

#### **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

October 9, 2024

#### Principal's Message

Some of the most effective marketing for a school occurs when parents share their positive observations and experiences with others they meet in the community, whether in-person or via online postings. In that online research is a top reason that many prospective parents contact our school, the positive comments and feedback posted by parents are very helpful in our efforts to attract future families to our school community.

With this in mind, we invite and encourage you to post comments on the following sites throughout the school year as you reflect on your child's experiences in our program and the impact of a Catholic education.

Facebook - <a href="https://m.facebook.com/allsaintsvaschool/">https://m.facebook.com/allsaintsvaschool/</a>
Great Schools - <a href="https://www.greatschools.org/virginia/manassas/1954-All-Saints-Catholic School/">https://www.greatschools.org/virginia/manassas/1954-All-Saints-Catholic School/</a>
Google - <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/nicE5wiq4JAV1Mvr5?g">https://maps.app.goo.gl/nicE5wiq4JAV1Mvr5?g</a> st=ic

In advance, thank you for helping us share our story with the wider community.

Wishing you continued blessings in this new school year!

Filled with God's joy and peace, abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.









### Gift of Human Sexuality Program - Middle School Parent Meeting (October 28 @ 7:00p.m.)

Central to the mission of Catholic education is a commitment to the formation of the whole person within the light of the teachings of the Gospel. At All Saints our effort to educate all dimensions of the child - spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional - has been an essential and consistent element of our mission.

As a Catholic school, All Saints affirms the role of parents as the primary educators of their children and we are privileged to have the opportunity to work with you as partners in this regard. In recent years we have grown increasingly concerned about the many confusing messages that society as a whole, and the media in particular, place before the young people of today, particularly in regard to the topic of human sexuality. It is increasingly important that we insure that the children learn the beautiful teachings of the Church on this topic and that they fully realize and understand the gift of human sexuality within this framework. Not to share this information with the children leaves them unprepared for the world they face and the many choices that await them in the years ahead.

For more than ten years, All Saints Catholic School has implemented a middle school curriculum entitled *The Gift of Human Sexuality Program* that supports our goal of educating the whole child. The

program is coordinated by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, Mr. Kevin Bohli, and is tailored to the specific needs of each school community. The program consists of a parent presentation during which Mr. Bohli provides an outline of the curriculum as well as resources for parents. Following this presentation, he and an associate, Ms. Carmen Briceno, will meet with the students for three one hour lessons designed to provide them with an understanding of the Church's teachings on the topic of human sexuality.

One of the advantages of this program is the involvement of outside professionals. In addition to bringing a high level of expertise as presenters, Mr. Bohli and Ms. Briceno are unfamiliar to the students, which may put the students at greater ease in asking questions and discussing this topic. A second advantage of this program is that it is designed to take place in a single sex setting; Mr. Bohli will address the boys and Ms. Briceno will speak with the girls. Finally, in accordance with diocesan policy, this program is designed as an *opt-in* opportunity for parents and students. Accommodations will be made for those children whose parents prefer that they not participate in the program.

All middle school parents are invited to a presentation to be held via Zoom on Monday, October 28 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

As this is such a very important topic related to the development of your child, at least one parent from each family new to the middle school is asked to attend the online meeting.

#### **Trunk or Treat – October 23**

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #5332 and Trail Life/American Heritage Girls Troop #1188

Join the Knights of Columbus and Troop #1188 for a Spooktacular Night at Trunk or Treat, featuring a fun-filled evening of treats, costumes, and community spirit.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:30 to 8:00 PM

All Saints Catholic Church
Large parking lot near Brinkley Lane

Parental supervision is required for all children attending.

Bring your family, dress up in your favorite costumes, and enjoy a safe and festive evening.

- Costumes, candy, and excitement for kids and families
- Community Spirit
- Trick-or-Treating
- Bounce House Fun
- Hot Apple Cider & Cupcakes
- Outdoor Games

Please see the **2024 Trunk or Treat flyer** for more details!

# **Important Reminders**

### Veterans Day Mass, Assembly & Reception

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite all active duty, reserve, former and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on **Friday, November 8** at 8:30 AM. After Mass, there will be an assembly in the PAC, followed by a reception for our honored guests in the school gym.

Each family received a packet of information about our Veterans Wall of Honor, an annual tradition in which we show our gratitude for those within our school community who have served our nation through military service. For your convenience, a link to the packet is provided below.

#### 2024 Veterans Student Packet:

Veterans Student Packet (allsaintsvaschool.org)

Lunch Menu - <u>Cafeteria Menu - October</u>

#### • Pilgrim Virgin Status Program

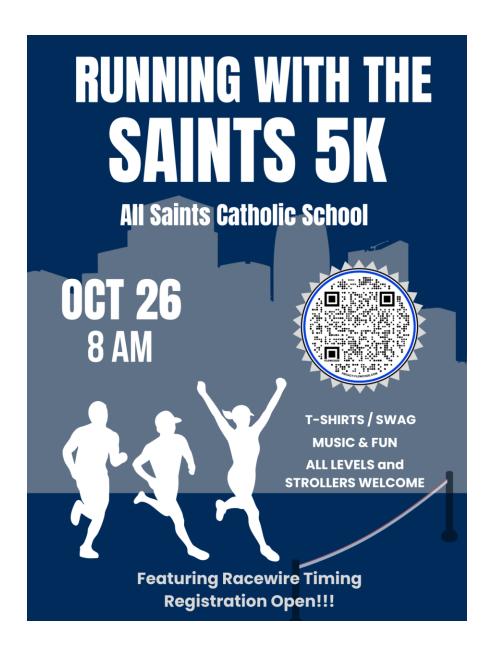
One of the beautiful traditions of our school is the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program whereby families are invited to host one of two statues of Our Lady of Fatima in their home for one week. While the statue is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together part of or the entire Rosary for the intentions 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 <u>Track It Forward</u>. (https://www.trackitforward.com/site/935959/event/983843)

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).



### • 2024 Running with the Saints 5K

We are pleased to share that race registration and sponsorship is open for All Saints Catholic School's <u>2024 Running with the Saints 5K</u>. 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 <a href="https://example.com/RWTS@allsaintsva.org">RWTS@allsaintsva.org</a>.

#### 2024 RWTS – Sponsorship Printable Form

#### • 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 <a href="mailto:jcyosports@allsaintsva.org">jcyosports@allsaintsva.org</a> or to connect directly with Chi Young, CYO Sports Director and Basketball Commissioner, you can email <a href="mailto:sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org">sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org</a>. No child will be denied participation due to financial need. Please email <a href="mailto:sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org">sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org</a> if you would like to discuss options for financial aid.

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

#### Chuck E. Cheese – Upcoming Spirit Event!

Looking for something fun to do with the kids after noon dismissal on Friday, October 18th? Grab a friend and meet us at Chuck E. Cheese for lunch and games! Mention **ALL SAINTS** at check out and **20%** of all sales between noon and 9pm will be donated to our school!

Fundraising Flyer









Sales include all food and merchandise purchased at the registers. Delivery & Carryout Orders placed directly at ChuckECheese.com now also apply towards your fundraiser. You must add the item "School or Organization Fundraiser" to your cart before check-out and order from the location noted at right.

# St. Paul VI High School- Open House

St. Paul VI Catholic High School invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another. Register for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 1 - 3 p.m. at <a href="https://www.paulvi.net/admissions">www.paulvi.net/admissions</a> to learn more.

Open House Flyer

# **Upcoming Events**

### 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.) Presentation on Neurodiversity (Presenter Ms. Krista Gauthier)

#### Friday, October 18

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development) Spirit Event - Chuck-E-Cheese (12:00-9:00pm)

# 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 SK (PAC/Courtyard/8:00 a.m.)

#### Monday, October 28

Gift of Human Sexuality Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

# Thursday, October 31

Penny Bazaar (1:30-2:30 p.m.)

# Friday, November 1

Change to Winter Uniforms

School Mass (3rd Grade Procession of Saints) - Solemnity of All Saints (8:30 a.m.) 8th Grade Saints Alive Presentation (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

# Sunday, November 3

Diocesan Vocations Awareness Week

# Monday, November 4

Picture Day (Classes & Individual Photos)

# Wednesday, November 6

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

# Thursday, November 7

Open House (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m.) Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

# Friday, November 8

Veterans Day Mass, Assembly & Reception (8:30 a.m.) Noon Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)