



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

November 5, 2025

Principal's Message:

This week I wish to provide an update regarding the enhanced safety/security measures that we have implemented since the beginning of the year pertaining to school Masses. I am pleased to confirm that, since the start of the academic year, there has been an off-duty law enforcement presence at each of our school Masses. I am grateful to those members of our community who continue to volunteer their time and expertise in support of this initiative.

As you may have noted, we have also revised our procedures related to student arrival and departure from the church. Additionally, in the last two weeks we have implemented a new protocol by which the side doors of the church are locked at the start of the school Mass.

As previously announced, Monsignor Lee continues to serve as a member of a diocesan committee tasked with reviewing and updating safety standards for schools and parishes. As additional information becomes available related to diocesan requirements and/or guidance, I will provide further updates.

During the month of September, students in grades 3-7 completed the first round of NWEA Map Testing, the standardized testing program used throughout the diocese. The following is a summary of grade level achievement scores in the three subject areas of reading, math, and language arts. Each of the scores represents the national percentile ranking which is based upon the median score of each grade level when compared to the national norm group. For example, a National Percentile (NPR) of 67 would mean that the student group scored above 67% of their grade-level peers in the national norm group. (Note: The scores for 2025-2026 are based on norms updated by NWEA during the summer.)

NWEA MAP Growth Scores – Fall 2025

	Reading	Language Arts	Math
3 rd Grade	67	75	73
4 th Grade	65	69	67
5 th Grade	62	74	57
6 th Grade	59	77	69
7 th Grade	59	77	72

All of the grade level scores exceed 50 percentile which represents the national average in the norm group. I am very proud of our students for their strong performance on this first assessment of the year and grateful for all that our teachers continue to do to create an environment that fosters growth and learning.

At tomorrow's Faculty Meeting, we will be discussing strategies for teachers to use in guiding their students through an individual goal-setting process. It is our hope that this will increase our students' awareness of their performance and provide clarity regarding their projected growth for the remainder of the year. Our goal is for students to meet or exceed their projected learning targets over the course of the academic year.

Teachers will send home copies of individual student score reports in brown envelopes on Friday so that you have an opportunity to review them prior to the Parent-Teacher Conferences next week.

For those who may be interested in learning more about the NWEA MAP testing program and how you can support your child in the learning process, a link from NWEA follows below.

<https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/>

We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences next week.

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New Student Applications & Continuous Enrollment (2026-2027)

Applications for new students for academic year 2026-2027 are now available online.

All current families who wish to enroll a *new student* in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight for the upcoming year may access the application at the link below.

2026-2027 Application Link

In January, we will provide a copy of the *Continuous Enrollment Contract* to parents of students completing their first year of enrollment at All Saints. Through completion of this form, parents may continuously enroll their child/ren through 8th grade at All Saints or, if necessary, until such time that they complete the withdrawal process. With submission of this contract, there is no need for future completion of an annual re-registration form.

The Continuous Enrollment Fee will automatically be billed through FACTS accounts on March 2, 2026. The completion of the contract, for first year families, and payment of the fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

Open House (Tomorrow @ 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 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 please do so below:

Open House Set Up = Sign-Up

Virtues in Practice – November

Virtue of the Month: Stewardship

Definition: Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure

Saints: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (PK -2); Blessed Fra Angelico (Gr. 3-5); St. Joseph Moscati (Gr. 6-8)

PVI Sip & Shop

All are welcome to the PVI Sip & Shop, a holiday vendor open house on Wednesday, November 12, from 6–8 p.m. at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Start your Christmas shopping early! Various handcrafted woodwork, jewelry, greeting cards, candles, embroidered gifts, and more will be for sale. The event is located at 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA. For details, visit www.paulvi.net/sip-and-shop.



St. John Paul the Great - Veteran's Day Weekend - JP5K & Fun Run

"Come Run with Me!" at our annual race to support our Special Services Department, serving students with special needs on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 8:30am. Sign up at jpthegreat.org. You can learn more about our Academic Support, Laudare, and Options Programs on our website, jpthegreat.org.

Important Reminders

- **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.

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.

[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.)

- **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.

[2026-2027 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:

October 31, 2025	FACTS financial aid application closes for 2025-2026
November 1, 2025	FACTS financial aid application opens for 2026-2027
January 12, 2026	Financial aid application due date for diocesan high school students
March 14, 2026	Financial aid application due date for diocesan K-8 school students

- **Lunch Menu**

[Cafeteria Menu - November](#)

- **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

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.)

Sunday, November 9

Diocesan Week of Service

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

Lock Down Drill
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

Monday, December 1

Holiday (Teacher Work Day)
8th Grade Graduation Fee Due via FACTS

Tuesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 4

8th Grade High School Placement Test
Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 5

Advent Penance Service – Grades 3-5 (10:00 a.m.)