



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.

The Sentinel Newsletter

February 28, 2024

On Friday, March 1, Bishop Burbidge is encouraging all of us to participate in the Diocesan Day of Unplugging. As a school community, this initiative affords us the opportunity to reflect on our use of social media and screen time.

In an effort to model for the students how this practice can serve as a fast, allowing us to be more intentional in our use of technology to increase our focus on our relationship with Christ, on Friday the teachers and staff will implement the following strategies in their classrooms.

Grades Pre-K -2	No Use of iPads
Grades 3-5	No Use of Chromebooks
Grades 6-8	Limited Use of Chromebooks (Assessment and Essential Learning Tasks Only)

In anticipation of this event, I invite and encourage you to discuss with your children how they currently use technology, most especially social media, and to consider whether this is a moment in which you may wish to revise or implement limitations in support of their overall wellness and formation.

More information about the Diocesan Day of Unplugging can be found at the following link.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/unplug/>

Thank you to the many students who participated in the recent raffle to support the *Race for Education*. With proceeds totaling \$1,214.92, the Race Committee will be able to purchase equipment that will enhance our students' experience of this annual event. I wish to thank Mrs. Kelly Ballard and

Mrs. Laura Burroughs for their coordination of the raffle and for all that they continue to do to plan for Race Day on Thursday, May 2. And congratulations to Sarah A. who was the lucky winner of the raffle!

Wishing you and your family Lenten blessings!

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Bread of Life Food Drive

During this Lenten season, we are pleased to host the All Saints' **Bread of Life Food Drive** to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry and St. Lucy Project from March 4 – 15, 2024. In 1992, the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island launched this community service initiative and it has since spread to communities around the country. All Saints' Bread of Life Food Drive will assist individuals and families in our local community in need of food assistance.

Please see details below regarding our 2024 food drive:

When will the food drive take place?

All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive will run from **Monday, March 4 – Friday, March 15, 2024**. All Saints students from the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will help organize and promote the drive. Members of our seventh grade video production class are assisting with the creation of video promos to encourage participation throughout the week.

Where does the food go?

Almost a quarter of a million people in the Arlington Diocese are “food insecure,” meaning they do not know where their next meal will come from. Our school’s Bread of Life Food Drive will benefit the St. Lucy Project and All Saints’ Bethany Food Pantry to assist families and individuals living within Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County.

What can you do to help?

During the drive from March 4-15, your child can bring in food donations in the morning and leave them in the boxes that will be outside of each classroom. Donations can also be brought to the All Saints school office (Monday - Thursday) between the hours of 8:00 AM–3:30 PM.

What food should I donate to All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive?

During the first week of the drive, we will be collecting non-perishable food per the chart below. During the second week, we are adding fresh fruits and vegetables to our collection. Please see the grade level list below:

2024 Bread of Life Food Drive – Brochure

If you have any questions regarding the Bread of Life Food Drive, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore at jdevore@allsaintsva.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this Lenten community service project to benefit those in need of food assistance.

All Saints wishes to extend sincere thanks to the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island for their continued organizational and logistical support.

Virtues in Practice (March)

Virtue of the Month: Temperance

Definition: Enjoying things in a proper, balanced way

Saints: St. Teresa of Avila (Gr. PK-2), St. Camillus de Lellis (Gr. 3-5), Ven. Matt Talbot (Gr. 6-8)

Used Uniform Sale (March 22)

All Saints PTO will be hosting a used uniform sale on **Friday, March 22nd from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM** in the PAC. This is a great opportunity to get ready for the change to summer uniforms on Monday, April 8th.

Interested in Volunteering? If you are VIRTUS certified and would like to volunteer, please sign up on Connect1.

Professional Development Day (No School) - Friday, March 8

On Friday, March 8 our faculty will participate in a teacher work day to prepare report cards for the second trimester. For this reason, there will be no classes or Extended Day Program that day.

March Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu- March](#)

Important Reminders

- **Continuous Enrollment Program Fee – March 1**

The Continuous Enrollment Fee, formerly known as the Re-Registration Fee, will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on **March 1, 2023**. The completion of the Continuous Enrollment Contract, for first year families, and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

- **Open House – March 7 (9:00 a.m.)**

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, March 7 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. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (571) 516-3170 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

- **Diocesan Teacher Job Fair – March 9**

Each spring the Diocese of Arlington hosts a Teacher Job Fair for those interested in learning more about the ministry of Catholic education. This year the event will take place at St. Bernadette School from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on March 9.

[Teacher Job Fair](#)

- **Employment Opportunity – Instructional Assistant (Kindergarten)**

All Saints Catholic School is seeking applicants for the full-time position of Instructional Assistant in a kindergarten classroom with employment beginning mid-March 2024. Primary responsibilities include providing support to students in the learning process, assisting with the coordination of classroom materials, and supervising students in the cafeteria. For more information about this position or to apply, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

- **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

- **Lenten Soup Suppers**

All Saints Catholic Church will have a Lenten Supper again this year! Several Parish organizations will host the Supper each week and provide a simple meal of soup and/or sandwiches. As in the past, we will not have the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday or Holy Week.

There is no cost for the soup and/or sandwich. All are encouraged to make a free will donation to the charity selected by the host organization. The schedule of dates for the soup supper is as follows:

February 28 from 5-7pm: All Saints Trail Life & American Heritage Girls Troops VA-1188 Charity: St. Lucy Project

March 06 from 5-7pm: All Saints Catholic School PTO Charity: Bethany Food Pantry

March 13 from 5-7pm: St Vincent DePaul Society Charity: St. Vincent DePaul Society Ministries

March 20 from 5-7pm: Squire Roses Charity: Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

- **ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting**

Celebrating 20 years, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers **Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp** this July 8 - 19.

Through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more, these camps are taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise. Each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Performance by the campers. Camps are designed to be both fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts within a safe environment. Through March, ***all camps are \$35 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.***

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com



- **All Saints Sports for 3rd - 8th Graders: TRACK & FIELD and GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

CYO spring sports registration is open for Boys and Girls Track and Field and Girls Volleyball! *Register before the March 8th deadline.*

- **Track and Field:** Boys and Girls in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Pennington track beginning March 2nd. The Spring Track Meet will take place on May 18th. Cost is \$40 per participant.

Volleyball: Girls in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate. Practices will be once a week with matches held once a weekend beginning on April 6th with a season ending tournament May 11-12. Cost is \$40 per participant.

All Saints CYO relies on the volunteerism of parents, older siblings, and members of our All Saints' community. ***If you wish to coach volleyball or assistant coach track this season***, please reach out to Tomasita Liu, CYO Sports Director tliu@allsaintsva.org. You must be VIRTUS approved before working with participants. If you are not, we can help you get the process started right away.

CYO Sports Registration Link: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/login>

Registration will be open until March 8, 2024.

- **Order Your Yearbook**

One of the best ways to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. Our 2023-2024 school yearbook is now available to order.

Personalization is also available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

All orders must be placed online through the link below:

- Please visit the Lifetouch website to order online: ybpay.com.
- The All Saints school code is 13273524.

For questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore (jdevore@allsaintsva.org)

- **O'Connell Cheerleading Clinic**

On Saturday March 2nd from 9am-Noon O'Connell will be hosting a Cheer Clinic for those that are interested in learning the basics of the sport! Following the clinic, those that are interested may stay until 1pm and join us in decorating cheer bows! The Clinic is targeted for middle schoolers and up, however anyone 4th grade and above is welcome to sign up! Please see the flyer for additional information:

[Cheerleading Clinic](#)

[Registration link](#)

- **All Saints Spirit Wear**

Are you still looking for All Saints Spirit Wear? Well look no further. Visit the link below to find the perfect item for you and the entire family from our assorted selections.

Order Your Squadlocker Spirit Wear

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 29

Dress Down Day to Benefit the Band Trip (\$2.00)

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, March 1

Diocesan Day of Unplugging

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Payment Due Date: Continuous Enrollment Fee via FACTS Tuition

Monday, March 4

Bread of Life Kick-Off Assembly (8:30 a.m.)

Lenten Confessions – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

PTO Sponsored Lenten Soup Supper (PAC/5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 7

School Mass – Memorial of Saints Perpetua & Felicity (8:30 a.m.)

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

Stations of the Cross – Grades 6-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

End of Trimester II (PowerSchool Parent Portal Closes)

Friday, March 8

Professional Development Day – Teacher Work Day (No Classes or Extended Day)

Saturday, March 9

Diocesan Job Fair (St. Bernadette School/9:00-11:00 a.m.)

Monday, March 11

Lenten Confessions – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 12

Seniors Luncheon (Hosted by Grade 7)

Wednesday, March 13

4th Grade Virginia Presentation (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

Deadline: FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications for Elementary Schools

Thursday, March 14

Spirit Wear Day

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.)

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

Friday, March 15

7th Grade Field Trip to Mount Vernon

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

5th Grade Wax Museum (PAC/2:00 p.m.)

Trimester II Report Cards Sent Home

Monday, March 18

SCA Spirit Week – Spring Color Day

Tuesday, March 19

School Mass – Solemnity of St. Joseph (8:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, March 20

SCA Spirit Week – Wacky Wednesday

Thursday, March 21

SCA Spirit Week – No Homework Day

Friday, March 22

SCA Spirit Week – Buddy Activity

Used Uniform Sale (PAC/8:00-10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, March 26

Diocesan Chrism Mass at All Saints

(Note: Cafeteria Closed. All students are asked to bring a lunch from home. This is a revision to the originally published menu for March.)

Wednesday, March 27

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, March 28

7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

Friday, March 29

Holiday (Good Friday)