



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

September 25, 2024

Principal's Message

One of the beautiful traditions of our school is the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program whereby families are invited to host one of two statues of Our Lady of Fatima in their home for one week. While the statue is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together part of or the entire Rosary for the intentions of our school as well as their own private intentions. The presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is certain to increase your devotion to Mary and to bring you and your family closer to her Son.

Families who wish to participate in this program may sign up on [Track It Forward](https://www.trackitforward.com/site/935959/event/983843).
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Pick up time for the Statues at the front office is before 2:30 p.m. on Friday (unless otherwise noted) with a return time of before 9:00 a.m. the following Friday. Please be sure to sign in and out for the Statue in the Visitor Binder at the front desk.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Rotation Coordinator, [Mrs. Fuzzy Reynolds](#) or call (703-963-4232).

Wishing you continued blessings in this new school year!

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Virtues in Practice – October

Virtue of the Month: Friendship

Definition: Sharing a mutual love that seeks the good of the other

Saints: Sts. Benedict & Scholastica (PK-2), Sts. Basil & Gregory (3-5), Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (6-8)

Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - October](#)

Bishop O'Connell High School Open House

Sunday, Oct. 6 (1:00 - 3:00 PM)

You're invited to our Open House to find out more about the Catholic high school experience here at O'Connell. Find out more and RSVP at bishopoconnell.org/openhouse. Questions?

Contact admissions@bishopoconnell.org.

Important Reminders

- **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.

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.

- **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.

- **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 and American Heritage Girls Troop 1188 at 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, 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 or to connect directly with Chi Young, CYO Sports Director and Basketball Commissioner, you can email sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org. No child will be denied participation due to financial need. Please email sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org if you would like to discuss options for financial aid.

CYO Sports Registration Link: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues> Registration will be open from September 15 through October 15.

- **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.

[2024 RWTS – Sponsorship Printable Form](#)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 25

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.) – Postponed

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.)

6th Grade Field Trip – The Edge (Team-Building Exercise)

Monday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 2

Confessions – Grade 3 (9:15 a.m.)

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

Thursday, October 3

St. Paul VI Catholic High School – 8th 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

Confessions – Grade 4 (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, October 8

Seniors' Luncheon (7th Grade)

Thursday, October 10

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School – 8th 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

Great Southeast Shakeout – Earthquake Drill (10:17 a.m.)

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

Friday, October 18

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development)

Saturday, October 19

PTO Family Game Night – Cancelled

Thursday, October 24

Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Friday, October 25

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, October 26

Running with the Saints 5K (PAC/Courtyard/8:00 a.m.)