



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.

The Sentinel Newsletter

March 6, 2024

Principal's Message

This week I would like to provide an update regarding changes in staffing for the 2024-2025 academic year.

As previously announced, Ms. Reardon will be retiring from her position as Director of Extended Day at the close of this school year. I am pleased to share with you that her recent knee surgery was a success and that she is on track to return to the Extended Day program on Monday, March 11. I wish to thank Mrs. Reyes for serving as Program Leader during the time of Ms. Reardon's leave and the entire Extended Day team for providing a consistent and supportive environment for our students.

Mrs. Kaus, 4th Grade Teacher, has decided to resign from her position at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. We thank her for her three years of service to our school and wish her every success and blessing as she pursues new opportunities.

Additionally, Mrs. Brown, 2nd Grade Instructional Assistant, has decided to retire in June. Having worked as an assistant in our school for twenty-five years, primarily in a kindergarten classroom, she has been a beloved member of our staff who has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of students through her caring and joyful manner. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service and wish her an enjoyable retirement.

The recruitment and hiring process for the 2024-2025 academic year is already underway. In support of this effort, if you have any friends or colleagues who might be interested in learning more about teaching opportunities at All Saints, please encourage them to contact me for further information. I

would be delighted to speak with them about the experience of teaching in a Catholic school as well as our mission at All Saints.

Wishing you and your family Lenten blessings!

Behold I make all things new.



Tuition Assistance Application Deadline - March 13

Parents interested in applying for tuition assistance are reminded that the deadline for submitting all forms through FACTS is Wednesday, March 13. Please see the link below for more information.

2024-2025 Tuition Assistance Program

Should you have any questions about the application process or tuition assistance program, please contact Mrs. Diana Neri, Office Bookkeeper, at 703-368-4400 or vneri@allsaintsva.org.

Lenten Rice Lunch – Friday, March 22

As we approach the conclusion of Lent, we want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

In support of the effort, on Friday, March 22nd, the cafeteria will host a simple lunch, the proceeds of which will benefit the Rice Bowl project. As a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world and in an effort to help the students gain a better understanding of poverty, the lunch will consist of one bowl of rice and water. This will be the only food and drink available for purchase on that day.

Although participation is completely voluntary, we are hopeful that many of the children will embrace this opportunity and recognize it as a chance to increase their empathy for those suffering in our world.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and should be submitted as a cash donation rather than through the online lunch accounts. Students may bring a lunch from home if they prefer and are reminded to bring a drink if they so choose as only water will be available in the cafeteria.

Special Announcements from John Paul the Great

Bioethics Seminars at JP (Active through March 26, 2024)

Weekly: Tuesday, February 20, 2024- Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Join Sister Malia Grace Reed, O.P., for a six week study of the second Bioethics course offered at John Paul: "Principles of Ethics." Attend all or some sessions, held on Tuesday evenings starting February 21st in Saint Thomas Aquinas Hall from 7 - 8:30pm.

Shadow a Wolf for a Day! (Active through May 2024)

Shadow Days available at John Paul! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry

Important Reminders

- **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.

- **Bread of Life Food Drive**

During this Lenten season, we are pleased to host the All Saints' **Bread of Life Food Drive** (BOLD) 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: **[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.

- **Open House – March 7 (9:00 AM)**

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. For more information about the event, please see the link below

[Teacher Job Fair](#)

- **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.

- **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:

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)

- **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](#)

- **March Lunch Menu**

[Cafeteria Menu- March](#)

Upcoming Events

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.)

State-wide Tornado Drill (9:45 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 Teacher 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

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
NJHS Induction Ceremony (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

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)

Monday, April 8

School Resumes

Change to Summer Uniforms

Tuesday, April 9

Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by 6th Grade

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 12

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)