



# All Saints Catholic School

*Behold I make all things new.*

## The Sentinel Newsletter

September 20, 2023

### Principal's Message

As of today, we have completed the first month of school for the new year. I am so proud of our students for their continued efforts in learning the procedures that will set them up for success this year and for their commitment to completing all of their work to the best of their ability. Not a day passes without several students telling me that they are on top of their work and on track for the ice cream award in October!

Here are a few important updates for this week.

### 1st Grade Instructional Assistant

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Stephanie Kritselis has accepted the position of first grade instructional assistant and began employment in our school yesterday. Ms. Kritselis is a graduate of Patriot High School who for the past seven years has worked in the business world. She has previously volunteered as a teacher assistant for 2nd grade in the Religious Education Program at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. With an enthusiastic and gentle manner, she will be a great support to the learners in Mrs. Boddie's first grade classroom.

### Middle School Literature Teacher

After an extensive search and interview process, we are delighted to welcome Ms. Genevieve Pride to the position of middle school literature teacher at All Saints. Ms. Pride is a recent graduate of St. John Paul the Great Catholic University in California where she earned a degree in directing and producing and where she studied humanities and media. With a great love of the Catholic faith, Ms. Pride has volunteered with the Missionaries of Charity in Georgia and worked as a NET Missionary with the Jesuits in Dublin, Ireland. She looks forward to working at All Saints where she will be able to integrate faith and literature on a daily basis.

Ms. Pride is scheduled to officially begin employment at All Saints next week. She will be spending a couple of days observing the classroom and becoming familiar with the curriculum before assuming responsibility for the program. I wish to thank Mrs. Angela Ward for all that she has done in the role of long-term substitute teacher. She has demonstrated tremendous dedication and enthusiasm, resulting in a successful start to the year for our middle school literature classes. After assisting Ms. Pride through the transition next week, Mrs. Ward will assume her role of instructional assistant, working in Mrs. Burnett's second grade classroom.

### **Title I Bookchoice Program**

This week families who reside in Manassas and whose children are zoned for a school in the City of Manassas Public Schools have received a letter inviting them to select free books through Bookworm. This program is funded through Title I and provides the opportunity for us to make books available to a number of our students. We are hopeful that this initiative will promote literacy by providing our students in grades K-4 who reside in Manassas with a small home library. Participating families are asked to make their book selections as soon as possible but no later than Monday as we need to expense these funds by the close of the month.

Should you have any questions about these updates, please do not hesitate to let me know. In the meantime, wishing you continued blessings!

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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 6, 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CAEAB22A02-pilgrim#/>

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](mailto:gmpascua@outlook.com) or 571-393-0942.

**Join us for our first "Spirit Event" of the school year, sponsored by the PTO!**

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts are calling your name! Friends of All Saints Catholic School, you're invited to take part in the most delicious fundraiser of the year. By ordering a dozen (or two) original glazed doughnuts, 40% of the order will be donated back to All Saints Catholic School!

From now until October 13, 2023, you can get your dozens using our fundraising sales page below.

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for All Saints Catholic School**

**How it works:** purchase your dozens online, visit your nearest Krispy Kreme store & redeem using your code. You can also purchase doughnuts and gift the redemption codes to friends and family across the country, or perhaps some well deserving colleagues!

Thank you in advance for your support, we hope you enjoy this sweet offer.

**P.S.** Dozens are redeemable nationwide, so feel free to share [this page](#) with other doughnut lovers!

**St. Paul VI Catholic School - Open House!**

St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another.

Visit our website [www.paulvi.net/admissions](http://www.paulvi.net/admissions) to learn more.

Save the date for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1 - 3 p.m. There is bus service to and from All Saints to PVI every school day. Reach out to our Enrollment Management team at [admissions@paulvi.net](mailto:admissions@paulvi.net) with any questions you may have.

[PVI Open House flyer](#)

[PVI Open House Facebook and Bulletin flyer](#)

### **2023 Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic**

You are cordially invited to Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic that will take place on Saturday, October 14th. Please see the flyer below for additional information:

[Bishop Ireton's Cheer Clinic Flyer](#)

### **House of Mercy Food Truck Festival**

Please join us at House of Mercy, 8170 Flannery Ct in Manassas on Saturday, September 30th from 11AM - 3PM.

Live music, food trucks, entertainment, beer garden, to help fundraise for the House of Mercy Food Pantry and programs! Fun for all ages! Tickets available at [www.houseofmercyva.org](http://www.houseofmercyva.org)

[Food Truck Flyer](#)

### **Important Reminders**

#### **Parent- Student Handbook (2023-2024 Edition)**

The 2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

[HANDBOOK](#)

**If you have not already done so, please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children. Each family is asked to sign and return the acknowledgment form to the office 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.

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

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/background-checks/>

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

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/>

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, September 21**

School Mass – Feast of St. Matthew (8:30 a.m.)

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

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

### **Friday, September 22**

Noon Dismissal

Professional Development Day for Faculty (Professional Learning Communities)

### **Monday, September 25**

6th Grade Field Trip – The EDGE

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:30 a.m.)

### **Tuesday, September 26**

After School Advanced Band Begins

### **Wednesday, September 27**

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, September 29**

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

### **Monday, October 2**

8th Grade Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

### **Tuesday, October 3**

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

**Wednesday, October 4**

Planetarium Presentation (Sponsored by the PTO)

Memorial of St. Francis – Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 5**

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

**Friday, October 6**

School Mass – Memorial of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (8:30 a.m.)

Uniform Exchange (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Priests' Barbecue

**Saturday, October 7**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Seton Shrine

**Monday, October 9**

Holiday – Columbus Day

**Thursday, October 12**

Enrollment Management Team – Rescheduled

**Friday, October 13**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

SCA Installation Ceremony for Officers and Class Representatives (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

**Saturday, October 14**

PTO Family Bingo Night (PAC/6:00-9:00 p.m.)

**Tuesday, October 17**

PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

**Wednesday, October 18**

School Mass – Feast of St. Luke (8:30 a.m.)

**Thursday, October 19**

Dress Down Day, sponsored by Creation Care Club

**Friday, October 20**

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)