



# All Saints Catholic School

*Behold I make all things new.*

## **Mission Statement**

*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**

November 1, 2023

### **Principal's Message**

This week I wish to share with you a couple of important staffing updates. Ms. Ceil Reardon, Director of Extended Day, has announced that she will retire effective December 21. After several decades of experience in education as a nationally board-certified science teacher, Ms. Reardon joined our team in 2017 and has led our state-licensed before and after school care program since that time. She has shown great generosity of heart in her care for the children and has done a wonderful job of integrating the Catholic faith in the activities that she has planned for our students. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and wish her continued blessings as she begins the next phase of her life.

Applications for the position of Director of Extended Day are now being accepted. If you or any of your friends or colleagues are interested in learning more about the role, please contact me at [dconroy@allsaintsva.org](mailto:dconroy@allsaintsva.org).

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Cyndeadelfa Garcia, a former employee of the Extended Day program, has accepted the cafeteria assistant position and will begin employment next week. Already familiar with the mission of our school and many of our staff members, Mrs. Garcia will be a great addition to our cafeteria team.

Looking ahead to next week, thank you to those parents who have already signed up to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference. Those who have not yet done so are asked to complete this process as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or experience difficulty with the online registration process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher for assistance.

Wishing you and your family blessings on our Feast Day!

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### **New Student Applications & Continuous Enrollment for 2024-2025**

Applications for new students for academic year 2024-2025 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.**

[Application 2024-2025 Link](#)

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 March 1, 2024. The completion of the contract and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

### **Open House (November 30 @ 9:00 a.m.)**

All Saints will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, November 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Please share our story with friends,

neighbors, and colleagues and encourage them to join us for this in-person event. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 368-4400.

### **Virtues in Practice – November**

Virtue of the Month: Humility

Definition: Accepting your limitations and God-given talents.

Saints: St. John the Baptist (PK -2); St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Gr. 3-5); St. Therese of Lisieux (Gr. 6-8)

### **Science Fair**

We are excited to announce that the All Saints Catholic School Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 for the 7th grade students! We are looking for judges and would like to invite anyone who is interested in being involved. On behalf of Mrs. Starrs, we greatly appreciate any and all help! If you are interested, please fill out the form at this [link](#). For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Tran ([mtran@allsaintsva.org](mailto:mtran@allsaintsva.org)).

### **All Saints Spirit Wear**

All Saints Spirit Wear is now available! Starting today, November 1st through November 15th, you can take advantage of a special discount on all purchases. There is no better day than today, All Saints Day, to begin your purchase. You can grab your new spirit wear apparel from All Saints' SquadLocker using the discount code: ALLSAINTSSPIRIT15. Please see the flyer below for more details.



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# SPIRIT WEAR 2023

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Grab your new spirit wear apparel from All Saints' SquadLocker using the discount code:

**ALLSAINTSSPIRIT15**

Code valid between Nov 1st and Nov 15th

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/all-saints-catholic-school>



## **Sacrament Information Meetings for First Communion and Confirmation**

The All Saints Religious Education department will be holding Sacrament Information Meetings for parents of those students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion in the spring of 2024. The sacrament meetings will be bilingual and will be held in person.

### **Confirmation Information Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 pm in the PAC (Parish Activity Center) Confirmation candidates should also plan to attend this meeting. For more information, please contact Vickie Taylor, Confirmation Coordinator, at 571-516-3152

### **First Communion Information Meeting:**

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 pm in the PAC (Parish Activity Center).

For more information, please contact Marylee Grabowski, First Communion Coordinator, at 571-516-3153.

### **Sacrament Information for Parents of Children Needing the Sacrament of Baptism (over the age of 7):**

Parents of children who are unbaptized and over the age of 7 and would like for their child to receive the sacrament of baptism are invited to contact Samantha Welsh, Director of Religious Education at 571-516-3154.

## **Important Reminders**

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

On Monday, November 20 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 3. Again this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the link below for more details.

[THANKSGIVING ORDER FORM](#)

### **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 sign-up on Connect1. Please remember that in order to volunteer, you must be VIRTUS compliant. Should you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Mrs. Sharon Storey at [sharonstorey83@gmail.com](mailto:sharonstorey83@gmail.com).

[Connect 1 Link](#)

### **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:

### **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.*

### **Family Skate Night**

We are pleased to announce our first skate social spirit event! Join us on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Prince William Ice Center, located at 5180 Dale Blvd., Dale City, VA. Registration begins at 5:30pm and ice time is 6-7:40pm. Stay afterward for a cup of hot chocolate and camaraderie or catch a youth hockey game!

You may bring your own skates or simply rent them (skate rental is included in the ticket sales). Helmets are not required, but highly recommended so grab your bike helmet and skate the evening away. The rink also offers skate assist "walkers" for beginners or first time skaters for an additional fee.

Don't skate? No problem! Enjoy the concession area that offers an array of food, snacks and drinks, or the arcade area for a competitive game of foosball hockey. The event is open to All Saints families and

friends, tickets are \$15 per skater and non-skaters are FREE! One waiver per family is required and will be completed at registration.

[Skate Night Registration Link](#)

### **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](mailto:Laura.Burroughs@gmail.com).

### **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, November 2**

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.) – **Rescheduled to November 30**

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

### **Wednesday, November 8**

PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.) – **Rescheduled from November 7**

### **Thursday, November 9**

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

Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

First Communion Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**Monday, November 20**

Thanksgiving Luncheon

**Tuesday, November 21**

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

End of Trimester I

Noon Dismissal

PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes

**Wednesday, November 22**

Thanksgiving Holiday Begins

**Monday, November 27**

Diocesan Teacher Workday (No Classes or Extended Day)

**Tuesday, November 28**

Classes Resume

**Wednesday, November 29**

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



**Thursday, November 30**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Placement Test

Open House for Prospective Parents (9:00 a.m.)

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

**Friday, December 1**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Picture Day Make-Ups