



# 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**

**February 21, 2024**

### **Principal's Message**

Thanks to the generous support of our students, the Student Council Association (SCA) raised \$365.50 from the recent Valentine's Dress Down Day. We were pleased to forward these funds to the American Heart Association last week. Thank you to our SCA and all of our students for their participation in this effort.

Last week we closed the Net Promoter Survey and have begun compiling all of the data. I wish to thank the many parents who took the time to respond and to provide feedback regarding their experience at All Saints. I am pleased to share with you that 145 parents in our school community participated in the survey.

Mrs. DeVore, Director of Marketing and Enrollment, and I will present a summary report to the faculty in March after which I'll share a copy of the results with our parent community. Again, many thanks for taking the time to provide feedback through this important annual survey.

Wishing you and your family Lenten blessings!

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## **Science Fair Winners**

### **1st Place: Connor P.**

How does the Price of Laundry Detergent Affect How Well it Cleans Stains?\*

### **2nd Place: Alisha K.**

The Effect of Organic and Non-Organic Strawberries and the Time it takes for Mold to Grow

### **3rd Place: Kylie B.**

The Effect of Baking Soda and Vinegar on the Height of Its Container\*

## **2024 Science Fair Winners by Category:**

### Animal Sciences:

**1st Place- Brandon M.** - The Effect of Repetition on a Cat's Time in a Maze\*

**2nd Place- Sam W.** - Which Characteristics Affect the Cat's Time at the Animal Shelter

### Behavioral and Social Sciences:

**1st Place- Isabella H.** - How does Social Media use for One Hour a Day Affect the Happiness and Mood of a Teenager?\*

**2nd Place- Mikayla R.** - The Effect of Age on Memory\*

**3rd Place- Sean C.**- How does Music Affect Memory?

Chemistry:

**1st Place- Connor P.** - How does the Price of Laundry Detergent Affect How Well it Cleans Stains?\*

**2nd Place- Kylie B.**- The Effect of Baking Soda and Vinegar on the Height of Its Container\*

**3rd Place- Keria R.**- The Effect of Substitutions on the Taste of Blueberry Muffins\*

Computer Science:

**1st Place- Olivia N.** - How does Manipulating a Game Affect Computer Learning?\*

**2nd Place- Gabe B.-G.** - How does AI Generated Text Affect Human Recognition?

Engineering and Physics:

**1st Place- Isabel L.** - How do Different Colors Affect the Absorption of Light?\*

**2nd Place- Max M.** - How does the Shape of the Blade on a Wind Turbine Affect the Production of Energy to Lift Weight?\*

**3rd Place- Cris M.** - How does the Number and Combination of Pulleys Affect the Amount of Force Required to Lift Weight?\*

Medicine and Health:

**1st Place- Diego S.**- The Effect of Different Toothpaste on Tooth Cleanliness\*

**2nd Place (Tie) - Isabelle R.**- How do Different Drinks Affect your Teeth?\*

-**Landon R.** - How does Chlorine Affect the Color and Strength of Your Hair?

Microbiology:

**1st Place- Alisha K.** - The Effect of Organic and Non-Organic Strawberries and the Time it takes for Mold to Grow\*

**2nd Place- Jayden V.** - How long does it take Mold to Grow on Chicken Nuggets from Different Fast Food Places?

Material Sciences:

**1st Place- Leo H.** - The Effect of Temperature on a Candle's Burn Time\*

**2nd Place- Michaela C.** - The Effect of the Price of Makeup Wipes on the Amount of Makeup it Removes\*

**3rd Place- Nolan C.** - How does Aged Wood Affect the Temperature it Burns?

Plant Science:

**1st Place- Arthur Y.** - How does the Type of Bean Affect how Fast it Grows toward the Light?\*

**2nd Place- Madison S.** - How does an Electromagnetic Field Affect Plant Growth?\*

**3rd Place- Naomi B.** - The Effect of Weather on Poinsettias

\* - promoted to PW-MRSEF

- **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](#)

- **Altar Server Training**

All Saints parishioners ... the parish is offering new altar server training, and cross bearer, thurifer, and funeral service training. Altar serving is a wonderful way to grow in faith and service.

Pre-registration is required for all training sessions. Parents are asked to send an email to Mrs. Pechiney ([lpchiney@allsaintsva.org](mailto:lpchiney@allsaintsva.org)) to pre-register.

**New Altar Servers:**

New servers must be rising 5th graders or above and at least 10 years old by September 30, 2024. Both boys and girls are eligible. We welcome rising 5th through 12th graders. New servers will need to attend both new server sessions before being scheduled.

Session #1: Tuesday, February 27, 6:00–7:00 PM.

This is a mandatory session in which you will learn liturgical vocabulary and terms necessary for the second session.

Session #2: Tuesday, March 5, 6:00–7:00 PM

**Cross Bearer Training for Existing Servers**

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00–7:30 PM

Cross Bearer training for current 8th–11th Graders who would like to learn how to be a Cross Bearer.

**Thurifer Training for Existing Cross Bearers**

Tuesday, February 27, 7:30–8:00 PM

Thurifer training for current 10th–11th Graders who have experience as Cross Bearer and would now like to learn to use the incense at Mass. Thurifers are used at the 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM Masses.

## **Funeral Server Training for Existing servers**

Wednesday, February 28, 4:00–4:30 PM

Training for servers with at least one full year as a server. Minimum rising 6-7th grade who would like to learn how to serve Funeral Masses.

- **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](mailto: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>

CYO Registration will be open until March 8, 2024.

- **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](#)



- **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](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com)

## Important Reminders

- **Continuous Enrollment Program Fee**  
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.
- **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](mailto:dconroy@allsaintsva.org).

- **PTO General Assembly Meeting – February 22 (7:00 p.m.)**

Plan to join us for what will be an informative presentation for all parents on the evening of February 22. Representatives from the Manassas City Police Department will be speaking on the topic of **Substance Awareness and Prevention**. They will highlight three specific concerns affecting young people in our region: Fentanyl, vapes, and THC/marijuana. We hope that you will be able to attend and hear this important message that will increase our awareness of these dangers in our society and what we can do to continue to safeguard our children.

- **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](mailto:mrodriguez@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 <b>high schools</b>
March 13, 2024	Financial aid application due date for diocesan <b>K-8 schools</b>

- **Race for Education Raffle**

Students will be invited to participate in a raffle to win a prize bundle featuring a Squishmallow plush toy. Raffle tickets will be sold for 50 cents each. The raffle will continue through February 22nd, and the winning name will be drawn on February 23rd. Proceeds will benefit the 2024 Race for Education. See flyer for details.



- **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](https://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](mailto: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](#)**



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, February 22**

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

PTO General Assembly Meeting & Manassas City Police Presentation – *Substance Awareness & Prevention* (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, February 23**

School Mass – Memorial of St. Polycarp (8:30 a.m.)

### **Tuesday, February 27**

Band Concert – Cancelled (2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

### **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**

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**

Bread of Life Food Drive Begins

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

**Tuesday, March 12**

Seniors Luncheon (Hosted by Grade 7)

**Wednesday, March 13**

4<sup>th</sup> 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**

School Mass (8:30 a.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