

December 1, 2023

Dear ASA Families,



In Case You Missed It - The ASA App is Back!

The ASA app is new and improved and ready for you to download to your mobile device. The All Saints Academy GR app is available in the [App Store \(Apple\)](#) and on [Google Play \(Android\)](#). Search "All Saints Academy GR" and download the app developed by Appazur. By installing the app on your mobile devices, you'll have easy access to all of the information and communication tools most commonly used by parents. The ASA App will provide easy access to:

- Emergency Push Notifications (Be sure to allow them when prompted!)
- School Calendar in either month or agenda view
- Lunch Menu
- Reporting Absences (There's a new form to make this process easier!)
- Staff Contact Information
- Social Media Posts - even if you don't have Facebook or Instagram accounts
- School Handbooks
- Parent Links (Blackbaud, Canvas, Infinite Campus, Finalsight, Service Hour Reporting Form, etc.)
- The news feed from the ASA website

Android Users: The old ASA app is still listed in Google Play. Make sure you download the app by Appazur. We're working on getting the old app removed.

Explore all the new features included in this new app, and please let us know if it's useful to you.

Reporting Absences Just Got Easier!

There's a [new form for reporting absences](#) included in the new ASA App. This form gives the office staff members all the information they need about your child's late arrivals, absences and early releases, including if your child will be needing school lunch when arriving late. ***Please do not email your child's teacher with absence information***, the office staff will take care of that for you. Simply use the form, and everyone who needs to know will be informed. Not interested in using the ASA App? Just bookmark the form (linked above) in your browser.

Advent 2023

Advent begins Sunday, December 3. Here is a suggested [Advent Calendar](#) to use with your family, with ideas for daily observances. A paper calendar will also be going home this week. ASA will be observing Advent in the following ways:

- In partnership with [Community Food Club](#), our Advent service project will be a cereal drive. The Food Club is seeking donations of cereal to stock our shelves! While we are

routinely able to find all the donated produce we need, the one area lacking is our cereal shelves. It is simply too expensive to stock on a regular basis. The Food Club serves nearly 3,000 youth each month and we all know how kids love cereal! Please consider donating a box or two (or more!) to fill our shelves and provide a staple to Food Club families. All varieties of cereals in regular-sized boxes (no mini boxes) are welcome! Please bring your donations to the Lower or Upper Campus by December 20, and we will deliver them to Community Food Club.

- \$1 Color Days on December 8, 15, 22 with proceeds donated to Community Food Club.
- On the feast of St. Nicholas, December 6, students will receive candy canes and prayer cards.
- Advent prayers and reflections each Monday, including lighting a candle on the Advent wreath, for grades K-2.
- Early Childhood wreath in the hallway with cut outs of green hands, a weekly candle piece per class, and flames from toddler groups.
- At the upper campus, 6th graders will be leading a Jesse Tree reflection every day during morning prayer for grades 3-8.

Santa's Secret Shop is Next Week!

What is Santa's Secret Shop? Santa's Secret Shop is an opportunity for ASA students to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members and friends. It essentially is a Christmas store with volunteers that will help your student shop for gifts. It will be open on Monday, December 4th through lunch on Wednesday, December 6th. Each classroom will be assigned specific times to shop. We will be at the Upper Campus on December 7 & 8. This is an optional opportunity and students do not have to participate. This [letter and shopping list](#) will be sent home with students today.

ASA's Willy Wonka Jr. Tickets On Sale Now!

Our Upper Campus students have been practicing hard for this year's musical, Willy Wonka, Jr! **Shows are January 26 & 27** at 6:30 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Performing Arts Center. Get your tickets and select your seats online now! Tickets are \$9 each. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door.

- [Friday, January 26 Ticket Page](#)
- [Saturday, January 27 Ticket Page](#)



Winter II Sports Registrations Due Today!

Today is the last day to register for Winter II girls' basketball for grades 3-8! Please be sure to sign up today! [For more information and to register, please use the link here](#). Please contact Angela Mitchell at amitchell@asagr.org with any questions.

Blackbaud Financial Aid - First Deadline Sunday

Financial Aid applications are open! Check out the [overview](#), [step by step instructions](#) and [apply](#)

[for aid](#) for the 2024/2025 school year. The deadline for the first round of Bishop's Scholarship applications is Sunday, December 3.

\$1 Advent Color Days

This year's \$1 color days will be on December 8, 15 & 22, February 13, 16 & 23 and March 8, 15, 18, & 22. You can purchase these days individually on the day of [or online](#) individually or all 10 at once. The proceeds from these \$1 color days will be donated to Community Food Club, a non-profit, member based grocery store.

Christmas Break Child Care

Reservation forms for Christmas break child care are available by the sign in stations. If you will need child care during the two week school break, please submit a reservation form. All forms are due by December 8th.

Ready for K-8 Report Cards?

K-8 report cards for the first trimester will be available on Infinite Campus on December 8th. You will need to login to the Infinite Campus parent portal to view your child's report card. If you can't remember your login credentials, or haven't set up an account yet, please contact Karen Szczytko, kszczytko@asagr.org for assistance. For new accounts, emails were sent from kszczytko@asagr.org at the end of August. If you do not have internet access, please let either office know and we will provide a printed copy.



Monday Menu Change

Monday, December 4th lunch at the lower campus will be chicken sandwiches instead of chicken nuggets.



St. Alphonsus Children's Mass

St. Alphonsus has Children's Mass at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We ask children in grades K-12th to volunteer for various roles for Mass. We ask for greeters, ushers, banner carrier, lectors, and people to bring up the offertory. If your child is interested in taking on any of these roles, please contact faithformation@stalphonsusgr.org for more information. Carol Fedewa, the Pastoral Associate for Worship and Evangelization, is always willing to talk with students who would like to cantor or play an instrument at Mass. Her contact info is, cfedewa@stalphonsusgr.org. We will also be looking for students to help with the Christmas Eve Children's Mass on Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. Again, please contact the Office of Faith Formation if your child is interested in participating.us Children's Mass.

St. Jude Mom & Mini Breakfast

St. Jude Parish invites all moms and their "minis" are invited to the Mom and Mini Breakfast on December 10th following the 10:30 AM Mass. This is a great chance for you to spend some quality time with your daughters. We still need some men in the kitchen so let Sue Wuorinen know if you can help :) [Go to www.stjudes.net/momandmini](http://www.stjudes.net/momandmini) for more info or to RSVP!



HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the latest admissions information and event news (including camps), check these pages from Catholic Central and West Catholic each week:

[Catholic Central Jr. Cougars](#)

[West Catholic Future Falcons](#)



UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Advent Begins

1st Round Financial Aid Deadline

Monday, December 4, 2023

Santa's Secret Shop, Lower Campus

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Santa's Secret Shop, Lower Campus

1:00-3:00 p.m. Gr. 3-8 Reconciliation, St. Jude Church

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

AM Santa's Secret Shop, Lower Campus

10:30 a.m. Lower Campus (K-2) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

3:30-4:30 p.m. Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Santa's Secret Shop, Upper Campus

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, December 8, 2023

Immaculate Conception

\$1 Color Day for Community Food Club

Santa's Secret Shop, Upper Campus

8:30 a.m. Lower Campus (K-2) Immaculate Conception Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Immaculate Conception Mass, St. Jude Church

12:00 p.m. K-8 Report Cards Posted to Infinite Campus

Tuesday, December 12

9:00-11:00 am Grades 3&4 See The Nutcracker, DeVos Hall

6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting, Lower Campus

Wednesday, December 13

10:30 a.m. Lower Campus (K-2) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

3:30-4:30 p.m. Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

Thursday, December 14

8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, December 15

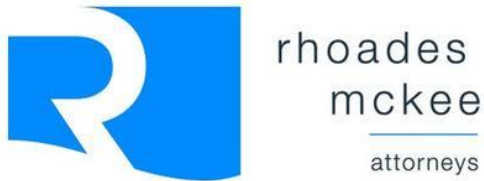
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Sunday,
Yours in Christ,
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The ASA Sponsor of the Week: Rhoades McKee



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