



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS LETTER

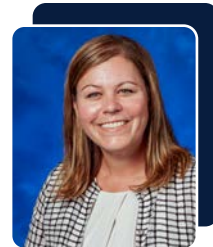
FALL 2022



GROWING LEADERS IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT



A NOTE FROM MS. STRAUSBAUGH



Dear ASCS Grandparents,

As we enter Advent, our staff and school community have been invited to join together in a daily pilgrimage Scripture study. This study, *Rejoice*, by Fr. Mark Toups, calls us to take time to focus on prayer during this busy Christmas season and to find the sacred in each day.

It is not difficult to find the sacred in our work here at All Saints. Each student, staff member, parent, grandparent, and family are living representations of the heart of our mission. In all we do, we strive to fulfill our commitment to grow leaders in mind, body, and spirit.

As grandparents, you are vital to this mission. Children cannot thrive if they are not loved and supported, and your dedicated involvement is evident in our students. We are grateful to have your partnership on this journey and look forward to sharing the wonderful things we are blessed to accomplish at All Saints.

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Blessings,

Ms. Kristen Strausbaugh
Kristen Strausbaugh,
Principal

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome our students back on August 29. After several years that looked very different for our staff and students, we have been thankful that we are able to once again offer community activities and student clubs, as well as invite volunteers back into the school.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

All Saints is not just a Catholic school in name; our faith is the root of all we do. Every decision we make - from the curriculum we use to the activities we provide students and the community - is done with a faith-first mindset.

We believe our students are exceptionally well prepared for high school and beyond, and the data agrees. The National Assessment of Educational Progress, a congressionally mandated report card on academic progress in the country, found that Catholic schools in the United States outperform public and charter schools.

Students struggled during the pandemic. Math and reading scores dropped significantly, setting many students back substantially. However, Catholic schools across the nation either held steady or showed only minor learning loss. In fact, eighth grade students in Catholic

schools managed to improve math scores by one point, while both charter and public eighth grade students lost three points. Overall, Catholic schools students' scores average 15 points higher than those of their public and charter school peers.

We know we are blessed to have the opportunity to provide our students a Catholic education at All Saints. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to uphold our Catholic identity and give students the opportunity to learn in a Christ-centered environment.

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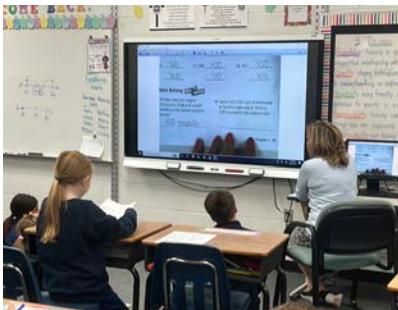
CORE KNOWLEDGE

At All Saints, we are committed to academic excellence. Our team of staff and administrators work tirelessly to research and implement the best curriculum and educational practices, utilizing cutting-edge technology.

Our curriculum is based on the Core Knowledge Sequence, which encompasses language arts, mathematics, science, history, geography, fine arts, and physical education. This curriculum exceeds the state-mandated curriculum, providing a cumulative, coherent, and content-specific foundation.

The Core Knowledge Sequence is characterized by knowledge that is:

- Solid - lasting, unchanging knowledge such as important events in world history;
- Sequenced - a planned progression building on previous knowledge and eliminating excessive repetition and gaps;
- Specific - clearly defined knowledge at each grade level, ensuring fairness for all students; and
- Shared - providing all students, regardless of background, with the shared knowledge they need to be included in our national literate culture.



FIELD TRIPS AND CAMP

In addition to community events, our students are excited that field trips and camp are back!

Seventh and eighth grade students had a fun day at Howell Nature Center, building their leadership skills and bonding with their classmates.



Kindergarten students enjoyed a perfect Michigan fall morning at the cider mill.



Sixth graders spent three days at camp, where they played games, canoed, experienced nature, and participated in leadership-building activities.



HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS DAY

Our early childhood and lower elementary students had plenty of not-so-spooky fun for Halloween. Early childhood students trick-or-treated around the school, and students in grades K-3 participated in the annual ASCS Halloween Parade.



It'll come as no surprise that the feast of All Saints is a pretty special day around here! Students spent the day with prayer buddies, celebrating Mass with Bishop Battersby, participating in acts of service, and attending assemblies. Families donated non-perishable food for the All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.





At the beginning of November, we launched our annual appeal for the Fund for All Saints. The Fund for All Saints helps us cover expenses that are not met by tuition alone. We rely on the contributions to this fund to allow us to continue to provide the very best education and Catholic environment for our students.

All Saints Catholic School is a wonderful place for students and families. We know that alone, we are limited in what we can achieve. Together, we can accomplish great things. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a significant difference for our students.

If you would like to make a contribution, we encourage you to do so online at www.allsaintscs.com/donate. You can also return the enclosed pledge form with your check, made out to All Saints Catholic School.

Thank you for your generous support of our school. Together, we can continue to offer the best possible education and environment for our students. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we are All Saints.

THE *fund* FOR ALL SAINTS SUPPORTS

- Innovative and rigorous curriculum
- The latest technology
- Building and maintenance upgrades
- Catholic education and enrichment
- Blue Thunder athletics
- Professional development for staff



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FUND FOR ALL SAINTS

2022-2023 PLEDGE FORM

We are grateful to all who choose to support All Saints Catholic School by making a charitable contribution. Your gift to the Fund for All Saints directly supports the mission and work of our school. On behalf of our entire community, we are truly grateful for your support.

OUR GOAL IS 100% PARTICIPATION.
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