



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 27, 2024

Principal's Message

As we approach the Easter holiday, I wish to share with you some important information regarding upcoming events that will be taking place at All Saints.

Over the course of a number of years, All Saints has developed a strong partnership with the Manassas City Police Department (MCPD), one which has resulted in significant collaboration as well as active shooter response training for our faculty and staff.

As part of this partnership, on Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3, members of the police department and representatives from other law enforcement agencies will conduct onsite active shooter trainings in our school building. The training exercises, similar to those that occurred last spring, will further increase the police department's familiarity with our campus and the layout of our facility while providing them the benefit of training in an actual building.

Note: These trainings will take place during the week of Easter when the school will be closed. In advance, of the training, MCPD will provide exterior signage so that any visitors to the parish site will be aware that a training exercise is occurring.

We are grateful to all of the members of the police department for their continued partnership with All Saints and for all that they do to ensure the safety and well-being of our local community.

Secondly, I want to take a moment to confirm a few details regarding the re-opening of school on Monday, April 8. As you are probably aware, our location will experience a partial solar eclipse that will occur from approximately 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. that day. After consultation with the diocese, it has been determined that our school schedule will remain unchanged with dismissal occurring at 3:00 p.m.

In advance of the eclipse, I encourage you to remind your children of the importance of not viewing the sun without wearing proper safety glasses/solar shades. It is important that students understand the harmful effects of looking at the sun without safety glasses. The teachers, of course, will offer similar reminders as the students exit the building that afternoon.

Should you have any questions related to these plans, please do not hesitate to let me know.

This week I am also pleased to share with you that Ms. Ava Burkat has accepted the position of Instructional Assistant and will begin employment in the K1 classroom beginning on Monday, April 8.

Ms. Burkat earned a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from The Catholic University of America and has recently worked as a primary grade substitute teacher at two schools in our diocese. In addition to her prior experience working in a daycare setting, Ms. Burkat was a very active participant in the youth ministry program at her parish and served as a summer camp counselor at FIAT in Emmitsburg. With a strong devotion to the Catholic faith and her training in the field of education, she will be a wonderful addition to our program.

This week our Church celebrates the greatest mystery of our faith, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. As a school community, we prepare for our journey into the three holiest days of the year, the Triduum, through prayer and tradition. Tomorrow the students will gather in the Parish Activities Center at 10:45 a.m. for the 7th grade portrayal of the *Passion Play*. Through music and dramatic presentation, middle school students will prayerfully re-enact Christ's passion and death. As the students depart the space in silence following the presentation, the tone will be set for their continued reflection and prayer over the course of the coming days. All parents are cordially invited to join us to witness this beautiful school tradition.

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff, I wish all of you a blessed celebration of Easter and an enjoyable holiday with your family!

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- **Virtues in Practice**

Virtue for the Month of April: Obedience

Definition: Saying “yes” to the loving will of God and those He has set over us

Saints: Our Lady (PK-2), St. Juan Diego (3-5), St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (6-8)

- **National Junior Honor Society Inductees**

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) last Thursday. We thank Mr. Roy, Spanish teacher, for serving as our keynote speaker and for providing our students with insights and inspiration regarding faith and leadership.

Junior A.

Kaitlyn B.

Charlotte B.

Isabella J.

Mia R.

Kelsey T.
Isabel L.
Madison S.
Isabella R.
Keira R.
Anna Lima
Cecilia G.
Jaylyn D.
Alisha K.
John D.

- **April Lunch Menu**
- ***Special Announcements from John Paul the Great***
Practice High School Placement Test & Parent How to High School:
Saturday, May 18, 2024 (9:00 am-12:15 pm)

John Paul is hosting the Pre-High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) for current 7th graders. The Pre-HSPT is optional, and is a practice test intended to help students become more familiar with the different sections of the HSPT under timed conditions. The practice test is designed to give the student an idea of how the exam will be administered and what to expect on the actual day of testing during the student's 8th grade year. Parents are invited to stay for Parent How to High School - a workshop on preparing your student for high school.

- ***Test Prep Workshop & Practice High School Placement Test:***
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 or Saturday, October 19, 2024 (9:00 am-1:00 pm)

John Paul is hosting two Test Prep Workshops that will conclude with taking the Pre-High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT). Participants will learn test taking strategies that they will be able to implement on a practice test upon conclusion of the workshop. Lunch is included. Please reach out by phone at 703-445-0246 with any questions.

- **Spring Musical**
Friday, April 26, 2024 - Sunday, April 28, 2024

The JP Fine Arts department will debut its spring musical, Joseph & The Amazing

Technicolor Dreamcoat, on Friday, April 26th with shows running through Sunday, April 28th!

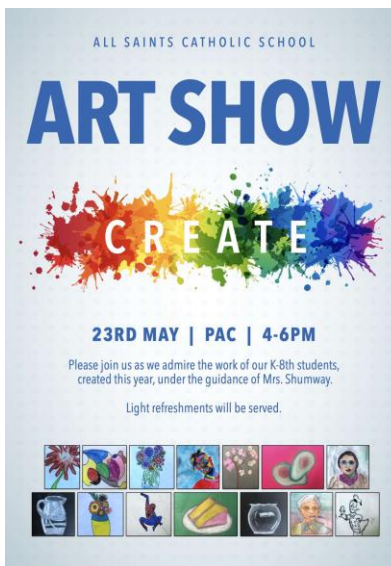
Important Reminders

- **CRS Rice Bowl Collection**

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office as soon as possible. Please be sure to include a reference to “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds will be totaled and forwarded to the Diocese of Arlington in support of Catholic Relief Services.

- **Art Show -Save the date!**

Join us for the 2024 Art Show brought to you by our talented K-8th grade students. Don't miss this amazing event taking place in the PAC on May 23rd from 4-6 PM. Invite your entire family, friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!



- **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.***



- **Order Your Yearbook- Deadline: March 28**

A wonderful way to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. The cost is \$23.00 per yearbook and personalization is available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

Our deadline to order our 2023-2024 school yearbook is March 28, 2024.

- **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.

- **Special Announcements from John Paul the Great
Shadow a Wolf for a Day!**

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!

- **Seton School proudly presents *White Christmas!***
Performances on April 5,6,12,13 at 7:00 pm and April 7 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person/\$50 maximum per immediate family* per show

End of Year Calendar & Events

Thursday, May 30	Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten
Friday, May 31	Field Day - Grades K-8 (On Site - All Saints)
Friday, June 7	Pass-It-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.) Graduation Breakfast for 8th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.) 8th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.) 8th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.) <u>Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7</u> Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)
Wednesday, June 12	Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7
Thursday, June 13	Closing of the school Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.) <u>Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal</u>
Friday, June 14	Professional Development Day for Teachers
Monday, June 17	Professional Development Day for Teachers

Upcoming Events

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

Race for Education Kick-Off Assembly (2:30 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 12

SCA Sponsored "Bring a Stuffed Animal to School" Day (\$1.00)

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, April 16

1st Grade Field Trip (National Zoo)

3rd Grade Field Trip (Lego Discovery Center)

Wednesday, April 17

3rd Grade United States Presentation (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

8th Grade Graduation Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 18

Kindergarten Field Trip (Maple Tree Farm)

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

Friday, April 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)

Monday, April 22

Kindergarten Screening (No Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten Classes)

Tuesday, April 23

ACRE Religion Assessment (Grades 5 & 8)

Wednesday, April 24

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Thursday, April 25

School Mass – Feast of St. Mark (8:30 a.m.)

Friday, April 26

Holiday (Parish Festival Prep Day)

Thursday, May 2

19th Annual Race for Education

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 3

School Mass (Feast of Saints Phillip & James) & May Crowning (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation & 2nd Grade First Communion Photos (9:30 a.m.)