



# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

Yesterday students in grades 1-8 celebrated Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament through Adoration. It was a prayerful and reflective time led by Fr. Sanders and the teachers. I was impressed by the solemnity of the students, who were all so very respectful. I am also most appreciative of the time and effort teachers put into preparing for this celebration. It was beautiful!

Included in this week's virtual envelope are two letters. The first of which is from Sr. Ellen, and was read aloud to all MS students this morning. It was felt that all the children together should hear her message and to have the opportunity to process and ask any questions they may have. While Sr. Ellen will be missed this semester, we pray that she is feeling better and able to return to us very soon. In the meantime, I am searching for a long-term substitute and will keep you apprised of the process.

The second letter is from Dr. Perda, Superintendent of the Worcester Diocese. In it he addresses parents and guardians of eighth graders who wish to continue their Catholic education in one of the Diocesan high schools. The following five points should be emphasized:

- A common entrance/placement exam will be administered at each Central Catholic High School (the HSPT).
- Applicants presently enrolled in a Catholic elementary school are exempt from the exam.
- Applicants not presently enrolled in a Catholic elementary school are required to sit for the exam.
- All applicants wishing to be considered for merit-based scholarships are required to sit for the exam.
- The fee for the exam is \$25.

Also included in the V.E. is a Google form for parent/guardian contact information for our new Blackboard Connect emergency messaging service. We have adopted this as an additional means of communicating with families in the event of an emergency, or in inclement weather for school closings or delays in opening. With regard to school closings, we will most often follow the Town of Webster for those weather-related circumstances that force us to close due to poor road conditions, and those notifications will be on the news – WCVB Channel 5, WBZ Channel 4, Fox TV, WHDH Channel 7, and online at <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/closing/index.html>, [www.webster-school.org](http://www.webster-school.org), and of course, our own website.

On Monday, the winter/dress uniform policy will be in effect. Please check the handbook policy on the website if you are unsure of what this entails. Students are also expected to wear this winter uniform for pictures on Friday.

Lastly, I hope to see you all on Saturday at the Halloween Party at school. Special thanks to Mrs. Sherry Campbell and her crew of volunteers who have worked hard to produce and present this event and continue this great tradition. It is of special note that all proceeds from the Halloween Party and MS Dance go back to ASA in the form of scholarship money for our students. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

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