



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 26, 2024

Principal's Message:

It was a great joy for our school to welcome nearly seven hundred students, faculty, staff, parents and family members for the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon yesterday. One of the signature events of our community, the luncheon provided a wonderful opportunity for families to visit and to enjoy a time of food and fellowship in anticipation of the holiday later this week.

I am grateful to Mrs. Fleisig, Director of Cafeteria Services, for her leadership and for the efforts of her outstanding team; Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Slaiby, and Mrs. Nguyen. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, they worked diligently to prepare the food and to finalize all of the details that led to such a successful event. I also want to thank Ms. Mallon, Assistant Principal, for coordinating the schedule and the logistics that were such an important part of the day. Additionally, behind the scenes, our Facilities Staff was hard at work assisting with the set-up and other key details. Thank you, Mr. Andre, Director of Facilities, and Mr. Paul, Mr. Enriquez, and Mrs. Gonzalez.

The event would not have been the success that it was without the strong support of parent volunteers, led by our PTO leadership. Thank you, Mrs. Sweiderk and Mrs. Ballard for coordinating the sign-up process and for providing direction to the numerous volunteers who assisted throughout the day on Sunday and Monday. And, of course, thank you to each of these volunteers for their help with a myriad of tasks from setting up the decorations and greeting visitors to serving food and assisting with the clean-up effort. From start to finish, the luncheon was a shining example of the strong community that is such a hallmark of our school.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our very special servers, Msgr. Lee and Fr. Daniel. We thank them for joining us once again for this occasion and for all that they do for our school and parish community.

As we pause to join family and friends to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, please know of my gratitude and that of Msgr. Lee for your continued support of our school and its mission of providing an education of faith and academic excellence. Thank you for choosing our school for your family.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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New Spiritwear Vendor

In coordination with the PTO, the school is now offering many new styles of All Saints spiritwear through a new vendor: 1st Place Spiritwear. Now is a perfect time to checkout our new spiritwear website and take advantage of the following cost-saving promotions:

- Sale Dates: 11/4/2024 - 12/10/2024
- 25% off all merchandise
- Free shipping on orders over \$75
- Currently guaranteed delivery by Dec. 23rd

[All Saints Spiritwear - Order Now!](#)

Advent Retreat for Students – December 13

As part of our DFE Five Year Plan, beginning this year we will host an annual retreat for all of our students that will occur during a regular school day. It will be a day on which we will set aside the regular class schedule in order to provide our students with an immersive experience of the Catholic faith. In doing so, our goal is to further unite our school as a faith community and to offer our students an additional opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ.

A faculty committee, led by Ms. Mallon, has planned a day of prayer and grade-level activities that will occur on Friday, December 13. Throughout the day, students will learn more about the lives of specific saints as well as the four themes of Advent.

Look for more details, including a schedule for the day, next week as we begin what will be a new tradition at All Saints!

Student Council Association (SCA) – Hurricane Relief

Thanks to the generous participation of students in the recent Dress Down Day, our Student Council is sending a check in the amount of \$437.19 to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund. Many thanks to all who participated and who supported this student-led effort!

Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - December](#)

Important Reminders

- **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.

- **Giving Tuesday (#IGiveCatholic) – December 3**

We are thrilled to announce that All Saints will once again be participating in #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday to kickoff our 2024-2025 Annual Fund campaign.

This year's #GivingTuesday event will be held on **Tuesday, December 3**, [but our #iGiveCatholic donation portal is already open and accepting donations!](#)

Previous campaigns have supported the purchase of new ActivPanels, the extension of Wi-Fi enabled classrooms, the creation of our parish Video Production Studio, and the purchase of our Book Vending Machine.

The goal for #GivingTuesday is to raise \$10,000 to jump start our total Annual Fund goal of raising \$25,000. Your support will fund the following:

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.

Help us take our Robotics Program to the next level!

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 Translation

Purchase of 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.

If you have any questions or would prefer to donate via check to avoid online transaction fees, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore at development@allsaintsva.org. *Thank you for your support!*

[Click here](#) to donate to our #GivingTuesday campaign!

- **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.

- 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 contact Mrs. Jessica Kreitzer at kreiters@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:

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

Upcoming Events

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 – No School (Faculty & Staff Retreat)

Tuesday, December 3

#IGiveCatholic - Giving Tuesday
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

Middle School House Shirt Day
School Mass – St. Nicholas (8:30 a.m.)
Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)
Lockdown Drill

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

Student Retreat Day
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

SCA Sponsored Santa Hat Day
School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 23

Christmas Holiday Begins

Monday, January 6

School Resumes
NWEA Map Testing (Through January 24)