



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 29, 2025

Principal's Message:

On Saturday morning, numerous students, parents, relatives, alumni, parishioners, and local community members gathered bright and early for the annual *Running with the Saints 5K*. With 380 registered participants, there was a very large turn-out for this beloved school event. The energy at the start and finish line and among the crowd during the awards presentation in the Parish Activities Center was simply wonderful. From beginning to end it was a great event that provided an opportunity for fellowship, community building, and fund-raising for our school.

I want to thank Mrs. Francesca Gross and Mrs. Sarah Roberts, our 5K Race Co-Chairs, as well as the many members of their committee and the PTO at large for all of their efforts. With great attention to the many details, they orchestrated an event that was literally "well run", safe, and enjoyable for all participants.

I also wish to thank the countless volunteers who provided assistance with the packet pick-up process on Friday and the many aspects of the event on Saturday, including set-up, clean-up, hospitality, and marking the course route. I want to also acknowledge and thank Mr. Martin Stenson, who once again served as the "voice" of the event, coordinating all of the Race Day announcements, and Mrs. Amy Godeaux for again singing the National Anthem.

Standing on the stage and witnessing the joyful faces of the participants as they stepped forward to receive their medals and prizes was truly heartwarming. And perhaps no one was more surprised with being acknowledged than the father of the "youngest participant" in this year's event, a one-month old baby who rode the route in a stroller! Again, many thanks to the PTO leadership for planning and hosting such a terrific event for our school community.

On Friday, we will celebrate the patronal feast of our parish and school, the Solemnity of All Saints. At the beginning of our school Mass at 8:30 a.m., our 3rd graders will participate in the annual Procession of Saints. Following the liturgy, the 8th grade will present "Saints Alive" in the Parish Activities Center, a series of monologues highlighting the lives of the saints that will incorporate icons created by the students. The celebration will continue on Monday as all students, faculty, and staff enjoy free ice cream during lunch, courtesy of the PTO.

As we prepare for this special day, we thank you for giving your children the gift of a Catholic education and for choosing All Saints for your family. We look forward to seeing many of you as we celebrate our Feast Day!

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Lunch Menu

[Cafeteria Menu - November](#)

Open House (Thursday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m.)

All Saints will host an Open House for prospective parents on Thursday, November 6 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. Please share our story with friends, neighbors, and colleagues and encourage them to join us for this in-person event. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (703) 368-4400.

If you are interested in volunteering to set up for the Open House or would like to donate refreshments for the event, please do so below:

Open House Set Up = Sign-Up

Refreshment Donation = Sign-Up

Trunk or Treat - October 29

Join the Knights of Columbus and Troop #1188 for a Spooktacular Night at Trunk or Treat, featuring a fun-filled evening of treats, costumes, and community spirit.

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:30 to 8:00 PM

All Saints Catholic Church

Large parking lot near Brinkley Lane

Parental supervision is required for all children attending.

Bring your family, dress up in your favorite costumes, and enjoy a safe and festive evening.

Please see the [2025 Trunk or Treat flyer](#) below for more details!

Important Reminders

- **Penny Bazaar (Friday, October 31)**

The Penny Bazaar is almost here! As per All Saints tradition, we will be having our annual afternoon of fun and cupcakes on 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!

- **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

- **School Picture Day (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 (Friday, November 7)**

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/>

- **Thanksgiving Luncheon (Monday, November 24)**

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.)

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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:

- **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 kreitzers@me.com. Thank you so much for your support of our students and the All Saints Science Fair!

Upcoming Events

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.)

Monday, November 24

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 25

Thanksgiving Prayer Service (9:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal

End of Trimester I

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28
Thanksgiving Holiday