

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY UPDATE

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Since the last *All Saints Academy* update in August 2011, a great deal of work has continued to be done by the School Board and principals. Research, data collection, and discussions have taken place in preparation of the critical decisions that will need to be made in the next few months.

On Friday, October 28, 2011, the Letters of Incorporation were signed by Bishop Kinney, making *All Saints Academy* a legally recognized school entity. The principals, along with the schools' staffs, have drafted the following mission statement: ***All Saints Academy delivers an academically excellent, Catholic education that develops the whole person and inspires a Christ-centered life in a global community.*** Core values to help develop students to “**care deeply, share generously, and serve willingly**” will be written to complement the mission.

Budget information from the three schools has been compiled into a unified and uniform spreadsheet so the Finance Committee can build on the commonalities and bridge the differences among the schools. Formulas to determine parish subsidies are being reviewed and discussions are taking place on tuition, scholarships, and fundraising.

The Human Resources Committee determined that the administrative structure for *All Saints Academic* will consist of a president along with two principals. An interim president will be selected from the current principals. This person will be selected in the next few weeks and the individual will serve as president for the next 18 months. The interim president will still have a visible presence in their school, but more time will be directed toward the administrative responsibilities of the new school structure. The other two principals will be assigned duties to share the workload and ensure that the needs of each school community continue to be met.

The Marketing Committee has contracted with a local web designer, *Meta 13*, to create a website for *All Saints Academy*. A marketing firm *Linahan and Foy Advertising* has agreed to work with the school pro bono and has begun work on the initial phase of marketing *All Saints Academy*. They have begun considering the school's logo, colors, and branding. With registration just around the corner, work is being done on invitation letters to potential kindergarteners, a brochure, and open houses at the three ASA campuses.

Lastly, a prayer was written for Board meetings, but we ask all members of our school and parish communities to pray this prayer to support the creation of *All Saints Academy*.

Gracious God,
we thank you for your Spirit's guidance.
Continue to bless our efforts as board members for All Saints Academy.
Increase our awareness that it is not merely our own work we do, but yours.
Help us always to hope and trust in you.
Grant us vision as we create a bright and exciting future for our children.
Provide us with wisdom, courage, empathy, patience
and a genuine openness as we seek the common good.
May our work bring us closer in love with you and with each other.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen