



All Saints Catholic School

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

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 23, 2024

Principal's Message

This week I wish to provide a couple of important updates related to staffing. As you are aware, Mrs. Stowell has been on leave since the start of the academic year following the birth of her child. I am pleased to announce that she returned to All Saints on Monday and has resumed her role as middle school advanced math teacher and 6th grade homeroom teacher.

On behalf of the school community, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Short who served as the long-term substitute teacher for Mrs. Stowell and who completed her time in this role on Friday. I remain grateful for her strong commitment to the students and for all that she has done to launch the advanced math program this year.

This week we congratulate Mrs. Brink and her husband on the birth of their daughter on Friday evening. I am pleased to share with you that both Mrs. Brink and her little one are doing well, and she remains grateful for the prayers and support of our school community.

Mrs. Brink officially began her time of leave on Monday and we are continuing to finalize the details of a plan to provide continued support for students in grades 4-8, who are served by the Resource Program. As I have not yet been able to hire a long-term substitute resource teacher, I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Short will be working in the program on a part-time basis to provide testing accommodations and other support services for students as I continue to seek a substitute teacher for this role. Additionally, our on-call substitute teachers will be assisting in the program as needed when scheduling conflicts arise. If you or any of your contacts are interested in learning more about this employment opportunity, please contact me at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

I wish to thank the PTO for hosting the first Guest Speaker event of the year on Thursday evening during the General Assembly Meeting that occurred via Zoom. There has been very positive feedback from attendants regarding the presentation on neurodiversity that was offered by Ms. Krista Gauthier. For those who were unable to attend or who may wish to learn more about this topic, a copy of Ms. Gauthier's slide presentation follows below.

Slide Presentation

This week I also want to thank those parents who have already signed up to attend a Parent-Teacher Conference on one of the two assigned days, November 8 or 11. Those who have not yet done so are asked to complete this process no later than Friday. Should you have any questions or experience difficulty with the online registration, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Wishing you continued blessings!

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Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Monday, November 25, we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. All parents are cordially invited to attend this special event with their child(ren). For a number of years, we have linked this celebration to an outreach effort to benefit the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. This initiative is in support of *We Care Week* to benefit Catholic Charities, which is scheduled for the first week of December.

Again, this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the order form from the cafeteria for more details, a copy of which can be found at the link below. Additionally, the NJHS will set up a collection station at the entrance to the cafeteria on the day of the event. We invite your participation again as we work together to support the mission of Catholic Charities and to make a positive difference in our community of Manassas.

Thanksgiving Lunch Form

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and decorations, clean-up, food preparation, and with serving food during the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Volunteer shifts are designed so that you will be able to sit and enjoy your meal with your child (ren). Please consider helping for at least one shift throughout the day. If you are available to assist, please sign up via [Track It Forward](#) (Note: VIRTUS compliance is not required for volunteers helping with set-up on Sunday but is required to volunteer on the actual day of the event.)

Message from Mrs. Nowakowski (School Nurse) and Mrs. Slater (School Counselor)

We will be sending resources via email to parents/guardians of 5th-8th grade students about eating disorders in children on Friday. Research has shown that this is when children are most vulnerable to disordered eating and body image concerns. This resource will include a checklist, behaviors and warning signs, what to do if you are concerned, and resources for where to get help. Please feel free to contact us for further information or support.

Penny Bazaar

Penny Bazaar is almost here! As per All Saints tradition, we will be having our annual afternoon of fun and cupcakes next Thursday, October 31st. This event will be held in the back parking lot from 1:30-2:30pm. All classes have set up Track it Forward signups for volunteer and donation slots. Please be sure to check your class's listing for opportunities to earn points for parents. We are asking that each family donate a bag of party favors to their child's classroom so that we will have enough prizes to give out for each game played. Please send your child to school that day with a bag of pennies or coins, as

well as an additional bag to carry their goodies in. Thank you for helping us make this day of fun and school community building a success!

Annual Asbestos Notification

For several decades, the staff of All Saints Catholic School and the Diocese of Arlington have worked together to ensure compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Twice annually our school is inspected in accordance with this act and any necessary steps are taken in order to maintain compliance and a safe environment for our students, staff, and parents.

In accordance with this act, this notification is being provided to you to inform you that asbestos-containing materials are present in our school. A copy of our school Management Plan contains the exact locations of any asbestos-containing materials and is maintained on file in the archives. This plan is available for your review and inspection during normal school hours when the building is open. As such, please feel free to request information on or about our Management Plan and inspection findings.

Should you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact the principal. Most importantly, please know that this communication is not related to any concern or change in circumstance, rather it is simply an effort to publish this information in accordance with the requirement.

Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - November](#)

Help Our School by Sponsoring an Ad!

Our printing company Gaske is looking for businesses interested in helping underwrite the cost of our school folders, calendars, excuse pads, and calendar magnets.

If you are interested in participating in the ad program, please complete the attached form and return to the front office or call the printer directly.

[Sponsor Form](#)

PVI Sip & Shop

All are welcome to the PVI Sip & Shop, a holiday vendor open house on Wednesday, November 13, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Start your Christmas shopping early! Various hand-crafted wood crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, candles, embroidered gifts, and more will be for sale. The event is located at 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA, www.paulvi.net, sipandshop@paulvi.net.

[Sip & Shop Flyer](#)

Important Reminders

- **Tuition Assistance Program (2025-2026)**

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.

[2025-2026 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program](#)

Information 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 2025-2026 are as follows:

October 31, 2024	FACTS financial aid application closes for 2024-2025
November 1, 2024	FACTS financial aid application opens for 2025-2026
January 10, 2025	Financial aid application due date for diocesan high school students
March 12, 2025	Financial aid application due date for diocesan K-8 school students

- **School Picture Day**

School Picture Day will take place on Monday, November 4.

All students are asked to wear their school uniform (winter) for Picture Day. Those scheduled to attend P.E. on Monday are asked to wear their regular uniform to school that day.

Images will be available to view and purchase approximately two weeks following our school's picture day. Save time and Pre-order online

here: <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1001140795#login>

For questions about ordering school pictures, please email underclass@vosphoto.com

- **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:

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-Veterans-Student-Packet.pdf>

- **Pilgrim Virgin Statue 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 [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).

- **Dress Down Day- Sponsored by the Creation Care Club**

The Creation Care Club is sponsoring a dress down day on **Wednesday, October 30th**. The cost will be \$1.00 and all proceeds will help fund projects for the club. See the flyer for more information

[Dress Down Day Flyer](#)

- **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!

- **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. Visit our website www.paulvi.net/admissions to learn more.

[Open House Flyer](#)



2024 Running with the Saints 5K

The [2024 Running with the Saints 5K](#) registration and sponsorship for All Saints Catholic School's will be closing at 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 24th. The 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

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

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.)

Monday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 30

Creation Care Club Dress Down Day (\$1.00)

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) – Winter Uniforms

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)

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School or Extended Day)

Tuesday, November 12

Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation #1

Seniors' Luncheon (6th Grade)

Wednesday, November 13

School Mass – Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, November 14

Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation #2

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

Friday, November 15

SCA Dress Down Day for Hurricane Relief (\$1.00)

Sunday, November 17

Discover Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, November 19

Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation #3

Thursday, November 21

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, November 22

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