



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

November 21, 2023

Principal's Message

It was wonderful to see so many students, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty & staff enjoying their time together at the Thanksgiving Luncheon yesterday. One of our great and beloved traditions, the annual event provides our school community with an opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with one another.

We are grateful to Mrs. Fleisig (Director of Cafeteria Services), Mrs. Garcia (Cafeteria Assistant), and Mrs. Slaiby (Cafeteria Bookkeeper) for all of their efforts in organizing this large-scale event. We also thank Miss Mallon for all that she did to organize the schedule and logistics surrounding the day. Additionally, I want to extend a special word of thanks to Mrs. Matner, Mrs. Marsengill, and Mrs. Gutierrez, former cafeteria employees, who graciously returned as volunteers again this year.

I also want to convey a word of appreciation to the members of our Facilities Staff who worked diligently behind the scenes in support of the event. Thank you, Mr. Andre (Director of Facilities), Mr. Paul, Mr. Enriquez, and Mrs. Gonzalez.

Such an event would not have been possible without strong volunteer support. I wish to thank the many parents who generously donated their time and talent in support of the luncheon. From assisting with the set-up and decorations to helping with food service during the event, our parents provided wonderful support.

Once again, a highlight of the luncheon for the children was seeing Fr. Lee and Fr. Daniel helping to serve the food. We thank both of them for joining us for this occasion and for all that they do for our school and parish community.

As we pause to join family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, please know of my gratitude and that of Fr. Lee for your continued support of our school and its mission of providing an education of faith and academic excellence. Thank you for choosing our school for your family. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Important Reminders

- **Zoom Authorization Form**

Over the course of the past several years, our school community has successfully demonstrated the capacity to pivot when necessary in order to provide instruction in new and innovative ways for our students, specifically through online learning. It is important that we maintain a process as well as procedures that will allow us to transition to online learning if necessary, such as in the event of multi-day closures due to inclement weather.

Last week we sent a digital copy of the *Zoom Authorization Form* to parents of all students. With this form on file, we will be ready to provide instruction via Zoom should this ever become necessary during the school year. If you have not yet returned your signed form, please do so as soon as possible.

- **VIRTUS Training Session - December 16**

The diocese will host an in-person VIRTUS training session in English at All Saints on Saturday, December 16. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. For more information about the program and to register to attend, please see the link below.

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18408

- **Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 5 (7:00 p.m.)**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 5 and plan to join us for an *Evening with Saint Nicholas*. The event will begin with an Advent Prayer Service in the church at 7:00 p.m. The “Procession of Shoes” will be led by Saint Nicholas himself. Then join us in the Parish Activities Center for cookies and cocoa where Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton will be available for photos. (Please bring your own camera).

We ask that you bring a donation of a pair of new shoes in honor of Saint Nicholas. All donations will go to House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: **NEW plain colors of tennis shoes- white, blue, black, tan, or brown.** *No character tennis shoes.*)

Should you have any questions about this event, please contact Mrs. Sarah Roccograndi at sarah.roccograndi@gmail.com.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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

Upcoming Events

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 of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, December 11

Gift of Human Sexuality Presentation for Middle School Parents (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 12

School Mass – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, December 13

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

Saturday, December 16

VIRTUS Training Session (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Monday, December 18

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant & Reception (10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to Christmas

Christmas Pageant (7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 21

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

Santa Hat Day, Sponsored by the SCA

Classroom Christmas Parties (10:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

Friday, December 22

Christmas Holiday Begins