



All Saints Catholic School

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The Sentinel Newsletter

September 11, 2024

Principal's Message:

During the 2024-2025 school year, All Saints will once again participate in Title I, a federally funded initiative that provides instructional services to benefit elementary level students in reading and math. In order to qualify for the program, students must be residents of the City of Manassas or live within the jurisdiction of a Title I zoned school in Prince William County and meet specific academic criteria.

Mrs. Ginger Spetsios will serve as our Title I teacher again this year. This week Mrs. Spetsios and the classroom teachers are finalizing the referral process for students who meet the program criteria and will be sending permission slips to parents.

As we focus on differentiation in our classrooms, Title I continues to be a highly effective program for us in that it specifically targets the learning needs of students. Should you have any questions about this program or your child's eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

This week we have begun NWEA Map Testing for students in grades 3-7, a process that will be completed by September 27. Remember to look for details from the teachers regarding the dates and times of test sessions so that you can ensure that your children arrive to school on time, well rested, and ready to put forth their best effort in support of this important assessment.

Wishing you continued blessings in this new school year!

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SCA Class Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers to serve as Class Representatives of the Student Council Association for the 2024-2025 school year.

Maria C. (4A)

Charlotte M. (4B)

Maggie M. (5A)

Grace S. (5B)

Valarie A. (6A)

Rose T. (6B)

Kevin A. (7A)

Chase S. (7B)

Diego S. (8A)

Keira R. (8B)

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

Important Reminders

- **Middle School Back to School Night (Tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m.)**

Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Thursday, September 12 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the [Parish Activities Center](#). Don't miss what will be an exciting overview of our middle school experience!

- **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.

- **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 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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 12

Lockdown Drill

Middle School Night (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 13

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

Monday, September 16

Confessions – Grade 6 (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, September 17

Band Lessons Begin

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.)

8th 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 (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

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.)

Tuesday, October 8

Seniors' Luncheon (7th Grade)

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

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