



All Saints Catholic School

Shining our light, building a community of saints.

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

August 27, 2025

Principal's Message:

It was wonderful to see so many school families gathered for the Annual Welcome Back Barbecue on Friday evening. By our count, the attendance was well more than four hundred. And with picture-perfect weather, it was a great evening of delicious food and fellowship!

I want to specifically thank Mrs. Rachel Weigler, event coordinator, as well as all of the PTO volunteers who assisted with the decorating, serving of food, and clean-up efforts. I also wish to thank our caterer, Elegance to Simplicity, who again prepared such a terrific dinner for our school community. None of this, of course, would have been possible without the generous support of our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).

A highlight of this year's event was the Bingo Game by which the students were able to meet and interact with many members of our faculty and staff as they learned "Fun Facts" about each of them. Many thanks to our PTO President, Mrs. Joanna Stenson, for organizing the game and for planning such a fun event for our students and staff. Also, special thanks to Mrs. Delmare for hosting a Spirit Wear sale throughout the event.

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Running with the Saints 5K- Saturday October 25th

Come join us as All Saints Catholic School hosts its annual Running with the Saints 5K on Saturday, October 25. The Running with the Saints 5K features a family-friendly atmosphere, Blue Ridge timing for running enthusiasts, musical entertainment, and great prizes! Our race takes place in the neighborhoods adjacent to the All Saints campus. All levels of walkers and runners are welcome and encouraged to take part.

If you are ready to break out your walking shoes or practice for your next marathon, come join us on October 25th. Proceeds from this event benefit All Saints Catholic School.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Manassas/RunningWithTheSaints5k>



Knights of Columbus Soccer challenge

The George Brent Council will be holding their Soccer Challenge on Saturday, August 30. Please see the brochure below for more details.



Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location:

Knights Hall / Grassy Area
9290 Stonewall Road
Manassas, VA 20110

Date: 8/30/2025

Time: 12:00 pm – 6:00

Sponsor:

George Brent Council (5332)

Contact:

Rony Lopez / Nelson Coronado Perez
agr.benlopez@gmail.com /
nelsoncoronado_02@hotmail.com

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

St. Paul VI Catholic School - Golf Open

You are cordially invited to St. Paul VI Catholic High School's 2nd Annual PVI Open on Monday, September 29, 2025.

2nd Annual PVI Open – Sponsorships & Golfer Spots Still Available!

Join us for a day of golf, fellowship, and Panther pride in support of St. Paul VI Catholic High School.

Event Highlights:

Golf Tournament – Gather your foursome and hit the greens!

Sponsorship Opportunities – Showcase your business, organization, or family while helping our students and programs thrive.

50/50 Raffle – No need to be present to win!

Awards Dinner & Prizes – Celebrate with us after the tournament.

Date: Monday, September 29, 2025, at 8 a.m.

Location: Dominion Valley Country Club

Register or Sponsor: PVI Open Registration & Sponsorships at <http://bit.ly/3Jw4OfV>



Saint John Paul the Great - Kick-Off Night & Football Game!

Join us to celebrate all **Fall Sports & Activities** while cheering the Wolves on to victory!

Friday, August 29th

The theme is **Hawaiian Night**! Gates open at **5pm** and festivities begin at **5:30pm** with a **PARADE** of fall sports teams and activities. The **GAME** against The Covenant School kicks off at **7pm**! There will be **FOOD TRUCKS** and **CONCESSIONS** available!

Go Wolves! Save time and money by purchasing your TICKETS online!

<https://events.hometownticketing.com/boxoffice/jpthegreat/L2VtYmVkJ2FsbA%3D%3D>

For more details click on the link below!

JP Football Information 2025-2026

<https://sites.google.com/view/jpfootball/home>

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School
Fall Sports & Activities

KICK OFF NIGHT

FRIDAY AUGUST 29



GO Wolves

PARADE 5:30PM
GAME 7:00PM

FOOD TRUCKS & MORE

HAWAIIAN - OUT

Kosar-Karlinchak Stadium
17700 Dominican Drive Potomac Shores, VA

JP FAMILY ASSOCIATION



Important Reminders

- **SchoolMessenger Emergency Notification System**

The Diocese of Arlington uses the *SchoolMessenger* notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages.

In the event of an emergency, All Saints Catholic School will activate the *SchoolMessenger* system. As the system will only be used for this purpose, parents can anticipate that any communications received via this program are critical and deserve particular attention.

In order to ensure the effectiveness of the system, All Saints will conduct a test on Friday, August 29. A test message will be issued via recorded phone message, text, and email to the emergency contacts of all students and staff at approximately 10:30 a.m.

To sign up for text alerts via *SchoolMessenger*, simply text the word “subscribe” to 68453. To opt out of all text messages from *SchoolMessenger*, go to <http://www.schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/> or reply STOP to the opt-in message you receive.

The Diocese and the school do not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by the user. Please check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.

- **Parent- Student Handbook (2025-2026 Edition)**

The 2025-2026 Parent-Student Handbook can be accessed electronically via our website and may be found at the following link:

[Handbook 2025-2026](#)
[Acknowledgment Form](#)

Please take some time to review the policies and procedures of our school and discuss them with your children. Each family is asked to sign and return the acknowledgment form by Friday, August 29.

- **Virtues in Practice – Year I**

Each month of the school year, our students learn about a particular virtue and are encouraged to incorporate it in their lives. Using the example of saints who serve as exemplars of each virtue, the teachers integrate the monthly theme in the life of their classrooms.

Again this year, All Saints will use the *Virtues in Practice* program developed by the Nashville Dominicans. To learn more about the program and to access the Parent Guide, please follow this link: [Virtues in Practice](#)

During the 2025-2026 school year, All Saints will complete the Year of Faith (Theme: Service).

Virtue for the Month of September: Faith

Definition: Believing in God and all He has revealed

Saints of the Month: St. Martha (PK-2), St. Jerome (Grades 3-5), St. Augustine (Grades 6-8)

- **New Parent Coffee (September 9)**

All new parents, including those who joined our school last year, are invited to attend “Coffee with the Principal” on Tuesday, September 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center (PAC). Following a presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion about our school and its many programs. Plan to attend and meet other new families who have recently joined our community!

[Registration Link](#)

- **Student In-Service ~ Sexual Harassment, Our Policy & Response (Grades 6-8)**

In accordance with diocesan policy, students in grades six through eight will participate in a brief classroom presentation within the next three weeks on the topic of the prevention of sexual harassment. Again this year, in consideration of the sensitivity of the topic, the training will be offered in a single-sex environment with Mr. Conroy addressing the boys while Ms. Mallon will present to the girls. Each of the grade-level lessons will be approximately fifteen minutes in length and include an overview of the diocesan policy as well as an explanation as to how students should respond if they encounter any behaviors of this nature. Should you have any questions about this policy or presentation, please do not hesitate to contact the principal.

- **Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers**

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of our children, all volunteers in the school are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training within 45 days after their application has been approved.

In accordance with diocesan policy, full compliance for an adult parent volunteer is not required for open events. (An open event is one that is open to the public, infrequent and publicized, such as Field Day, concerts, and special events/assemblies.) However, full compliance is required for adult parent volunteers who wish to participate in closed events. (A closed event is one that is not entirely open to the general public such as classroom activities, parties, field

trips, etc.) For this reason, all parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training.

The online application for the diocesan background check can be found at the following link:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/background-checks/>

VIRTUS trainings are held throughout the year at parishes and schools throughout the diocese and are free of charge to all participants. An email is generated to register for the training once an individual has completed the online criminal background check application and it has been approved by Mrs. Diana Neri, our parish and school liaison. Individuals are required by Diocesan policy to complete this adult safe environment training within 45 days after their application has been approved.

Should you have any questions about the process, please contact Mrs. Neri for more information at virtus@allsaintsva.org.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 28

Lockdown Drill (9:00 a.m.)
Pre-Kindergarten Noon Dismissal

Friday, August 29

School Mass – Memorial: Passion of St. John the Baptist (8:30 a.m.)
Middle School House Assembly (9:15 a.m.)
SchoolMessenger Test Message (10:30 a.m.)
Pre-Kindergarten Noon Dismissal

Due Date: Parent-Student Handbook Forms

Monday, September 1

Holiday (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 2

Band Demonstration of Instruments (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, September 3

Faculty Meeting (3:30-5:00 p.m.)
PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 4

Back-to-School Night for Grades 1-5 & PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 5

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 8

Standardized Testing (NWEA MAP) Begins for Grades 3-7

Confessions – Grade 8 (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, September 9

New Parent Coffee (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m.)

Band Parent Meeting & Registration (Music Room/6:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 10

Spirit Wear Day

Confessions – Grade 7 (9:15 a.m.)

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

Thursday, September 11

Middle School Night (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 12

School Mass – Most Holy Name of Mary (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 15

Confessions – Grade 6 (9:15 a.m.)

Tuesday, September 16

Band Lessons Begin

Wednesday, September 17

Confessions – Grade 5 (9:15 a.m.)

Room Liaisons Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 18

PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

8th Grade Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 19

School Mass – St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 22

Confessions – Grades 3 & 4 (9:15 a.m.)

Friday, September 26

6th Grade Field Trip – The EDGE (8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

School Mass – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (8:30 a.m.)