



# 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 15, 2025

### Principal's Message:

After a nearly three-week holiday due to the snow days, it has been wonderful to observe the students settling right back into routine as we begin the new calendar year. The teachers have been very intentional about resetting expectations and providing important reminders in an effort to set our students up for success. Even with the weather challenges of last week, it has been a great "restart" and it has been a joy to see the smiling faces of the children each morning as they enter the building, excited to see their friends and teachers once again.

This week I wish to provide an important staffing update. Mrs. Russell, kindergarten instructional assistant, has decided to resign from her position effective February 14 in anticipation of the birth of her first child. We thank her for her dedicated service the past two years and wish her continued blessings during this very special time in her life.

I will be seeking a new instructional assistant for the kindergarten classroom and invite you to share this employment opportunity with friends and colleagues who may be interested. The role of instructional assistant is a wonderful stepping stone for those who may be considering a career in education and who wish to gain classroom experience. For more information about this position, please contact the school office.

Beginning on Sunday, January 26, All Saints will celebrate ***Catholic Schools Week***, an annual opportunity to join schools across our nation in highlighting the distinct mission of Catholic education. Look for a special message in the days ahead highlighting the events and activities that are being planned for that special week. As we finalize our preparations for *Catholic Schools Week*, I wish to thank you for the trust that you place in our school and for your continued partnership with us. We are so pleased that you have chosen to give your child/ren the gift of a Catholic education and delighted that your family is part of our All Saints community. *Wishing you and your family continued blessings!*

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***Open House for 2025-2026 School Year***

All Saints Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents on Wednesday, January 29 at 9:00 a.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.

## Important Reminders

- **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](#)

- **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](mailto:dconroy@allsaintsva.org).

- **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 <b>high school students</b>
March 12, 2025	Financial aid application due date for diocesan <b>K-8 school students</b>

- **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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](#)

- **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](#)

- **Yearbook Orders**

One of the best ways to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. Our 2024-2025 school yearbook is now available to order! Take advantage of an **early-bird discount of 10% off the cost of each yearbook through Friday, January 31, 2025.** Personalization will again be available this year for an additional fee of \$5.00.

All orders must be placed online through the link below:

- Please visit the Victor O'Neill Studios yearbook orders website to order online: <http://buytheyearbook.com/>
- The All Saints Catholic School ID is 724554.

For questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Janis DeVore ([jdevore@allsaintsva.org](mailto:jdevore@allsaintsva.org)).

- **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.



**\$5 PER PERSON**  
includes 4 cards per game  
for 10 games

**\$1 DAUBERS** available

[tinyurl.com/SaintsBingoPizza](http://tinyurl.com/SaintsBingoPizza)



**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](mailto:PTOPresidentElect@allsaintsva.org)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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.)

**Tuesday, February 11**

School Mass – Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (8:30 a.m.)

Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Thursday, February 13**

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