



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

April 30, 2025

Principal's Message:

I hope that you enjoyed a very blessed Easter holiday and a wonderful time of rest and relaxation with your family. With the bright sunshine and warmer temperatures now upon us, we are reminded that the close of the school year is approaching, but many opportunities for growth and learning for our students remain as we look ahead to the final weeks of the school year.

This week I wish to provide a few additional updates regarding staffing for the 2025-2026 academic year. Mrs. Neri (Office Bookkeeper), Ms. Burkat (Kindergarten Instructional Assistant), and Ms. Kritselis (1st Grade Instructional Assistant) have all decided that they will not be returning next year to pursue other opportunities. We thank them for all that they have done to support our program and wish them every continued success and blessing.

The hiring effort for next year is well underway and a number of faculty/staff positions have already been filled. Related to this, we know from experience that our best marketing occurs by "word of mouth," whether it is for prospective families or employees. With this in mind, the school will offer a **\$500 tuition credit** to families who refer individuals who are subsequently hired for employment at All Saints Catholic School for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The following is a list of open positions for which the school is currently seeking applicants:

- 1st Grade Teacher
- 4th Grade Teacher
- 5th Grade Teacher
- Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Resource Teacher (Grades 4-8)
- Music Teacher
- School Nurse
- Kindergarten Instructional Assistant
- 1st Grade Instructional Assistant
- Director of Marketing & Enrollment
- Development Coordinator
- Office Bookkeeper

We are seeking candidates who have a strong devotion to the Catholic faith, a passion for the work of education, and a high level of professionalism. In advance, thank you for sharing these employment opportunities with friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Wishing you and your family continued blessings during this Easter Season!

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Virtues in Practice

Virtue for the Month of May: Responsibility

Definition: Being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions

Saints: St. Peter (Gr. PK-2), St. Henry II (Gr. 3-5), Bl. Bartolo Longo (Gr. 6-8)

Stewardship Shares Program ~ Year End Totals

This year each family at All Saints has once again been asked to earn 25 Stewardship Shares. Those who are unable to do so are asked to submit a check at the conclusion of the year for any outstanding "shares" that remain. (1 share = \$20.00)

As we approach the end of the year, parents are reminded to update their “shares total” via Track it Forward so that the database accurately reflects their contributions over the course of the entire year.

During the month of May, the office will send letters to each family, confirming the number of shares reflected in the school database. For this reason, we ask that families be sure to update their totals by Wednesday, May 14.

Spring Concert – Thursday, May 8

Students in grades **2 and 8 as well as Schola and the Middle School Musical Theatre Revue** will be participating in the Spring Concert this year.

- Date: **Thursday, May 8th, 2025**
- Time: **7pm (Students report to the PAC at 6:40pm.)**
 - Parents/ family members who are unable to attend the evening performance are more than welcome to attend the afternoon performance at 1:45pm in the PAC.
- Location: **All Saints Parish Activity Center**
- Attire: **Black dress pants and a blue, red, pink, orange, or yellow dress shirt/ blouse.**
Schola and 3rd grade girls can wear a black skirt instead of pants if preferred.
(This is unless a Schola student is also in the Musical Theatre Revue or 8th grade).

Dress code:

No leggings or tights used as pants are permitted. Skirts should be at the knee (keep in mind that many students will be standing on a stage, and we want them to feel comfortable). Dress shirts/ blouses should have a neckline that is an appropriate length (i.e. just below the collar bone). Shirts should not have words or characters pictured on the front.

Art Show – May 22nd

Join us for the 2024 Art Show brought to you by our talented K-8th grade students. Don't miss this amazing event taking place in the PAC on May 22nd from 4-6 PM. Invite your entire family, friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you!

Important Reminders

- **School Calendar 2025-2026 (Important Dates & Holidays)**

August 21

First Day of School – Grades K-8 (Noon Dismissal)

August 25

First Day of School – Pre-Kindergarten

September 1

Labor Day Holiday

September 29

Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)

October 13

Columbus Day Holiday

November 10

Student Holiday (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

November 11

Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

November 25

Noon Dismissal (Thanksgiving Holiday)

November 26-28

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1

Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)

December 22

Christmas Holiday Begins

January 5

Classes Resume

January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 30

Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)

February 16
Presidents' Day Holiday

March 9
Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)

March 16
Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)

April 2
Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

April 3
Good Friday Holiday

April 6
Easter Week Holiday

April 24
Student Holiday (Parish Festival)

May 25
Memorial Day Holiday

June 16
Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 (Tentative/3 Inclement Weather Days Included)

- **FACTS Tuition – Payment Plans (2025-2026)**

As we make plans for the upcoming school year, one of our priorities is that of continuing to provide as much tuition assistance as possible for families in our community. In support of this effort, we have submitted applications on behalf of our school families for funding through the *Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation* and the *St. Beatrice Special Tuition Assistance Program*. Diocesan allocations related to these sources of tuition assistance will be confirmed over the course of the next month. Once we receive this information, we will finalize decisions regarding tuition assistance and notify those families who have applied for financial aid accordingly.

During May we will confirm FACTS tuition payment plans for the upcoming school year. Any returning family that wishes to change their schedule of payments for 2025-2026 is asked to notify Mrs. Neri (vneri@allsaintsva.org) by May 9. Otherwise, we would be pleased to apply your current payment schedule to the 2025-2026 school year.

Reminder: The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is Tuesday, June 10.

- **CRS Rice Bowl Collection**

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office as soon as possible. Please be sure to include a reference to "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds will be totaled and forwarded to the Diocese of Arlington in support of Catholic Relief Services.

- **Charity Children – School Supplies Drive**

The Charity Children Club are sponsoring a school supplies drive to support the efforts of House of Mercy as they plan for the upcoming academic year. Students and families who wish to donate school supplies may drop them off in the designated boxes in the new breezeway entrance. The collection began on Tuesday, April 15 and will extend through Thursday, May 1.

- **Mother's Day Event - All Saints PTO**

You're invited to our **Mother's Day Social Event** on **Friday, May 9th!** Join us for **8:30 AM Mass**, followed by a social gathering in the PAC. Enjoy delicious pastries, coffee, tea, and great fellowship with other wonderful moms. We'll also be hosting a **free raffle** with a chance for a few lucky moms to win pampering items, making your Mother's Day even more special. A **play zone** will be available for little ones at the event. **Click RSVP by May 6th.**

We look forward to celebrating YOU!



- **Lunch Menu**

Cafeteria Menu - May

- **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.

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com



Upcoming Events

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/7:00-8:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 2

Holiday (Parish Festival Prep Day)

Monday, May 5

NWEA Map Testing – 3rd Round Begins (Through May 23)

Tuesday, May 6

1st Grade Field Trip – National Zoo

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

Thursday, May 8

Spring Choral Concert (1:30 & 7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 9

Band Trip to Busch Gardens

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Mother's Tea, hosted by the PTO (PAC/9:15 – 11:00 a.m.)

Deadline: Changes to FACTS Payment Plans for 2025-2026

Saturday, May 10

First Communion (9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./1:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 13

8th Grade World Language Exemption Exam

Seniors' Luncheon – Hosted by 5th Grade

Spring Band Concert (PAC/2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 14

Race for Education Awards Ceremony (PAC/2:30 p.m.)

Thursday, May 15

2nd Grade Field Trip – Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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

Friday, May 16

7th Grade Field Trip – Mount Vernon

8th Grade Field Trip – Annapolis

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Lockdown Drill

Saturday, May 17

Confirmation (10:00 a.m./1:30 p.m.)

Monday, May 19

5th Grade Field Trip – Luray Caverns

Tuesday, May 20

3rd Grade Field Trip – LEGO Discovery Center

PTO General Assembly Meeting – Presenter: Fr. Daniel Reuwer (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 22

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Art Show

Friday, May 23

Field Day