



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

October 22, 2025

Principal's Message:

This week I wish to share with you an update regarding our first grade program.

Mrs. Harrill (1A) has been necessarily absent from the classroom and will be on leave for an undetermined period of time. While she has been absent, Mrs. Michele Fallon (substitute teacher) and Ms. Kritselis (substitute teacher and former first grade instructional assistant) have been teaching the class and will continue in this role at this time.

I will continue to provide updates as I am able, as well as notification of any changes in this instructional plan.

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Tuition Assistance Program (2026-2027)

Important information regarding Diocesan Tuition Assistance for the upcoming academic year is now available. For details about the program, please see the flyer found at the link below.

[2025-2026 Tuition Assistance Flyer](#)

Information about the program can also be found on the diocesan website.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/tuition-assistance>

The key financial aid dates for **2026-2027** are as follows:

Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Monday, November 24 we will host our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. All parents are cordially invited to attend this special event with their child(ren). For a number of years, we have linked this celebration to an outreach effort to benefit Catholic Charities in support of *We Care Week*, a diocesan initiative scheduled for the first week of December.

Again, this year, donations may be included with your Thanksgiving Luncheon payment. Please see the order form from the cafeteria for more details, a copy of which can be found at the link below.

Thanksgiving Form

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and decorations, clean -up, food preparation, and with serving food during the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Volunteer shifts are designed so that you will be able to sit and enjoy your meal with your child (ren). Please consider helping for at least one shift throughout the day. If you are available to assist, please sign up via Track it Forward below.

Luncheon Prep: Sign-Up

Thanksgiving Luncheon: Sign-Up

(Note: VIRTUS compliance is not required for volunteers helping with set-up on Sunday, but is required to volunteer on the actual day of the event.)

Penny Bazaar

The Penny Bazaar is almost here! As per All Saints tradition, we will be having our annual afternoon of fun and cupcakes next Friday, October 31. This event will be held in the back parking lot from 1:30-2:30pm. All classes have set up Track it Forward signups for volunteer and donation slots. Please be sure to check your class's listing for opportunities to earn points for parents. We are asking that each family donate a bag of party favors to their child's classroom so that we will have enough prizes to give out for each game played. Please send your child to school that day with a bag of pennies or coins, as well as an additional bag to carry their goodies in. Thank you for helping us make this day of fun and community building a success!

Annual Asbestos Notification

For several decades the staff of All Saints Catholic School and the Diocese of Arlington have worked together to ensure compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Twice annually our school is inspected in accordance with this act and any necessary steps are taken in order to maintain compliance and a safe environment for our students, staff, and parents.

In accordance with this act, this notification is being provided to you to inform you that asbestos-containing materials are present in our school. A copy of our school Management Plan contains the exact locations of any asbestos-containing materials and is maintained on file in the archives. This plan is available for your review and inspection during normal school hours when the building is open. As such, please feel free to request information on or about our Management Plan and inspection findings.

Should you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact the principal. Most importantly, please know that this communication is not related to any concern or

change in circumstance, rather it is simply an effort to publish this information in accordance with the requirement.

Science Fair – Seeking Judges

On behalf of Mrs. Starrs, our Middle School Science teacher, we invite you to volunteer as a judge for the 2026 Science Fair. This is a wonderful way to support our students in their scientific exploration. All Saints parents earn 6 stewardship points for the day.

Event Details:

- Date: February 19, 2026
- Time: 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM
- Location: All Saints Parish Activity Center (PAC)
- Judge Arrival: 8:00 AM (for breakfast and orientation)
- Judging Begins: 9:00 AM
- Lunch Break: Midday
- Final Judging Ends: 1:30 PM
- Awards Ceremony: 2:00 PM (optional, but you are welcome to attend)

We greatly appreciate your time and talent in helping us ensure a thorough and fair evaluation of the students' projects. By volunteering for the entire day, you'll be able to provide all projects with the attention they deserve. Every effort will be made to assign you to evaluate projects aligned with your field(s) of expertise.

To sign up as a judge, please complete this [volunteer form](#).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mrs. Jessica Kreitzer at kreiters@me.com. Thank you so much for your support of our students and the All Saints Science Fair!

Important Reminders

- **School Picture Day**
School Picture Day will take place on Monday, November 3.

All students are asked to wear their school uniform (winter) for Picture Day. Those scheduled to attend P.E. on Monday are asked to wear their regular uniform to school that day.

Pre-order Online: <https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001273926>



Images Available: Approximately two-three weeks after picture day



Questions about Ordering? Email Victor O'Neill at underclass@vosphoto.com.

- **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/>

- **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 tomandfuzzreynolds@gmail.com or call (703-963-4232).

- **Track It Forward Reminders**

If you are a new family, please be sure to register for Track It Forward as soon as possible! Through your volunteer dashboard, you can sign up for volunteering opportunities to complete

your points for the upcoming school year. Registration takes less than 2 minutes to complete.

If you are a returning family, you may recall when you initially registered for Track It Forward, you selected which grades your child(ren) were in. This provides each family with a customized view of Track It Forward, as you will only see school-wide events and events that pertain to the grade level your child(ren) are in. Please update your child(ren)'s grade levels for the 2025-2026 school year in the account settings. It is a quick process that will take less than 2 minutes to complete.

Instructions for both of these processes can be found [here](#)

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Jen Sweiderk, at schoolvolunteers@allsaintsva.org

- **Lunch Menu**
[Cafeteria Menu - October](#)
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- **Running with the Saints 5K - Volunteer Opportunity!**
We are looking for volunteers to help make the upcoming Running with the Saints 5k a success! Whether you assist with the Packet Pickup Party the day before or help with day-of activities, we would love your support. Check out the Track it Forward links below. Thank you for being a part of this community!

[Race Day Volunteer - Sign up](#)

Upcoming Events

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 & 3rd Grade Procession of Saints (8:30 a.m.)

8th 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.)

Monday, November 10

Holiday (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Tuesday, November 11

Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Wednesday, November 12

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation II

Thursday, November 13

School Mass – Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (8:30 a.m.)

The Gift of Human Sexuality – Middle School Presentation III

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

Monday, November 17

Lions' Club Screening (Grades K, 3 & 7)

Thursday, November 20

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, November 21

School Mass – Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8:30 a.m.)