



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 29, 2025

Principal's Message:

On Monday evening, the Parish Finance Council met to review and discuss the school budget for the 2025-2026 academic year. With the unanimous recommendation of the Council, Monsignor Lee has approved a budget that reflects a continued commitment to increasing the level of compensation for our teachers and staff.

For the upcoming school year, tuition for both the Pre-Kindergarten and K-8 programs will increase 3%. This increase will allow us to not only sustain and grow our programs, but also support a salary increase for our faculty and staff who demonstrate great dedication to the mission of our school.

We are thankful for the continued support of our parish which contributes a significant annual investment to help finance the operations of the school, allowing for tuition rates that are lower than the actual cost of educating a child in our program. Additionally, our ability to provide more than \$300,000 in tuition assistance continues to ensure that families in our community are able to give their children the gift of a Catholic education regardless of financial considerations. We are grateful to our parish and diocese as well as to the many donors who support this effort through their contributions to the Scholarship Foundation Fund and other programs.

On this occasion of Catholic Schools Week, I wish to acknowledge and thank the faculty and staff for all that they do each day to support our mission and to meet the needs of the children entrusted to our care. They are a remarkable group of professionals who bring enthusiasm and joy to their work each day, creating an engaging, nurturing, and supportive environment for our students. I could not be more proud of their efforts and outstanding teamwork!

I also wish to thank our parent community, particularly the PTO, for partnering so closely with us and for supporting our efforts. With events, such as the Bingo Night on Saturday evening, and the surprise delivery of bakery treats to our faculty and staff on Monday morning, they support and encourage our faculty, staff, and students through thoughtful initiatives and activities. Many thanks to Mrs. Kelly Ballard, PTO President, and the entire Executive Committee for all that they do for our school.

In closing, I want to congratulate the students in our 2nd grade class who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday. We are so very proud of them and assure them of our prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Communion in May.

On behalf of our pastor, Monsignor Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff, thank you for choosing All Saints Catholic School for your family. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Wishing you and your family continued blessings!

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Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of February: Prudence

Definition: Making good decisions in specific circumstances

Saints: St. Junipero Serra (PK-2), St. John Neumann (Gr. 3-5), St. John XXIII (Gr. 6-8)

14th Annual Catholic Cup

Students gathered in the Parish Activities Center on Monday to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith in the school's 14th Annual Catholic Cup, a signature event of our Catholic Schools Week celebration.

The following winners of classroom competitions from grades 4-8 advanced to the final round in an academic-style competition with questions related to Catholic theology and teaching.

Congratulations to our 2025 Catholic Cup winner, Ghersey A., and to Charlie M., our first runner-up.

4A Representative: Ella S.

4A Alternate: Luke G.

4B Representative: Leo K.

4B Alternate: Olivia D.

5A Representative: Sara B.

5A Alternate: Christian M.

5B Representative: Alex C.

5B Alternate: Frank M.

6A Representative: Veronica K.

6A Alternate: Sebastian M.

6B Representative: Ghersey A.

6B Alternate: George B.

7A Representative: Charlie M.

7A Alternate: Vi T.

7B Representative: Noah P.

7B Alternate: Max S.

8A Representative: Gabriel B.

8A Alternate: Alisha K.

8B Representative: Connor P.

8B Alternate: Mark T.

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.

- **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 This 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 - Early Bird Discount Deadline this Friday!**

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).

- **Lunch Menu**

Cafeteria Menu- February

Upcoming Events

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 & Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 5

Spelling Bee (PAC/8:30 a.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

Wednesday, February 12

Lockdown Drill (Rescheduled from January)

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.)

Thursday, February 27

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, February 28

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)