

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

April 2, 2025

Principal's Message:

This week I would like to provide some additional staffing updates for the 2025-2026 academic year. Ms. Tremblay (1st grade teacher), Mrs. Lee (4th grade teacher), Mrs. Liu (8th grade and middle school language arts teacher), and Mrs. Shumway (art teacher) have decided to resign at the close of the school year in order to pursue other opportunities. We thank each of them for their dedicated service to our school and wish them continued blessings in all of their endeavors.

I am continuing to recruit and interview candidates for the open positions in our school for the upcoming year. If you have any friends or colleagues who might be interested in learning more about employment opportunities at All Saints, please encourage them to contact me for further information. I would be delighted to speak with them about the experience of working in a Catholic school and our mission at All Saints.

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our recent 2025 Bread of Life Food Drive. Through your support, our school community donated 897 lbs. of food to the All Saints Bethany Food Pantry and 1,244 lbs. of food to St. Lucy Project for a total donation of 2,141 lbs. of food. Your generosity will directly benefit individuals and families in our local community in need of food assistance. We wish to also thank Mr. Joseph Delaney (Notre Dame Alumni Association of Staten Island), Mrs. Marie Klatt (Bethany Food Pantry), Mr. James McCaskey (St. Lucy Project), and the members of the National Junior Honor Society, under the direction of Mrs. Hatch, for counting, organizing, boxing, and distributing all donated items.

The following grade levels were the winners of our 2025 Bread of Life Food Drive grade level contest: first place: pre-kindergarten (pizza party/dress-down day); second place: fourth grade (dress-down day); third place - kindergarten (extra recess). Thank you to Mrs. DeVore for coordinating this Lenten community service initiative.

Wishing you continued Lenten blessings!

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









Diocesan Survey – Special Education

The Diocese of Arlington is dedicated to fostering a welcoming environment within our parish and school communities where all people are embraced. As part of the Diocesan Strategic Plan, the Special Education Advisory Committee was formed to strengthen the conversation between the bishop and families with special needs. A short survey was designed to gather insights into the experiences and needs of families within our diocese, and all responses will remain confidential. Parents who are interested in participating in this process are invited to complete the survey found at the link below.

Special Needs Inclusion Survey

Race for Education

This year's Race for Education will take place on **Wednesday, April 30th**, and all students will have the opportunity to participate.

Be sure to check out the kickoff flyer, which is being sent home with students today, for more details. You can also find all the information from the flyer on the **Race for Education** page of our <u>school</u> <u>website</u>.

If you have any questions about PledgeStar, our online fundraising platform, or the event itself, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Race Coordinators, Mrs. Laura Burroughs and Mrs. Kelly Ballard, at raceforeducation@allsaintsva.org.



Important Reminders

End of Year Calendar & Events
 Friday, May 23

Field Day – Grades K-8

Thursday, May 29

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten

Friday, June 6

Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.) Graduation Breakfast for 8th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.) 8th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.) 8th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.)

Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7

Thursday, June 12

Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)

Friday, June 13

Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7 Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)

Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal

Monday, June 16

Professional Development Day for Teachers

Tuesday, June 17

Professional Development Day for Teachers

• Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of April: Forgiveness Definition: Pardoning those who offend you

Saints: St. Patrick (PK-2), St. Margaret of Castello (3-5), St. Josephine Bakhita (6-8)

• Welcome Committee – Seeking Volunteers

The **Welcoming Committee** consists of school parents who volunteer their time to connect with new families entering into our school community. Members of the Welcoming Committee are here to serve as a personal resource to new families. Committee members provide answers to questions from a parent perspective, share ways to get involved in the life of the school, introduce new families to other All Saints families, and provide general support as needed.

The school will provide training for Welcoming Committee members in May. During July, committee members will be paired with families.

Parents who are interested in serving as members of the Welcoming Committee may sign up via Track it Forward <u>here</u>.

Used Uniform Sale – Friday, April 4

All Saints PTO will host a used uniform sale on Friday, April 4 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the PAC. This is a great opportunity to get ready for the change to summer uniforms on Monday, April 7.

Interested in Volunteering? If you are VIRTUS certified and would like to volunteer, please sign up on Track It Forward.

• Lenten Rice Lunch – Friday, April 4

On Friday, April 4, the cafeteria will host a simple lunch, the proceeds of which will benefit the Rice Bowl project. As a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world and in an effort to help students gain a better understanding of poverty, the lunch will consist of one bowl of rice and water. This will be the only food and drink available for purchase on that day. Although participation is completely voluntary, we are hopeful that many of the children will embrace this opportunity and recognize it as a chance to increase their empathy for those suffering in our world.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and should be submitted as a cash donation rather than through the online lunch accounts. Students may bring a lunch from home if they prefer and are reminded to bring a drink if they so choose as only water will be available in the cafeteria.

• Employment Opportunity – Cafeteria Substitute

The school is seeking applicants interested in working as on-call substitute staff in the cafeteria, assisting with food preparation, serving, and cleaning. For more information about this opportunity, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - April

• St. Paul VI Catholic High School presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

This beloved musical retells the biblical story of Joseph, who is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers but rises to power in Egypt after interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, ultimately reuniting with his family. The show is filled with unforgettable music and colorful storytelling.

Perfect for all ages, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a show the whole community will love!

Showtimes:

Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m.

Location: St. Paul VI Catholic High School, 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152

Secure your tickets now (https://cur8.com/40072/project/130914) and experience the magic on stage. We can't wait to see you there.

• 2025 Lenten Fish Fry

There will be a Lenten Fish Fry in the Bishop Russell Hall (Knights Hall behind All Saints Catholic Church on the Fridays listed below during Lent. (9290 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA. 20110) The Fish Fries is open to the public.

Menu for March 7, thru April 11,2025 will be: Choice of baked or fried fish, Panko Shrimp or Grilled Cheese, or Macaroni and Cheese with, Hush Puppies, vegetable and Coleslaw. There will

be a different vegetable each week (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables and peas). \$11.00 per person. Both cod and tilapia will be available each week. Iced water and coffee are included in the meal price. Soft drinks will be available for purchase at \$1.00 each. The event is open to the public, from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm, so please bring your friends. Beer and wine will be available at \$3.00 each. A Children's dinner with Grilled Cheese will be available at \$5.00. There will not ae extra portions sold with Children's dinners.

Extra fish, shrimp or Mac and Cheese will be available at an additional cost of \$5.00.

Fish Fry on most Fridays during Lent.

Friday, April 04,2025 Friday, April 11,2025

Fish Fry will be hosted by a different Charity each week.

Bishop Flaherty Assembly – Friday, April 04,2025 George Brent Council -- Friday, April 11,2025

For more information, please contact John Masarick by phone or e-mail. E-mail:john masarick@comcast.net Phone: 703-368-1603.

• PTO Nominations Committee

A school is only as strong as the community that supports it. All Saints Catholic School is strong not only because of the strength and dedication of our exceptional faculty and administration, but also because of the overwhelming commitment from you – our school community. It is with this support and commitment in mind that the Nomination Committee seeks nominees for the 2025 – 2026 PTO Executive Committee.

This year we are holding elections for President Elect and Secretary. The duties of the officers can be found at the top on the nominations form, linked below. Please take time to review the descriptions and nominate either yourself or another individual you think would like to contribute their time and talent to our school. Nominated individuals will be contacted by the Nominations Committee to obtain consent to place their name on the ballot. Please prayerfully consider supporting our school in a new and exciting way! Nominations should be submitted no later than April 2nd.

PTO Nomination Form

• Support All Saints PTO at Our Restaurant Night! Join us at Captain Pell's in Fairfax (10195 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030) on Friday, April 4th for a delicious dine-in or carryout experience.

How to Support:

When placing your order, simply mention **All Saints**, and **10% of your bill** will be donated to support our PTO!

Mark your calendars, bring your family and friends, and enjoy some great food while helping support our school.

Click Here for Vouchers



ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting
 Since 2004, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps has offered Broadway Spotlight, Drama
 Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp to hundreds of Diocesan families and
 friends.

This July 7th - 18th young people are invited to experience top level instruction as they engage in creative fun through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more! The camps are taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise. Each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Theatrical Performance by the campers.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 2

Race for Education Assembly (PAC/8:30 a.m.) Stations of the Cross- Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.)

Thursday, April 3

Spirit Week – Book Character Dress Down Day Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 4

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
Used Uniform Sale (PAC/8:00 – 10:00 a.m.)
Rice Bowl Lunch
Spirit Event: Captain Pell's Restaurant

Monday, April 7

Change to Summer Uniforms

Tuesday, April 8

ACRE Testing – Grades 5 & 8 Seniors Luncheon – Hosted by 6th Grade 8th Grade Parent Meeting (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 9

ACRE Testing - Grades 5 & 8

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Title I Family Workshop - Kindergarten & 1st Grade (PLC/7:45 – 8:15 a.m.)

Middle School Renaissance Faire (12:00-2:30 p.m.)

Monday, April 14

Lockdown Drill

Wednesday, April 16

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, April 17

7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)

Friday, April 18

Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 21

Easter Holiday Begins

Monday, April 28

School Resumes

Kindergarten Screening (No Pre-K or Kindergarten Classes)

Tuesday, April 29

Pre-Kindergarten Field Trip (Great Country Farm) Kindergarten Field Trip (Maple Tree Farm)

Wednesday, April 30

20th Annual Race for Education

Thursday, May 1

School Mass & May Crowning (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation & 2nd Grade First Communion Photos (9:15 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Robotics Team Showcase (Holy Spirit School/7:30-8:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 2

Holiday (Parish Festival Prep Day)