



All Saints Catholic School

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Sentinel Newsletter

September 21, 2022

Principal's Message

Central to the mission of Catholic education is a commitment to the formation of the whole person within the light of the teachings of the Gospel. At All Saints our effort to educate all dimensions of the child ~ spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional ~ has been an essential and consistent element of our mission.

As a Catholic school, All Saints affirms the role of parents as the primary educators of their children and we are privileged to have the opportunity to work with you as partners in this regard. In recent years we have grown increasingly concerned about the many confusing messages that society as a whole, and the media in particular, place before the young people of today, particularly in regard to the topic of human sexuality. It is increasingly important that we insure that the children learn the beautiful teachings of the Church on this topic and that they fully realize and understand the gift of human sexuality within this framework. Not to share this information with the children leaves them unprepared for the world they face and the many choices that await them in the years ahead.

For more than ten years, All Saints Catholic School has implemented a middle school curriculum entitled *The Gift of Human Sexuality Program* that supports our goal of educating the whole child. The program is coordinated by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, Mr. Kevin Bohli, and is tailored to the specific needs of each school community. The program consists of a parent presentation during which Mr. Bohli provides an outline of the curriculum as well as resources for parents. Following this presentation, he and an associate, Ms. Carmen Briceno, will meet with the students for three one hour lessons designed to provide them with an understanding of the Church's teachings on the topic of human sexuality.

One of the advantages of this program is the involvement of outside professionals. In addition to bringing a high level of expertise as presenters, Mr. Bohli and Ms. Briceno are unfamiliar to the students, which may put the students at greater ease in asking questions and discussing this topic. A second advantage of this program is that it is designed to take place in a single-sex setting; Mr. Bohli will address the boys and Ms. Briceno will speak with the girls. Finally, in accordance with diocesan policy, this program is designed as an *opt-in* opportunity for parents and students. Accommodations will be made for those children whose parents prefer that they not participate in the program.

All middle school parents are invited to a presentation to be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 29 beginning at 7:00 p.m. *As this is such a very important topic related to the development of your child, I ask that at least one parent from each family new to the middle school be present at the meeting.*

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

Beginning in October, the month devoted to the Holy Rosary, All Saints Catholic School families are once again invited to renew their devotion to Jesus through Mary in a special way. On Friday, October 7, two statues of Our Lady of Fatima will begin traveling to the homes of school families for week-long visits.

Families who wish to participate in this program this year may sign up online at the following link:

[Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program](#)

Pick up time for the Statues at the front office is before 2:30 p.m. on Friday with a return time of before 9:00 a.m. the following Friday. Please be sure to sign in and out for the Statue in the Visitor Binder at the front desk.

While the statue of the Blessed Mother is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together either part of or the entire five-decade rosary for the intentions of our school as

well as for their private intentions. The presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is certain to increase your devotion to Mary and to bring you and your family closer to her Son.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Rotation Coordinator, Mrs. Maricel Pascua at gmpascua@outlook.com or 571-393-0942.

CYO Basketball

Our school has a robust and successful CYO basketball history for both our young ladies and gentleman from grades 3 through 8. It's that time again!

Registration for the 2022 basketball season opens at 8am on 26 Sept and closes at 5pm on 15 Oct. A second email will be sent out with a registration link/info in the near future.

Your CYO league focuses on developing holy, healthy virtues along with basketball skills. Your child WILL get playing time in our CYO league. Practices start the week of 7 Nov with the season wrapping early March.

We need some head and assistant coaches (see below). Please consider volunteering your time and talent. No coaches, no teams. Your AS CYO Basketball Commissioner's Team will support you the whole way (especially if you've never coached before). You can easily knock out ALL your family shares being a coach.

COACHING OPENINGS

Girl's: 3rd, 4th (Asst only), 5th, 6th, 7th.

Boy's: 3rd (Head only), 7th.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Liu at tliu@allsaintsva.org.

Art Contest

Thom Harrington of The Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus is sponsoring an Art Contest for the 5th-8th graders! The theme of the contest is: **Catholic Faith**. Finished pieces should be submitted to Mrs. Shumway by Oct 3rd with a completed entry form signed by a parent/guardian. Mrs. Shumway also has entry forms. Winners will be announced at the PTO meeting on October 18th and the winning pieces will be

displayed in the Manassas office of the Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus at 7794 Donegan Drive, Manassas VA 20109. Please encourage your children to participate! The Abbate Agency, Knights of Columbus is committed to being a Catholic company that upholds Catholic values and supports Catholic causes. The Knights of Columbus adheres to a strict investment screening protocol developed in part with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Knights of Columbus does not invest in companies that deal in lines of business that violate our Catholic faith and morals. We provide value with values.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Thom Harrington and his team would also encourage everyone to see *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* at 7:00 PM October 3rd and 4th at several of the nearby movie theaters. This film, produced by the Knights of Columbus, tells the story of Saint Teresa of Calcutta's life and ongoing legacy. For information, tickets and locations go to <https://www.motherteresamovie.com/>

Science Fair

Mrs. Starrs is looking for a new Science Fair Coordinator to shadow this year's coordinator and learn the ropes to coordinate the following year's Science Fair. The Science Fair Coordinator recruits science fair judges, and works with Mrs. Starrs to coordinate the science fair schedule, science fair set up, and volunteers; creates the judging schedule; tabulates the competition results; and prepares the awards. We have a system in place so it will be easy to help out and learn. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mrs. Starrs at pstarrs@allsaintsva.org. This year's Science Fair will be February 16th, 2023.

Important Reminders

Parent- Student Handbook (2022-2023 Edition)

The 2022-2023 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

[ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)
[PRESCHOOL PARENT HANDBOOK](#)

Please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children.

Those families who have not yet signed and returned the acknowledgment form are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers in the school are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days of submitting the background check application.

In accordance with diocesan policy, full compliance for an adult parent volunteer is not required for *open* events. (An open event is one that is open to the public, infrequent and publicized, such as Field Day, concerts and special events/assemblies.) However, full compliance is required for adult parent volunteers who wish to participate in closed events. (A closed event is one that is not entirely open to the general public such as classroom activities, parties, field trips, etc.) For this reason, all parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training.

The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:

[BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS](#)

To register for VIRTUS training which is hosted at parishes and schools throughout our diocese, please follow the link below.

VIRTUS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Eucharistic Symposium

The Eucharistic Symposium will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Click on the link below for further information.

Eucharistic Symposium

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Visit the link below to learn about the some important dates at St. John Paul The Great.

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 22

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) - **Postponed**

Friday, September 23

Faculty & Staff Retreat Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Saturday, September 24

Creation Care Club Stream Cleaning Outing (10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Alumni Reunion (10:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 26

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:15 a.m.)

Wednesday, September 28

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

St. Paul VI Catholic High School – 8th Grade Visit (12:30 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Room Liaisons Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 29

School Mass – Feast of the Archangels (8:30 a.m.)

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

The Gift of Human Sexuality Program – Middle School Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 30

Diocesan Professional Development Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Tuesday, October 4

Band Ice Cream Social (3:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Parish Blessing of Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 6

6th Grade Field Trip – The Edge

Friday, October 7

School Mass – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (8:30 a.m.)

Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Midpoint of Trimester I

Uniform Exchange Sale (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Monday, October 10

Holiday – Columbus Day

Thursday, October 13

Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 14

School Mass – Memorial of St. Callistus I (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, October 15

PTO Family Game Night

Tuesday, October 18

PTO General Assembly Meeting – Guest Speaker Series: *Heaven in Your Home*, Soren & Ever Johnson (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 19

School Mass – Memorial of Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 20

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation I

Friday, October 21

Dress Down Day (sponsored by the Creation Care Club)