



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

November 6, 2024

Principal's Message:

This week I wish to provide an important update regarding the safe environment training program at All Saints. In accordance with national initiatives and diocesan policy, for many years we have taken steps to ensure that your children are in a safe place when they are participating in a program at All Saints Catholic School. In support of this commitment, students in grades K-8 have participated in the *Formation in Christian Chastity* program.

During the summer, Bishop Burbidge approved the discontinuation of this curriculum as an approved safe environment program to meet the Diocesan annual training requirement. In accordance with this change, All Saints will implement the diocesan-approved *Circle of Grace* program beginning this year. This curriculum, which provides unique lessons for every grade, has already been in use in a number of schools in our diocese and has been well-established as a safe environment training option.

We will be integrating the objectives of the program into religion lessons in the weeks ahead beginning on Tuesday, November 12. Tomorrow, I will send an email to parents with additional information about the program, including an overview and key concepts. In the meantime, a link to the program that provides access to a Sample Curriculum that highlights the objectives for each grade level lesson can be found below.

(Note: The *Parent First* flyers that are accessible for each grade level are designed for parents only and will not be reviewed in class. They are designed as a resource so that you can determine the pertinent aspects that you may wish to share with your children.)

[Diocese of Arlington - Circle of Grace](#)

Parents are encouraged to spend time reviewing this information and to discuss with their children as they deem appropriate. Our goal is to equip both you and your children with the knowledge that can help to keep them safe.

In the event that you would prefer to not have your child participate in the classroom training, please contact the front office to request an opt-out form by Monday, November 11.

Should you have any questions about *Circle of Grace* or the classroom lessons, please do not hesitate to let me know. Again, please look for a follow up email with more information tomorrow.

Wishing you continued blessings!

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New Student Applications & Continuous Enrollment (2025-2026)

Applications for new students for academic year 2025-2026 are now available online. All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the link below.

[2025-2026 Application Link for New Students](#)

In January we will provide a copy of the *Continuous Enrollment Contract* to parents of students completing their first year of enrollment at All Saints. Through completion of this form, parents may continuously enroll their child/ren through 8th grade at All Saints or, if necessary, until such time that they complete the withdrawal process. With submission of this contract, there is no need for future completion of an annual re-registration form.

The Continuous Enrollment Fee will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on March 3, 2025. The completion of the contract, for first year families, and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

Open House (Tomorrow @ 9:00 a.m.)

All Saints will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, November 7 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Please share our story with friends, neighbors, and colleagues and encourage them to join us for this in-person event. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 368-4400.

Virtues in Practice – November

Virtue of the Month: Courtesy

Definition: Being thoughtful of others

Saints: St. Martin de Porres (PK -2); Blessed Solanus Casey (Gr. 3-5); Ven. Pierre Toussaint (Gr. 6-8)

NJHS Thanksgiving Fresh Food Drive

Join us for the All Saints Catholic School Thanksgiving Food Drive during our Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. In partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, our National Junior Honor Society members will once again collect food donations to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. To ensure a balanced distribution, we kindly request grade-level donations as outlined below. Additionally, if any families would like to contribute a turkey, turkey breast, or whole chicken, please include it with your grade-level donation. Turkeys and chickens can be dropped off on the day of the prayer service, November 26.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, many families will be able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving meal this year!

- Pre-Kindergarten – 3 boxes of Stove-Top stuffing mix
- Kindergarten – 2 (2-pound) bags of carrots
- Grade 1 – 2 (3-pound) bags of onions
- Grade 2 – 2 (3-pound) bags of apples
- Grade 3 – 2 (3-pound) bags of rice (no instant, please)
- Grade 4 – 2 Dessert “Kits” (cake/frosting or pie crust/filling)
- Grade 5 – 2 (48-ounce) bottles of oil (no spray oil, please)
- Grade 6 – 2 (5-pound) bags of sugar
- Grade 7 – 2 (5-pound) bags of flour or Maseca
- Grade 8 – 2 (5-pound) bags of white potatoes
- Faculty/Staff – 2 boxes of oatmeal



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.

2024 Veterans Student Packet:

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

- **Thanksgiving Luncheon (November 25)**

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.)

- **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

- **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

Help Our School...
Attention Parents!
Sponsor An Ad!

We are looking for businesses to help underwrite the cost of our school folder, calendar, directory, excuse pad and calendar magnet.

If you would like to participate in the ad program, please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the school office, or call our printer directly.

Our children receive these items FREE from the advertisements.

If we are unable to utilize you as a sponsor at this time, we will contact you with the next available advertising space.

Thank you!

Please Print

School Name #309-F All Saints School

Your Name _____

Company Name _____

Type of Business _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone Number _____

OR Call the Printer: J.M. Gaske, Inc.
410-750-7700 • 410-750-7791 Fax

Sales Representative Helen Belka - Cell 443-286-7710

- **PVI Sip & Shop**

All are welcome to the PVI Sip & Shop, a holiday vendor open house on Wednesday, November 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. 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

Upcoming Events

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.)

Monday, November 25

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)

End of Trimester I

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 2

Holiday (Faculty & Staff Retreat)

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (Postponed to Friday)

PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Meeting Room 1/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 5

8th Grade High School Placement Test

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 6

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

Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)