MLK Day

Child Care Open

Tuesday, January 21

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

6:30 pm Home & School Meeting, MS Holy Family Learning Center

7:30 pm 8th Grade Fun Day Parent Meeting, Middle School

Wednesday, January 22

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

3:30-4:25 pm MS Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

Thursday, January 23

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude

Friday, January 24

Hat/Jeans Day for Box Tops

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

Sunday, January 26

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) Begins

11:00 am Pack the Pews, St. Alphonsus Church

Monday, January 27

CSW Mismatch/Crazy Hair Day

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

Tuesday, January 28

CSW Crazy Socks & Hat Day with Uniforms

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

10:00 am-12:00 pm 3rd Grade to Cathedral Mass

Wednesday, January 29

CSW Dress Up Day

9:00 am-12:00 pm K-8 Students at St. Alphonsus, Readers Theater and Mass

10:30 am CSW All School Mass, St. Alphonsus Church

3:30-4:25 pm MS Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

Thursday, January 30

CSW Red, Gold & Black Day

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

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

6:30 pm Staff vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game, St. Isidore Family Center

Friday, January 31

CSW Sports Team Day

Grades 4 & 5 Retreat

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

8:45 am Elementary Bucket Filler Pep Rally

9:30-12:45 pm Grades 6-8 to CSW Youth Rally, Catholic Central

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: Heritage Service Centre



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