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

September 10, 2025

Principal's Message:

Thank you to the many parents who joined us for Back-to-School Night for Grades 1-5 last Thursday. We had a wonderful turnout for the event, and I'm delighted that so many parents participated in this annual tradition.

During the opening presentation, Monsignor Lee provided an update regarding our continued efforts related to enhanced safety and security protocols following the tragedy in Minneapolis. As he shared in his remarks, he is now serving as a member of a diocesan work group that is revisiting the safety standards that are already in effect in our diocese and discussing potential strategies related to school Masses. The outcomes from that process will guide the efforts of our parish and school.

In the meantime, we are continuing to implement protocols that we believe strengthen our security posture. For example, the supervision and monitoring of our school Mass has been enhanced through the involvement of school staff, parish ushers, and the presence of off-duty law enforcement personnel.

As potential changes are implemented related to our school Mass, Monsignor Lee and I will provide updates to the parish and school community. Know that the safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority and that it is a topic that is revisited and discussed on a daily basis. While we continue to work through the decision-making process in consultation with the diocese, please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

This week we have begun NWEA Map Testing for students in Grades 3-7, a process that will be completed by September 26. Remember to look for details from the teachers regarding the dates and times of test sessions so that you can ensure that your children arrive to school on time, well rested, and ready to put forth their best effort in support of this important assessment.

Shining our light, building a community of saints!









Registration for the 2025-2026 Boys and Girls CYO Basketball season is open from September 15 through October 12, 2025.

Boys and Girls from both the Parish and the School in 3rd-8th Grade are eligible to participate. Practices are one weeknight a week in the All Saints Gym and start November 4. Games are on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Diocese. Sunday games start after noon. There will be 2-3 preseason games in December. Regular season games take place in January and February 2026. The cost is \$75 per player.

There will be a preseason skills clinic for boys on Sunday, October 19 and for girls on Sunday, October 26. Afternoon times to be announced.

All Saints CYO relies on the volunteerism of parents and members of our All Saints community. We are still seeking head and assistant coaches for some grades, especially for 3rd grade. Please email Laurie Short,CYO Basketball Commissioner, at glshort1@comcast.net. If you are interested in coaching, you must be certified for Diocesan child protection (including VIRTUS™) before working with participants. If you are not VIRTUS certified, please let us know and we can help you complete the process.

To register, please use this link: https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues or see the parish website.

Please note that no child will be denied participation due to financial need. If you would like to discuss options for financial aid, please email sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org.

If you have a general question, please email <u>jcyosports@allsaintsva.org</u>. To connect directly with Chi Young, CYO Sports Director, please email <u>sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org</u>.

Help Our School by Sponsoring an Ad!

Our printing company Gaske is looking for businesses interested in helping underwrite the cost of our school folders, calendars, excuse pads, and calendar magnets.

If you are interested in participating in the ad program, please complete the attached form and return to the front office or call the printer directly.

Sponsor Form



School Spirit Event at Chuck E. Cheese Manassas

Date: Monday, September 29

Time: Anytime between 11:00 AM-10:00 PM

Bring the whole family for a day of fun and community-building—all while supporting our school. Chuck

E. Cheese will donate 20% of eligible sales back to our school. Thank you for your support!

Seton Presents: Daughters of the King

Seton School present Daughters of the King on Saturday, September 20th from 11:30 am to 8:00 p.m. Please see the flyer below for more details.



Shadow a Wolf at JP - Sign Up Today!

A shadow day is a great opportunity for a prospective student to see life at JP firsthand! Shadow guests are paired with current JP students for an entire school day, attending classes, meeting teachers, and even enjoying a complimentary lunch from the cafeteria. Sign up today! Use the following link to sign up: https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry
Shadow Day Flyer

John Paul the Great's Fall Open House - Sunday November 2, 2025

Save-the-date! John Paul the Great's Fall Open House will be held on Sunday November 2, 2025 from 1-4pm. This year's Open House will be fun for the whole family! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! We look forward to introducing you to our unique Bioethics program as well as our beloved House System and robust Special Services! Meet students, faculty, and coaches to learn more about the programs you love. RSVP Today! Use the following link to RSVP: https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry

Open House Flyer

JP's Middle School Band Night - Friday, September 26, 2025

Calling all middle schoolers interested in band and colorguard! Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting a Middle School Band Night on Friday, September 26, 2025 from 4-9pm! Students will practice with JP Marching Band members, enjoy a free dinner, and perform with the JP Marching Band in the stands during the football game! Use the following link to register: https://forms.gle/7FjvLTjinuLCFdUs7

Middle School Band Night Flyer

Important Reminders

Middle School Back to School Night (September 11 @ 7:00 p.m.)
 Back to School Night for parents of students in grades 6-8 will take place on Thursday,
 September 11 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. Don't miss what will be an exciting overview of our middle school experience!

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:

<u>Handbook 2025-2026</u> <u>Acknowledgment Form</u> 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 as soon as possible.

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.

• Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - September

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



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 10

Spirit Wear Day

Confessions – Grade 7 (9:15 a.m.) – Rescheduled for September 24

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

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.)

Lockdown Drill

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.)

Wednesday, September 24

Confessions – Grade 7 (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.)

Monday, September 29

Holiday - Diocesan Professional Development Day

Spirit Event: Chuck E. Cheese (11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

School Mass – Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels (8:30 a.m.) Faculty Meeting (3:30-5:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 3

Priests' Barbecue (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Saturday, October 4

St. Francis – Parish Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard/9:30 a.m.)

Thursday, October 9

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School Visit – Grades 7-8 Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, October 10

Uniform Exchange Sale (PAC Atrium/8:00-10:00 a.m.) School Mass (8:30 a.m.)