#### **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**

October 8, 2025

## Principal's Message:

Tomorrow and Friday, I will be away for the Principals' Retreat. As I gather with colleagues in West Virginia for this annual event, please know of my continued prayers for our school community and the needs of our families.

# Shining our light, building a community of saints!









#### The Gift of Human Sexuality Program – Middle School Parent Meeting (October 20 @ 7:00 p.m.)

Central to the mission of Catholic education is a commitment to the formation of the whole person within the light of the teachings of the Gospel. At All Saints our effort to educate all dimensions of the child ~ spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional ~ has been an essential and consistent element of our mission.

As a Catholic school, All Saints affirms the role of parents as the primary educators of their children and we are privileged to have the opportunity to work with you as partners in this regard. In recent years we have grown increasingly concerned about the many confusing messages that society as a whole, and the media in particular, place before the young people of today, particularly in regard to the topic of human sexuality. It is increasingly important that we insure that the children learn the beautiful teachings of the Church on this topic and that they fully realize and understand the gift of human sexuality within this framework. Not to share this information with the children leaves them unprepared for the world they face and the many choices that await them in the years ahead.

For more than ten years, All Saints Catholic School has implemented a middle school curriculum entitled *The Gift of Human Sexuality Program* that supports our goal of educating the whole child. The program is coordinated by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, Mr. Kevin Bohli, and is tailored to the specific needs of each school community. The program consists of a parent presentation during which Mr. Bohli provides an outline of the curriculum as well as resources for parents. Following this presentation, he and an associate, Ms. Carmen Briceno, will meet with the students for three one hour lessons designed to provide them with an understanding of the Church's teachings on the topic of human sexuality.

One of the advantages of this program is the involvement of outside professionals. In addition to bringing a high level of expertise as presenters, Mr. Bohli and Ms. Briceno are unfamiliar to the students, which may put the students at greater ease in asking questions and discussing this topic. A second advantage of this program is that it is designed to take place in a single-sex setting; Mr. Bohli will address the boys and Ms. Briceno will speak with the girls. Finally, in accordance with diocesan policy, this program is designed as an *opt-in* opportunity for parents and students. Accommodations will be made for those children whose parents prefer that they not participate in the program.

All middle school parents are invited to a presentation to be held via Zoom on Monday, October 20 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

As this is such a very important topic related to the development of your child, at least one parent from each family new to the middle school is asked to attend the online meeting.

#### **Dollar Donuts - Fundraiser for Catholic Charities**

Students from Bishop Ireton have organized a fundraiser that will benefit Catholic Charities. For every dozen donut box bought, \$4 goes to Catholic Charities in Arlington. See the flyer for more details!

**Dollar-Donuts Flyer** 

## **Important Reminders**

#### • Veterans Day Mass, Assembly, & Reception

Join us as our school community honors the commitment of the men and women who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces. We cordially invite all active duty, reserve, former and retired military personnel to attend our school Mass on **Friday, November 7** at 8:30 AM. After Mass, there will be an assembly in the PAC, followed by a reception for our honored guests in Father Kelley Hall.

Each family received a packet of information about our Veterans Wall of Honor, an annual tradition in which we show our gratitude for those within our school community who have served our nation through military service. For your convenience, a link to the packet is provided below.

#### **2025 Veterans Student Packet:**

https://allsaintsvaschool.org/category/news/

#### • Virtues in Practice - October

Virtue of the Month: Reverence

Definition: Showing your deepest respect for things of God

Saints: St. Hyacinth (PK-2), St. Tarcisius (3-5), St. Margaret Clitherow (6-8)

#### • Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program

One of the beautiful traditions of our school is the Pilgrim Virgin Statue Program whereby families are invited to host one of two statues of Our Lady of Fatima in their home for one week. While the statue is in the home, families are encouraged to pray together part of or the entire Rosary for the intentions of our school as well as their own private intentions. The presence of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is certain to increase your devotion to Mary and to bring you and your family closer to her Son. Families who wish to participate in this program may sign up on *Track It Forward*.

Pilgrim Mary Virtue - Sign Up

Pick up time for the Statues at the front office is before 2:30 p.m. on Friday (unless otherwise noted) with a return time of before 9:00 a.m. the following Friday. Please be sure to sign in and out for the Statue in the Visitor Binder at the front desk.

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our Pilgrim Virgin Statue Rotation Coordinator, Mrs. Fuzzy Reynolds at insert email or call (703-963-4232).

#### Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - October

#### Running with the Saints – Last Call for T-Shirts!

The deadline to <u>guarantee</u> that you will receive a 2025 Running with the Saints T-shirt with your race registration is this **Friday**, **October 9**. <u>Register today</u>, so you don't miss out!

This year's RWTS 5K will be held on **Saturday, October 25** at 8:00 AM.

We've got great prizes, fun activities, and an amazing community event planned for our school and parish community.

The Running with the Saints 5K features a family-friendly atmosphere, Blue Ridge timing for running enthusiasts, musical entertainment, and great prizes! The race takes place in the neighborhoods adjacent to the All Saints campus. Runners, walkers, and baby strollers welcome with staggered starts!

## Saturday, October 25, 2025 8:00 AM

All Saints Catholic School 9294 Stonewall Rd — Manassas

Running with the Saints Course Map

**Register today:** <a href="https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Manassas/RunningWithTheSaints5k">https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Manassas/RunningWithTheSaints5k</a>

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

The *Running with the Saints 5K* provides an excellent opportunity to promote your business while supporting All Saints' students and teachers. By becoming a Race Sponsor, you can advertise your services to race participants and the All Saints community, a parish of over 5,900 local families.

Sponsorship levels available for all budgets!

See below for details on sponsorship packages and learn how your business can support this fun, family-friendly community event. For more information about sponsorship, please contact <a href="RWTS@allsaintsva.org">RWTS@allsaintsva.org</a>.

## Sponsorship Sign-up



 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 <a href="mailto:glshort1@comcast.net">glshort1@comcast.net</a>. 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: <a href="https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues">https://reg.sportspilot.com/106526/leagues</a> 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 <a href="mailto:sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org">sportsdirector.cyo@allsaintsva.org</a>.

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

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Wednesday, October 8

SCA Installation of Newly Elected Officers & Representatives (PAC/1:30 p.m.)

#### Thursday, October 9

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

#### Friday, October 10

Uniform Exchange Sale (PAC Atrium/8:00-10:00 a.m.)
School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
St. Paul VI Catholic High School Presentation – Grades 7-8

Monday, October 13 Holiday – Columbus Day

#### Thursday, October 16

Dress Down Day, sponsored by Creation Care Club (\$1.00)

Great Southeast Shakeout - Earthquake Drill (10:16 am.)

PTO General Assembly Meeting – Parent Social & Presentation on Technology Safety (PAC/6:30 p.m.)

## Friday, October 17

School Mass - Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr (8:30 a.m.)

#### Monday, October 20

The Gift of Human Sexuality Program – Presentation for Middle School Parents (Zoom/7:00 p.m.)

#### **Thursday, October 23**

Middle School Glow Party (PAC/7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

#### Friday, October 24

School Mass – St. Anthony Claret, Bishop (8:30 a.m.)

#### Saturday, October 25

Running with the Saints 5K (8:00 a.m.)

### Tuesday, October 28

The Gift of Human Sexuality - Middle School Presentation I

#### Friday, October 31

School Mass & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Procession of Saints (8:30 a.m.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Saints Alive Presentation (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

Penny Bazaar (1:30 p.m.)

### Monday, November 3

Change to Winter Uniforms

Picture Day (Individuals & Class Photos)

Free Ice Cream at Lunch for our Feast Day, courtesy of the PTO

## Wednesday, November 5

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

#### Thursday, November 6

Open House (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

#### Friday, November 7

Veterans Day Mass, Assembly, & Reception (8:30 a.m.)