



All Saints Catholic School

Behold I make all things new.

United and nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, our culturally diverse Catholic school inspires learning within a nurturing and dynamic environment of academic excellence and Gospel values.

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The Sentinel Newsletter

October 18, 2023

Principal's Message

One day last week, I had an opportunity to visit with a number of students during their lunch recess. It was wonderful to see the children playing a variety of games and enjoying their time together in the beautiful weather. By happenstance, my playground visit coincided with the noon bells and the praying of the *Angelus*. As I stood in the middle of the blacktop, it was remarkable to see nearly one hundred students immediately stop where they were and make the *Sign of the Cross* as we began to pray together as a school community.

During a year in which we are placing particular emphasis on “procedures” in the school, I was so pleased to see how the children responded so quickly and reverently. And in a Catholic school where the faith formation of the children is our greatest priority, I was inspired to see just how much this ancient practice of the Church has become a part of the lives of our students. May it be our prayer that many years from now, whenever they hear bells toll at noon, they will fondly recall their time at All Saints and recall the beautiful words of the *Angelus* and the message of Salvation.

Recently Bishop Burbidge released a special video message for Respect for Life Month. His words are very inspiring and provide an important reminder as to how we can all do our part to ensure a respect for life at all stages in our society.

[Respect of Life Video](#)

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Tuition Assistance Program (2024-2025)

Important information regarding Diocesan Tuition Assistance for the upcoming academic year is now available. For details about the program, please see the flyer found at the link below.

[2024-2025 Tuition Assistance Program](#)

Details about the program can also be found on the diocesan website.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/tuition-assistance/>

The key financial aid dates for 2024-2025 are as follows:

October 31, 2023	FACTS financial aid application closes for 2023-2024
November 1, 2023	FACTS financial aid application opens for 2024-2025
January 5, 2024	Financial aid application due date for diocesan high schools
March 13, 2024	Financial aid application due date for diocesan K-8 schools

Student Council Installation of Officers & Representatives

Congratulations to the following newly elected members of the Student Council Association (SCA) who were officially installed during a ceremony last Friday. We thank Ms. Smith, middle school social studies teacher, for serving as the SCA moderator and for organizing all of the details surrounding the event.

Board Members

President	Junior A.
Vice President	Cameron S.
Secretary	Alessandra R.
Finance	Kylie B.
Religious Activities	Alisha K.
Health, Safety, & Ecology	Aurelia M.
School Spirit	Anna L.

Class Representatives

4A	Margaret M.
4B	Damian S.
5A	Avery Y.
5B	Veronica K.
6A	Sophie C.
6B	Kevin A.
7A	Madison S.
7B	Mikayla R.
8A	Abigail C.
8B	Emily M.

School Picture Day

School Picture Day will take place on **Monday, October 23.**

All students are asked to wear their school uniform (summer) for Picture Day.

Those scheduled to attend P.E. on Monday are asked to wear their regular uniform to school that day.

Images will be available to view and purchase approximately two weeks following our school's picture day. Save time and Pre-order online here: vando.imagequix.com/s1...

For questions about ordering school pictures please email: underclass@vosphoto.com.

Annual Asbestos Notification

For several decades the staff of All Saints Catholic School and the Diocese of Arlington have worked together to ensure compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Twice annually our school is inspected in accordance with this act and any necessary steps are taken in order to maintain compliance and a safe environment for our students, staff, and parents.

In accordance with this act, this notification is being provided to you to inform you that asbestos-containing materials are present in our school. A copy of our school Management Plan contains the exact locations of any asbestos-containing materials and is maintained on file in the archives. This plan is available for your review and inspection during normal school hours when the building is open. As such, please feel free to request information on or about our Management Plan and inspection findings.

Should you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact the principal. Most importantly, please know that this communication is not related to any concern or change in circumstance, rather it is simply an effort to publish this information in accordance with the requirement.

Harris Teeter Together in Education Program

Did you know All Saints participates in Harris Teeter's Together in Education program? Simply register your Harris Teeter store loyalty card (VIC card) online, and our school will receive a donation from Harris Teeter based on a percentage of your purchases of Harris Teeter brand items. There is no extra cost to you.

Click [here](#) to link your VIC card (or use the Harris Teeter app). Our school code is 6623. If you have any questions or need assistance linking your card, please contact our program coordinator, Laura Burroughs, at Laura.Burroughs@gmail.com.

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 with forms to submit a Family Veteran Survey and paper brick to commemorate a veteran in your family. For your convenience, you can also click on the link below to access the information.

Veterans Celebration Student Packet

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.

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.

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.

John Paul the Great- Upcoming Events

- **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 in an All Saints publication? if so, please check out the flyer below to learn more about becoming a sponsor.

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Upcoming Events

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 (School Uniforms)

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.)

FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for 2024-2025 Available Online

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” (5:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

Sunday, November 12

Discover Catholic Schools Week

Monday, November 13

Parent/Teacher Conferences (No Classes or Extended Day)

Tuesday, November 14

Seniors’ Luncheon (Hosted by 6th Grade Students)

Thursday, November 16

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

Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.) – **Postponed to November 30**

Friday, November 17

School Mass – Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (8:30 a.m.)