



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

October 11, 2023

Principal's Message

Although it seems like the school year has just recently begun, thirty days of school have already passed! I am so proud of the many students who have demonstrated a renewed commitment to their learning by completing all of their classwork and homework on time for thirty days in a row. I am hopeful that they will continue to grow this habit and that it will contribute to a strong work ethic that will serve them well through their school days and beyond.

In celebration of this achievement, students who have maintained this commitment will receive free ice cream during lunch on Friday. Those who may have fallen short of the goal are encouraged to continue to keep on striving and to receive their ice cream as well once they've completed the "thirty-day challenge"!

On the topic of learning, Mr. Saffian recently created a wonderful, user-friendly guide for parents with instructions for accessing Schoology that is being sent home with students this week. While PowerSchool remains our Student Information System where important information regarding students and families is housed, Schoology is our Learning Management Platform that is used for communication from the teachers as well as for the posting and submission of specific assignments, particularly in the higher grade levels. Using the checklist provided by Mr. Saffian, parents can access this platform without using their child's student account. As Schoology is a system that we will continue to use and that is an important part of our program, all parents are encouraged to log-in to the system and to develop familiarity with the site. Should you have any difficulty accessing Schoology or any related questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Saffian. (jsaffian@allsaintsva.org)

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Formation in Christian Chastity Program

The safety of your children is always a top priority at All Saints. In accordance with national initiatives and diocesan policy, for a number of years we have taken additional steps to do our part to ensure that your children are in a safe place when they are participating in a program at All Saints Catholic School.

The *Formation in Christian Chastity Program* is one part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our students. As outlined in the online materials, information is provided primarily to parents as a resource to be used in the formation of their children. There is one classroom lesson for students in grades one through four and two lessons for those in grades five through eight.

We will be integrating the objectives of the program into our religion lessons in the weeks ahead beginning on Monday, October 16. The entire curriculum can be accessed through the diocesan website at the following link:

Formation in Christian Chastity

Parents are encouraged to spend some time reviewing this information and to then share pertinent aspects with their children. Each of the lessons contains some application to common sense safety tips that you may wish to share with your children. Other parts of the resources apply to some of the decisions that you make as parents for the safety of your children. Our goal is to equip both you and your children with the knowledge that can help to keep them safe.

The essential point is that parents need to be involved with their children. The more you know about the daily events of your child's life, the better you are able to spot any danger signs that

may surface. The more regular communication you have with your children, the freer they are to come to you with their concerns.

Should you have any questions about the *Formation in Christian Chastity Program* or about the classroom lessons, please do not hesitate to let us know. In the event that you would prefer to not have your child participate in the classroom training, please contact the front office to request an opt-out form by Friday, October 13.

Important Reminders

Veterans Day Celebration - Thursday, November 9

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 Thursday, November 9 at 8:30 AM. Following the Mass, there will be an assembly in the Parish Activity Center and a reception for our honored guests.

An information packet was sent home to parents last week with forms to submit a Family Veteran Survey and paper brick to commemorate a veteran in your family.

For those who have participated in the past, please note that we retain and display all surveys and bricks submitted by students in previous years.

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. During this month 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 or 571-393-0942.

CYO Basketball Registration

CYO basketball registration is now open! Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are invited to participate in the CYO basketball program. This program is a faith-filled, developmental program that focuses on game fundamentals in a Christ-centered environment. The basketball season begins in November and runs through early March. Practices are held each week with weekly games beginning in December. Registration is \$90 per player.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches are needed! Our program is run on volunteers. If you are interested in serving in a coach or assistant coach position, please reach out to the CYO Basketball Commissioner for All Saints - Patrick Heiny (heinyfamily07@gmail.com). You must be VIRTUS approved to serve in these roles. Registration is open until October 15th. No late registrations will be accepted.

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues>

PTO Family Game Night!

Please join the PTO for Family Game Night on Saturday, October 14th from 6-9pm in the PAC!

Entry is free! We only ask that you bring a board game to share. Please RSVP here <https://tinyurl.com/PTO-Game-Night>

Pre-order a pizza for your family from Vocelli's at a discount. Additional concessions of snacks, drinks and pizza by-the-slice will also be available. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$1.00 for a chance to win a board game from Crossroads Tabletop Tavern (unlimited entries).

[FAMILY GAME NIGHT FLYER](#)

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

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts are calling your name! This is the final week 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 Friday, October 13, 2023, you can get your dozens using our fundraising sales page below. We are currently 8 dozen away from our PTO goal!

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 participation, we hope you enjoy this sweet offer.

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

John Paul the Great- Upcoming Events

- **Military Family Resource Night at John Paul - October 12th**
Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School invites you to learn more about the educational resources available to active duty military families with school-aged children at its Military Family Resource Night on Thursday, October 12th from 6-8pm. Families will be connected with representatives from resources like Tutor.com, Military One Source, and more! [Click here to register!](#)
- **JP's Volleyball Middle School Night - October 27th**
John Paul the Great invites all middle schoolers to join us for the Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at JP on Friday, October 27th at 5:30pm. Free entry for middle school students! No RSVP required!
- **John Paul Open House on Nov. 5th**
Getting ready for high school? Join us at John Paul for our Open House on Sunday, November 5th from 1:00-4:00 PM! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant

extracurricular opportunities! We look forward to introducing you to our unique Bioethics program as well as our beloved House System and robust Special Services! Meet students, faculty, and coaches to learn more about the programs you love. [Click here to RSVP!](#)

St. Paul VI Catholic High 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 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 with any questions you may have.

[PVI Open House flyer](#)

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

Sponsoring an Ad?

Are you interested in sponsoring an ad? if so, please check out the flyer below to learn more about becoming a sponsor.

[SPONSOR FLYER](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 12

Enrollment Management Team – **Rescheduled**

Friday, October 13

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Free Ice Cream at Lunch (Classwork/Homework Challenge)

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

Saturday, October 14

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

Monday, October 16

Formation in Christian Chastity Lessons Begin

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

Great Southeast Shakeout Earthquake Drill (10:19 a.m.)

Friday, October 20

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)

Monday, October 23

Picture Day

Wednesday, October 25

Lions' Club Screening – Grades 3 & 7

Thursday, October 26

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 27

Professional Development Day (Faculty/Staff Retreat) – No Classes

Tuesday, October 31

Penny Bazaar (Playground Area/1:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, November 1

Change to Winter Uniforms

All Saints Feast Day – 3rd Grade Procession of Saints and School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Saints Alive Presentations (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

Thursday, November 2

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.) – **Rescheduled**

Faculty Meeting (3:30-5:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 7

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

Thursday, November 9

Veterans Day Mass, Assembly, & Reception (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Friday, November 10

Holiday (Veterans Day)

Saturday, November 11

PTO Sponsored “Spirit Night on Ice”