



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 20, 2024

Principal's Message:

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday. As in prior years, we ask all parents and visitors to sign-in at the front entrance and to await the guidance of the office staff who will invite parents to meet their child in the classroom just prior to the designated lunch time. Thank you for your support of this event and for your generous contributions in support of Catholic Charities. *Wishing you continued blessings!*

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Substitute Teacher Opportunities

All Saints is seeking additional substitute teachers for grades PK-8. For more information about this employment opportunity or to request an application, please contact the school office at 703-368-4400 or schooloffice@allsaintsva.org.

Troop 1188 Light Up Advent Fundraiser

Help support our youth scouting ministries by purchasing your advent items after all masses at All Saints Catholic Church during the following dates:

Nov. 23-24th and Nov.30-Dec 1st.

St. Paul VI Catholic High School 's Fall Play

All are invited to attend St. Paul VI Catholic High School's fall play, *Pride and Prejudice*. This play is based on Jane Austen's novel set in early 19th-century England, focusing on the romantic tension between Elizabeth Bennet and the wealthy, aloof Mr. Darcy. Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 24 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul VI Catholic High School, 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. Purchase your tickets today! <https://cur8.com/40072/project/127306>

[Pride and Prejudice Fall Play Flyer](#)

Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - December](#)

Important Reminders

- **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. Turkey and chicken donations 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

- **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.)

- **Giving Tuesday (#GiveCatholic) – 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 Giving Tuesday**, in support of the following Annual Fund initiatives:

Robotics Program

Launched in the spring of 2014, our Robotics Club is in need of upgraded hardware and equipment, and additional training opportunities to better serve the students in our middle school club and competition team.

Expanded Math Skills

New K-8 math instructional resources and materials will focus on strengthening critical math skills, including fact fluency and computational thinking.

Language Fluency

These real-time English/Spanish translation devices will enhance communications during parent-teacher conferences, PTO events, and Open Houses.

Cafeteria (K-8)

Funds will supplement the cost of replacing cafeteria tables in need of a refresh.

Stay tuned for details on how you can support these Annual Fund initiatives on #GivingTuesday (December 3rd)!

- **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.

- **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.

Event 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 kreitzers@me.com. Thank you so much for your support of our students and the All Saints Science Fair!

- **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.

- **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:

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 17

Virtual Solo Band Concert (4:00-7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 19

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant & Reception (10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten prior to Christmas

Christmas Pageant (1:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 20

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)