



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 13, 2024

Principal's Message:

This week I am pleased to share with you an update regarding the *Design for Excellence* Five Year Plan for our school and the goals that we have identified for 2024-2025. The Five Year Plan is a compilation of the goals from the self-study process and reaccreditation visit that occurred during the 2021-2022 school year.

The following is a list of goals for Year 3 (2024-2025).

1. Strengthened efforts to assist parents in their role as the primary educators of their children by offering additional opportunities for evangelization and faith formation. (Completed in Year I & II)
2. Design and implement a process and timeline using a variety of tools to more consistently monitor, review, and evaluate student learning through data analysis in support of continuous improvement of curriculum and instruction.
3. Collaborate through Professional Learning Communities to monitor individual and class-wide student learning through the use of common assessments and rubrics.
4. Explore ways to increase revenue through the Annual Fund to \$25,000 by expanding participation levels across donor groups.

5. Review and select an updated mathematics program to include textbooks, digital resources, and manipulatives. (Deferred from Year I to coincide with Diocesan Curriculum Review Timeline.)

In the months ahead, I'll provide periodic updates as we work to complete these goals. In the meantime, should you have any questions about our Five Year Plan, please do not hesitate to let me know.

This week I also wish to provide an important update regarding our first grade program.

In anticipation of the birth of her baby, Mrs. Boddie has determined that her last day of teaching will be Tuesday, November 26. She has also decided that she will be resigning from her position at All Saints and not returning to the classroom to teach for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year.

We thank Mrs. Boddie for her outstanding work and for all that she has done to provide her students with a challenging yet supportive faith-filled environment each day. We congratulate her on the upcoming birth of her child and wish her every continued success and blessing.

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Mary Tremblay has accepted the offer to teach first grade and will begin employment at All Saints on Monday, January 6, following the Christmas holiday. Ms. Tremblay earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Benedictine College where she completed her student teaching at the kindergarten grade level. Most recently, she has served as a substitute teacher at a Catholic school in New York. With a deep commitment to the Catholic faith, a joyful spirit, and a core belief that all students are capable of learning, she will be a great asset to our first grade program during the second half of the school year.

Since Ms. Tremblay will not begin teaching until January, Ms. Ayla Bazin will serve as the long-term substitute teacher during the month of December. As you may recall, Ms. Bazin joined our staff as a first grade instructional assistant in Mrs. Harrill's classroom at the beginning of the school year. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Special Education from Mount St. Mary's University and looks forward to this three week teaching assignment and the opportunity to collaborate with Mrs. Harrill in the planning of instruction and assessments for the 1B class.

Wishing you continued blessings!

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Giving Tuesday (#iGiveCatholic) – December 3

All Saints Catholic School is pleased to announce that we will once again be participating in #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday (December 3). During this philanthropic event, over 50 Catholic dioceses across the country will be celebrating our faith and supporting the parishes, schools and ministries that help shape our souls.

Giving Tuesday will serve as the kickoff of our school's 2024-2025 Annual Fund campaign. **Our goal is to raise \$10,000 on GivingTuesday**, in support of the following Annual Fund initiatives:

- Upgrade Robotics hardware, equipment, and extend training opportunities
- Purchase K-8 math instructional materials to strengthen critical math skills
- Purchase two English/Spanish real-time translation devices
- Supplement the cost of upgrading existing cafeteria tables

As we get closer to GivingTuesday on December 3rd, stay tuned for details about each of these new Annual Fund initiatives!

Calendar Revisions - December

A clarification from the Vatican to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has indicated that the transfer of the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, from Sunday, December 8 to Monday, December 9 is a holy day of obligation. For this reason, there will be a school Mass on December 9 at 8:30 a.m. (*Note: The Advent Penance Service originally scheduled for grades 6-8 for that same day has been postponed to Wednesday, December 11.*)

An Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service - December 5

Plan to join us for *An Evening with Saint Nicholas* on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 PM. The event will begin with an Advent Prayer Service in the church, with music provided by Schola. The "Procession of Shoes" will once again be led by Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton. At the conclusion of the prayer service, a reception will be held in the Parish Activities Center featuring cookies and cocoa, and a photo opportunity with Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton (please bring your own camera).

In honor of St. Nicholas, we ask that you bring a donation of a pair of new shoes for distribution through House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: NEW plain colors of tennis shoes – white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes.) Questions? Please contact Mrs. Christine Breckley at christine.harkins@gmail.com.

Zoom Authorization Form

Over the course of the past several years, our school community has successfully demonstrated the capacity to pivot when necessary in order to provide instruction in new and innovative ways for our students, specifically through online learning. It is important that we maintain a process as well as procedures that will allow us to transition to online learning if necessary, such as in the event of multi-day closures due to inclement weather.

In support of this planning process, tomorrow we will send a digital copy of the Online Technology Consent Form (Zoom Authorization) to parents of all students. With this form on file, we will be ready to provide instruction via Zoom should this ever become necessary during the school year.

Science Fair – Seeking Judges

On behalf of Mrs. Starrs, our Middle School Science teacher, we invite you to volunteer as a judge for the 2025 Science Fair. This is a wonderful way to support our students in their scientific exploration.

Science Fair Details:

- Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
- Time: 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM
- Location: All Saints Parish Activity Center (PAC)
- Judge Arrival: 8:00 AM (for breakfast and orientation)
- Judging Begins: 9:00 AM
- Lunch Break: Midday
- Final Judging Ends: 1:30 PM
- Awards Ceremony: 2:00 PM (optional, but you are welcome to attend)

Students will present their projects on laptop computers (no backboards) and judging will take place on iPads (or via paper forms). To maintain fairness, we ask that judges not have a middle school student participating in the fair.

We greatly appreciate your time and talent in helping us ensure a thorough and fair evaluation of the students' projects. By volunteering for the entire day, you'll be able to provide all projects with the attention they deserve. Every effort will be made to assign you to evaluate projects aligned with your field(s) of expertise.

To sign up as a judge, please fill out this [volunteer form](#).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jessica Kreitzer at kreiters@me.com. Thank you so much for your support of our students and the All Saints Science Fair!

Important Reminders

- **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.

- **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



- **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

Upcoming Events

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

PowerSchool Parent Portal Closed

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)

Tuesday, December 3

Advent Prayer Service (8:15 a.m.)

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.)

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 9

School Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8:30 a.m.)

Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (Postponed to Wednesday)

Tuesday, December 10

Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by Grade 5

Report Cards sent Home

PowerSchool Parent Portal Reopens

First Day of After School Band Practice

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

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

Thursday, December 12

School Mass – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (10:00 a.m.)

Friday, December 13

Picture Make-Ups