



# All Saints Catholic School

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## The Sentinel Newsletter

September 18, 2024

### Principal's Message

One of the hallmarks of All Saints is the tremendous involvement of the parent community and the vibrancy of our PTO. We know that countless studies show that when parents are engaged in the life of a school, the students benefit and the school achieves a higher level of success, and such is the case at All Saints.

This week I wish to provide a summary report of the good work of our PTO in identifying meaningful ways to expense funds remaining from the 2023-2024 school year. Through the participation and generosity of many in our community, the PTO had a very successful year of community-building and fund-raising and is able to provide additional financial support in the following ways.

- Stipends for Faculty/Staff who Sponsor Extra-Curricular Activities
- New Polo Shirts for Faculty/Staff
- Car Magnets for Parents & Community Members
- Increase in Classroom Start-Up Funds
- Increase in Faculty/Staff Christmas Bonuses
- Increase in Back-to-School Barbecue Expense
- New Literacy Program – Additional McGraw-Hill Resources
- PTO Signage
- PTO Reserve for the 2024-2025 School Year
- Pre-Stocking of Pop-Up Spirit Wear Store

As you can see, the PTO is truly making a difference, impacting student learning, school programs, and the life of our community.

Many thanks to the PTO leadership for their outstanding work and for all who support their programs and efforts throughout the year!

*Wishing you continued blessings in this new school year!*

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### **Priests' Barbecue – Seeking Volunteers**

Our Annual Priest BBQ event is fast approaching and we are very excited to celebrate it with our students. The BBQ will take place on Friday October 4th, and the Parish is offering FREE lunch for all students which will include hamburgers or hot dogs, potato chips, cookies and fruit punch juice boxes.

In order to make this a special day we need VIRTUS compliant volunteers to help us with a variety of tasks in the cafeteria. You can find Volunteer spots available on Track It Forward under the event listing for the Priest BBQ.

### **Vision and Hearing Screening**

On Monday, October 7, 2024, we will be holding a free annual Vision & Hearing Screening Clinic sponsored by the Lions Club of Manassas for Kindergarten, Third and Seventh graders. This consists of an audiometer hearing test, and a SPOT screening of their vision.

On Friday we will be sending home the permission slip required for this screening, but you can also find it below. This form will need to be returned to Mrs. Nowakowski, even if you do not wish for your child to participate. Please write "DO NOT SCREEN" on the form if you do not wish for them to participate.

Additionally, we will be looking for Virtus-trained parent volunteers to help with this event, so if this would interest you, please sign up! Thank you for all your support in helping us keep your children safe and healthy!

[Vision and Screening Consent Form](#)

## Important Reminders

- ***Parent- Student Handbook (2024-2025 Edition)***

The 2024-2025 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

[Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook](#)

[Pre-K Parent Handbook](#)

Please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children. Each family is asked to sign and return the acknowledgment form as soon as possible.

- **New Parent Coffee (September 24)**

All new parents, including those who joined our school last year, are invited to attend "Coffee with the Principal" on Tuesday, September 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center (PAC). Following a presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion about our school and its many programs. Plan to attend and meet other new families who have recently joined our community!

- **Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers**

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers in the school are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days after their application has been approved.

In accordance with diocesan policy, full compliance for an adult parent volunteer is not required for *open* events. (An open event is one that is open to the public, infrequent and publicized,

such as Field Day, concerts, and special events/assemblies.) However, full compliance is required for adult parent volunteers who wish to participate in closed events. (A closed event is one that is not entirely open to the general public such as classroom activities, parties, field trips, etc.) For this reason, all parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training.

The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:  
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/background-checks/>

VIRTUS trainings are held throughout the year at parishes and schools throughout the diocese and are free of charge to all participants. An email is generated to register for the training once an individual has completed the online criminal background check application and it has been approved by Mrs. Cristina Jimenez, our parish and school's liaison. Individuals are required by Diocesan policy to complete this adult safe environment training within 45 days after their application has been approved.

Should you have any questions about the process, please contact Mrs. Jimenez for more information at [virtus@allsaintsva.org](mailto:virtus@allsaintsva.org).

- **Lunch Menu**

[Cafeteria Menu - September](#)

- **Trail Life USA / American Heritage Girls**

Looking for a Christ Centered, Family Oriented Scouting Troop for your son and/or daughter? All Saints has a Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls Troop for boys and girls ages 5-18 years old. Both scouting organizations not only focus on outdoor adventures, but also character development, building courageous young men and women to honor God, leadership with integrity, and service to others.

If interested, please join us at our **Open House Event** on **Wednesday, September 25** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at the Knights of Columbus Hall behind All Saints Catholic School. For more information, please contact our Trail Life Troop 1188 at [TL@allsaintsva.org](mailto:TL@allsaintsva.org) and American Heritage Girls Troop 1188 at [AHG@allsaintsva.org](mailto:AHG@allsaintsva.org).

- **2024-2025 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL**

CYO registration is open for 2024-2025 Boys and Girls Basketball! Registration will be open from September 15 through October 15.

- Boys and Girls from both the Parish and the School in 3rd-8th Grade are eligible to participate.
- Practices are one weeknight a week in the All Saints Gym and start November 4.
- Games are on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Diocese.
- There will be 2-3 preseason games in December.
- Regular season games take place in January and February 2025.
- Cost is \$75 per player.
- There will be a preseason skills clinic for boys on Sunday, October 20, afternoon times to be announced.
- There will be a preseason skills clinic for girls on Sunday, October 27, afternoon times to be announced.

We are still seeking head and assistant coaches for some grades, especially for 3rd grade. Please email Laurie Short, Assistant Basketball Commissioner, at [glshort1@comcast.net](mailto:glshort1@comcast.net), if you are interested in coaching. You must be certified for Diocesan child protection (including VIRTUS™) before working with participants. If you are not, we can help you get the process started.

*The mission of the Arlington Diocesan Junior Catholic Youth Organization (JCYO) is to organize sports programs through its member parishes for youth to reinforce Catholic values taught in parish schools and religious education programs. In addition to encouraging healthy physical activity, JCYO sports are designed to foster cooperation, respect, sportsmanship, responsibility, leadership, competitiveness, fairness, and courtesy.*

If you have a general question, you can email [jcyosports@allsaintsva.org](mailto:jcyosports@allsaintsva.org) or to connect directly with Chi Young, CYO Sports Director and Basketball Commissioner, you can email [sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org](mailto:sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org). No child will be denied participation due to financial need. Please email [sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org](mailto:sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org) if you would like to discuss options for financial aid.

**CYO Sports Registration Link:**

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues>

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- **2024 Running with the Saints 5K**

We are pleased to share that race registration and sponsorship is open for All Saints Catholic School's 2024 Running with the Saints 5K. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, October 26** at 8:00 AM. Runners, walkers, and baby strollers welcome with staggered starts.

Beginning at All Saints Catholic School, our race course winds through nearby Manassas neighborhoods. The event features RaceWire timing for race enthusiasts, musical entertainment, and a family-friendly atmosphere.

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

**8:00 AM**

All Saints Catholic School  
9294 Stonewall Rd — Manassas

[Running with the Saints Course Map](#)

**REGISTER NOW\***

Adults: \$30 / Youth: \$20

*\*To guarantee receipt of a FREE Running with the Saints 5K T-shirt, you must register by October 7, 2024.*

***Sponsorship Opportunities***

The ***Running with the Saints 5K*** provides an excellent opportunity to promote your business while supporting All Saints' students and teachers. By becoming a Race Sponsor, you can advertise your services to race participants and the All Saints community, a parish of over 8,100 local families.

***Sponsorship levels available for all budgets!***

*See below for details on sponsorship packages and learn how your business can support this fun, family-friendly community event. For more information about sponsorship, please contact Amanda Caggiano and Mary Pearl at [RWTS@allsaintsva.org](mailto:RWTS@allsaintsva.org).*

**2024 RWTS – Sponsorship Printable Form**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, September 18**

Confessions – Grade 5 (9:15 a.m.)

Room Liaisons Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

### **Thursday, September 19**

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, September 20**

School Mass – Memorial of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions (8:30 a.m.)

### **Monday, September 23**

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:15 a.m.)

### **Tuesday, September 24**

New Parent Coffee (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m.)

### **Wednesday, September 25**

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

### **Thursday, September 26**

SCA Installation Ceremony for Newly Elected Officers and Representatives (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

### **Friday, September 27**

School Mass – Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul (8:30 a.m.)

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – The Edge (Team-Building Exercise)

### **Monday, September 30**

**Diocesan Professional Development Day (No School or Extended Day Program)**

### **Wednesday, October 2**

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

### **Thursday, October 3**

St. Paul VI Catholic High School – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit & Presentation (12:30 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

**Friday, October 4**

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

Uniform Exchange Sale (PAC Atrium/8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)

Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Parish Blessing of Animals (Courtyard/4:00 p.m.)

**Monday, October 7**

Lions' Club Screening

**Tuesday, October 8**

Seniors' Luncheon (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Thursday, October 10**

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit & Presentation (12:00 p.m.)

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

**Friday, October 11**

School Mass – St. John XXIII (8:30 a.m.)

**Monday, October 14**

**Holiday – Columbus Day**

**Wednesday, October 16**

School Mass – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (8:30 a.m.)

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

**Thursday, October 17**

PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

**Friday, October 18**

**Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)**