



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

November 9, 2022

Principal's Message

During the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences, the teachers will have an opportunity to discuss the NWEA MAP Growth Testing scores for students in grades 3-7. This is the new standardized testing program that is being implemented in diocesan schools beginning this year.

A copy of the *MAP Growth Family Report* will be sent home with students today. This report is a summary of how your child is performing academically, as measured by the MAP Growth test administered in September. The information we gain through this testing process is used by the teachers to tailor classroom lessons and to set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique in that the assessment adapts to your child's responses in order to measure his or her individual skill level. For example, if your child answers a question correctly, the next question presented is more challenging. If he or she answers incorrectly, the next one is easier. These results provide a more complete picture of your child's instructional level, i.e. what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether on, above, or below grade level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it is easy for teachers to identify students with comparable scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics and to then plan instruction accordingly.

Your child's MAP Growth results are represented as Rasch Unit (RIT) scores. This is a term that you will see referenced in the Family Report that you are receiving today. For more information about MAP Growth, please visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://www.nwea.org/familytoolkit).

I hope you find the report informative and helpful as we together plan for your child's continued academic success. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

We look forward to seeing you in the days ahead!

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Veterans Day Celebration (Friday, November 11)

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite active duty, reserve, former, and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on Friday, November 11 at 8:30 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be an assembly in the Parish Activities Center and a reception for our honored guests.

NJHS Thanksgiving Fresh Food Drive

The All Saints Catholic School Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held during our Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, beginning at 9:30 am. Through a partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, members of the National Junior Honor Society will once again be collecting food to provide families in need with a Thanksgiving meal.

In an effort to evenly distribute our collection, we are asking for grade-level donations as follows. We are also asking that any family who would like to donate a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, include that with their grade level donation during the Food Drive.

Through the generosity of our school community in providing the items below, many families will enjoy a beautiful meal on Thanksgiving Day!

Pre-Kindergarten	3 boxes of Stove-Top stuffing mix
Kindergarten	2 (2-pound) bags of carrots
Grade 1	2 (3-pound) bags of onions
Grade 2	2 (3-pound) bags of apples
Grade 3	2 (3-pound) bags of rice (no instant, please)
Grade 4	2 Dessert “Kits” (cake/frosting or pie crust/filling)
Grade 5	2 (48-ounce) bottles of oil (no spray oil, please)
Grade 6	2 (5-pound) bags of sugar
Grade 7	2 (5-pound) bags of flour or Maseca
Grade 8	2 (5-pound) bags of white potatoes
Faculty/Staff	2 boxes of oatmeal

Important Reminders

Employment Opportunities

Religion & Spanish Teacher (Part-Time/Monday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – Immediate Opening

Long-Term Substitute Nurse (Full Time/Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – Beginning mid-December

For more information about these positions or to apply, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

Prospective Teacher Information Sessions

Are you interested in teaching for the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Arlington? Perhaps your certification has expired or perhaps you are thinking of changing careers or returning to teaching after a period of absence. Do you have questions about qualifications to teach? Would you like to learn more about the mission of teaching in a Catholic School in a nurturing and caring, Christ-centered environment? Plan to attend the Prospective Teacher Information Sessions hosted by the Office of Catholic Schools at 7:00 p.m. on November 14 at Bishop O’Connell High School and November 16 at Saint John Paul the Great High School.

PROSPECTIVE TEACHER FLYER

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Order Forms

On Monday, November 21 we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, a greatly beloved tradition in our school community. All parents are cordially invited to attend this special event with their child(ren). We are also pleased to announce that, as in prior years, we are linking this event to an outreach to benefit the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. This initiative will take place in support of *Catholic Charities We Care Week* which will occur the week of December 4. Again this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the link below for more details.

THANKSGIVING ORDER FORM

The National Junior Honor Society will also set up a collection station at the entrance to the cafeteria. We invite your participation again as we work together to support the mission of Catholic Charities and to make a positive difference in our community of Manassas.

Thanksgiving Luncheon -Volunteers needed

Help is needed with set-up and decorations, clean -up, food preparation, and serving food for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Volunteer shifts are designed in such a way that you will be able to sit and enjoy your meal with your child (ren).

Please consider helping for at least one shift throughout the day. If you are available to assist, please fill out the section titled “Additional Volunteers needed” on the Thanksgiving lunch order form or sign-up on Help Counter:

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/volunteer>

Please remember that in order to volunteer, you must be VIRTUS compliant. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda Caggiano, Cafeteria Coordinator.
(amanda.m.caggiano@gmail.com)

New Student Applications & Continuous Enrollment for 2023-2024

Applications for new students for academic year 2023-2024 are now available online.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the link below.

2023-2024 APPLICATION

In consideration of the fact that most All Saints' families choose for their child/ren to remain in our program through 8th grade graduation, last year we introduced a process by which your children will be enrolled with us through the coming years. Our Continuous Enrollment system reduces paperwork and increases the efficiency of what has previously been an annual process, thereby providing greater convenience for parents.

In January we will provide a copy of the Continuous Enrollment Contract to parents of students completing their first year of enrollment at All Saints. Through completion of this form, parents may continuously enroll their child/ren through 8th grade from All Saints or, if necessary, until such time that they complete the withdrawal process. With submission of this contract, there is no need for future completion of an annual re-registration form.

The Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on February 1, 2023. The completion of the contract and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications 2023-2024

The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS Grant & Aid for the upcoming school year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the links below.

TUITION ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

Due Dates:	
Elementary/Middle School Students <i>Year of Tax Forms Required</i>	March 15, 2023 2022
High School Students	
* Bishop Ireton High School	January 6, 2023
* Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School	January 7, 2023
* St. Paul VI Catholic High School	January 6, 2023
* Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School	January 18, 2023
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted by due date</i>	2021
<i>Year of Tax Forms Required if submitted AFTER due date</i>	2022

*Families applying for financial aid for both high school **AND** elementary/middle school students will need to submit BOTH 2021 **AND** 2022 tax forms.

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance program, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School

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

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 10

Picture Day (School Uniforms)

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day Mass (Memorial of St. Martin of Tours)
Assembly, & Reception (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 14

Parent-Teacher Conferences **(No Classes or Extended Day)**

Wednesday, November 16

Lions' Club Screening

Thursday, November 17

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

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

Friday, November 18

School Mass – Memorial of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, November 21

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)

End of Trimester I

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 27

First Week of Advent

Monday, November 28

Advent Prayer Service – Grades PreK-8 (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, November 30

Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 1

8th Grade High School Placement Test

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 2

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Sunday, December 4

Second Week of Advent

Catholic Charities We Care Week

Monday, December 5

Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 8

School Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (10:00 a.m.)