



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

January 9, 2025

Principal's Message:

I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday, as well as the recent snow days, and that the new year is off to a great start for you and your family. Know of my very best wishes and prayers for you in this new year!

As we begin a new calendar year, this is an ideal time for a review of some important policies and procedures in support of student health and safety.

Morning Drop-Off

During morning arrival, all parents are asked to participate in the school organized drop-off process. Rather than parking in the church lot and escorting a child to the courtyard, all parents must remain in their vehicles and follow the designated traffic pattern. In both the front and rear parking areas, patrols and staff members are available to supervise the drop-off zones, ensuring the safety of all of our students as they begin their day.

Supervision & Sign-in Procedures for Students Arriving Late

During morning arrival, when the two-minute warning bell sounds at 7:58 a.m., the safety patrols and staff who are on duty return to the building. Parents who arrive thereafter are asked to park and escort their child into the school where they will sign-in their child for the day. This procedure ensures that all children who arrive late remain supervised as they enter the building.

Winter Coats for Outdoor Recess

Parents are asked to send their child/ren to school with a winter coat. During winter time, only students with a coat will be permitted to participate in outdoor recess on cold weather days.

Early Release/Sign-Out of Students

Parents who need to sign-out their child prior to the close of the school day are asked to do so by 2:45 p.m., the time at which office personnel begin to prepare for dismissal. Parents are discouraged from signing-out their children after 2:45 p.m. except in the event of an emergency.

In advance, thank you for your support of these procedures. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The second round of NWEA-MAP Testing begins in the days ahead and will extend through January 31. The format will be identical to that of the first round, i.e. approximately one hour assessments in math, reading, and language arts completed by students in grades 3-7. Teachers will use the data from this test to measure student growth since September and to plan instruction accordingly during the second half of the year. Should you have any questions about the standardized testing program, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Wishing you and your family blessings in this new year!

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Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of January: Fortitude

Definition: Being brave and strong in the face of trials

Saints: St. Bernadette (PK-2), St. Joan of Arc (3-5), Sts. Paul Miki & Companions (6-8)

Mass in Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

All are welcome to join main celebrant and homilist, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, at the Mass in Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on January 19 at 11:00 AM. A light reception will be held following Mass. For more information, please see the flyer below.

[Flyer- Mass in Recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)

Special Needs Seminar Hosted by The Knights of Columbus George Brent Council

The Knights of Columbus George Brent Council is hosting a seminar for parents on Saturday, January 18th, from 9:00 -12:00. The topic of this seminar will be "Parent Planning a Future for your Special Needs Child." They will have four experts speaking on different related subjects. See the flyer below for more information.

[Special Needs Seminar Flyer](#)

PTO Family Bingo Night

Please join the PTO for a night of family fun at BINGO on Saturday, January 25th! Given the popularity of last year's event, it will be first come, first seated. Doors open at 5:30pm. You may pre-order Vocelli pizza for your family at a discounted price. Pizza by-the-slice and other light concessions will also be available for purchase. Please see Track it Forward for volunteering opportunities.



PLEASE JOIN THE ALL SAINTS PTO

for

FAMILY

B I N G O
NIGHT!

Saturday, January 25th

5:30 - 8:00 PM IN THE PAC



\$5 PER PERSON

includes 4 cards per game
for 10 games

\$1 DAUBERS available

tinyurl.com/SaintsBingoPizza

P R I Z E S

PIZZA BY THE SLICE • SNACKS • DRINKS

also available for purchase

All fees collected on site (cash, charge or check made payable to All Saints Catholic School)

Contact Joanna Stenson with any questions • PTOPresidentElect@allsaintsva.org

Polar Plunge Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus, George Brent Counsel is hosting a Polar Plunge Poster Contest to raise awareness and raise funds for Special Olympics! Entries will be accepted from January 12th to February 9th. See the flyer below for more details.

Polar Plunge Poster Contest

Yearbook Cover Art Contest - Deadline: Friday, January 31

The Yearbook Committee is hosting its annual Yearbook Cover Contest. The committee is looking for a front and back cover that represents the spirit of All Saints Catholic School and incorporates our theme – **Filled with God’s joy and peace, abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

To submit an entry, please note the following:

- Make sure your entry is on two pieces of plain white paper. The finished size of each page of your design must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11.
- Lightly write your name and your teacher’s name on the BACK of each page.
- Please DO NOT sign your name on the front of these pages.
- Please avoid using crayons or glitter.

Mrs. Shumway will be introducing the contest during art classes in early January. Entries are due to Mrs. Liu no later than Friday, January 31, 2025. The winning entry will win a free Yearbook. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork!

Yearbook Cover Art Contest Flyer

Important Reminders

- **Employment Opportunity – Extended Day Assistant (Part-Time)**
All Saints is seeking applicants for a part-time position in Extended Day beginning mid-January. The hours are approximately 2:00-4:30 p.m. each day with an earlier start time on half days. In addition to working in a vibrant, faith-filled environment, employees with children enrolled in the school are eligible for a tuition discount. For more information, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.
- **Open House (2025-2026 School Year) – Tonight (7:00 p.m.)**
All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents this evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our parish school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, administrative assistant, at 571-516-3170.

- **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

Thursday, January 9

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Open House (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 10

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

FACTS Tuition Aid Deadline (2025-2026) – High Schools

Tuesday, January 14

Seniors' Luncheon (Hosted by 4th Grade)

PTO Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom & PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 15

Accelerated Readers Gold Medal Lunch

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, January 20

Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Thursday, January 23

Picture Day – Teams, Clubs, & Candids

Friday, January 24

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)

Saturday, January 25

PTO Bingo Night (PAC/5:30-8:00 p.m.)

Sunday, January 26

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Tuesday, January 28

Science Fair

Wednesday, January 29

Open House (PAC/9:00 a.m.)

Friday, January 31

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

Noon Dismissal – Faculty/Staff Catholic Schools Week Luncheon

Deadline: Yearbook Orders (10% Discount) and Yearbook Cover Contest

Monday, February 3

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Tuesday, February 4

PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, February 6

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 7

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)