



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 8, 2023

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 standardized testing program that was implemented in diocesan schools beginning last 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 specific 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.

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 - Tomorrow

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 tomorrow 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 21, 2023, 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

- **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 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 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.

- **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.

[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:

- **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 5:30 p.m. and ice time is 6-7:40 p.m. 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](#)

- **All Saints Spirit Wear**

All Saints Spirit Wear is now available! 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.

[Order Your Squadlocker Spirit Wear](#)

- **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.

- **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).

Upcoming Events

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 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.)

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

8th 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

Monday, December 4

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

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

Tuesday, December 5

Seniors Luncheon (Hosted by Grade 5)

Trimester I Report Cards sent Home

PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

Faculty Meeting (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 8

School Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8:30 a.m.)