

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 22, 2025

Principal's Message:

Last week we shared the calendar of events for our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week that will begin on Sunday, January 26. I wish to thank Ms. Mallon and the members of the faculty committee who so thoughtfully planned the many activities that will highlight our mission and heritage as a Catholic school. For the full list of Catholic Schools Week events, please see the calendar that follows below.

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

Filled with God's joy and peace, abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.









Catholic Schools Week Celebration!

Beginning Sunday, January 26, All Saints will celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**, an annual opportunity to join with schools across our nation in highlighting the distinct mission of Catholic education.

As we look ahead to Catholic Schools Week, we want to share some exciting highlights for the week!

Sunday (January 26) – Celebrating our PARISH

Students are encouraged to wear their winter uniforms when they attend Mass at All Saints. Miss Mallon and Mrs. Perez will make end-of-Mass announcements, and the school will host an information table! (Please check <u>Track It Forward</u> to register to help and earn stewardship hours.)

Monday (January 27) - Celebrating our COMMUNITY

- Community Service Students collect items to make "Feed My Lamb" bags for St. Lucy Project
 (Catholic Charities) to help combat food insecurity. Donated items will be used to make
 weekend meal bags for students from five Manassas City and Prince William County Public
 Schools. See Feed My Lamb flyer for a list of assigned items per grade level.
- Student Reflection Students complete an "I love All Saints" project to reflect on why they enjoy being a student at All Saints.
- Catholic Cup Get ready for the 2025 Catholic Cup competition at 10:00 AM in the Parish Activities Center (Grades 5-8).
- Parent Appreciation Thank you for choosing Catholic education. Parents ... look for a special treat from our faculty & staff at morning carpool!

Tuesday (January 28) – Celebrating our NATION

- Saints on the Home Front What a great way to celebrate our nation with special projects focused on American saints.
- Science Fair It's time for the annual All Saints Science Fair for students in Grade 7.

Wednesday (January 29) – Celebrating our STUDENTS

• Open House – All Saints welcomes prospective parents to our Winter Open House in the Parish Activities Center at 9:00 AM.

 Author Visit – Monica Stultzfus, author of *The Ripple*, reads from her book and speaks to our students about kindness, and the process of writing and publishing a book. Parents are welcome

to attend. Details to come.

• Student Focus – Let's celebrate our students with prayer buddy time, along with a special snack

at recess, longer recess, and no homework!

Thursday (January 30) - Celebrating our VOCATIONS

• Vocations Panel – The school hosts a Vocations Panel with various religious at 1:00 PM.

Members of the Vocations Panel visit younger grades during the afternoon to answer questions

about their lifestyle and discernment.

• Spiritual Bouquets – Classes make spiritual bouquets for our parish priests and staff to thank

them for their support of and involvement in our Catholic school.

Friday (January 31) – Celebrating our FACULTY, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS

• School Mass – Join us for our school Mass as we celebrate the Memorial of St. John Bosco, a

saint well known for his love for and commitment to young people.

Surprise Breaks – Faculty enjoy surprise 10 minute breaks during the morning from Mr. Conroy

or Miss Mallon.

Noon dismissal

Faculty/Staff Luncheon – Thank you to our PTO, for all you do throughout the year to support

our faculty and staff!

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I wish to thank you for the trust that you continue to place in

our school and for your 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 you are part of our All Saints community!

Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu- February

St. Paul VI Catholic High School - Magical Musical

Join PVI Music for a free Children's Concert on Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m. in the Paul VI theatre. Children are invited to come dressed as their favorite children's character! Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to a local food pantry. Location is St. Paul VI Catholic High School, 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. See the flyer for more details.

PVI's Children's Concert Flyer

Important Reminders

• Open House (2025-2026)

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.

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 document-decomposition.

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

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 <u>front and back cover</u> 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.
- o 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).

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 <u>pre-order</u> 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 <u>Track it Forward</u> for volunteering opportunities.





\$5 PER PERSON

includes 4 cards per game for 10 games

\$1 DAUBERS available

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 23

Picture Day – Teams, Clubs, & Candids

Friday, January 24

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Lockdown Drill

Noon Dismissal (Professional Development Day)

Saturday, January 25

2nd Grade First Reconciliation (10:00 a.m.) 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.)

Diocesan Honor Choir (St. Thomas More Cathedral/10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Faculty/Staff Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)

Pre-Kindergarten First Semester Progress Reports sent Home

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

Deadline: Continuous Enrollment Contracts for First Year Families

Monday, February 3

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Tuesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 6

Grades K-2 Dress Down Day (100th Day) 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 8th Grade

Thursday, February 13

Spirit Wear Day

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

Friday, February 14

Race for Education Valentine's Day Raffle Valentine's Day Classroom Parties (Grades K-5)

Monday, February 17

Holiday – Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 18

PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, February 21

School Mass – St. Peter Damian (8:30 a.m.)