



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 19, 2025

Principal's Message:

This week I am pleased to share with you an update regarding the *Design for Excellence* Five Year Plan for our school and the goals that we have identified for 2025-2026. The Five Year Plan is a compilation of the goals from the self-study process and reaccreditation visit that occurred during the 2021-2022 school year.

The following is a list of goals for Year 4 (2025-2026).

1. Strengthen the integration of the Catholic faith across subject areas through professional development and by providing opportunities for collaboration among teachers.
2. Strengthen the onboarding process and mentoring program for new faculty members to ensure that new teachers develop a comprehensive understanding of the school mission and detailed awareness of procedures while experiencing on-going support through collaboration with mentors.
3. Enhance the middle school house system by establishing a common curriculum and goals.
4. Coordinate with the Alumni Committee to provide more current data for the parish email and text messaging platform, which has a subset of data used by the school.

In the months ahead, I'll provide periodic updates as we work to complete these goals. In the meantime, should you have any questions about our Five Year Plan, please do not hesitate to let me know.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday. As in prior years, we ask all parents and visitors to sign-in at the front entrance and to await the guidance of the office staff who will invite parents to meet their child in the classroom just prior to the designated lunch time. Thank you for your support of this event and for your generous contributions in support of Catholic Charities.

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NJHS Thanksgiving Fresh Food Drive

Join us for the All Saints Catholic School Thanksgiving Food Drive during our Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 25, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. In partnership with the Bethany Food Pantry, our National Junior Honor Society members will once again collect food donations to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. This year, our goal is to help prepare 100 meals for our parish food pantry, and we're excited to work together as a school community to make it happen. Please see the link below for the list of food items to be collected by each grade level.



Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference this season. Together, we can fill plates with pie and turkey... and hearts with joy!

Substitute Teacher Opportunities

All Saints is seeking additional substitute teachers for grades PK-8. For more information about this employment opportunity or to request an application, please contact the school office at 703-368-4400 or schooloffice@allsaintsva.org.

Creation Care Club – Apple Pies Still Available!

The Creation Care Club still has 8 frozen apple pies remaining and would like to offer them to those who may be in need at this time. If you know of someone who might enjoy the gift of a pie, please click on the link here to register to receive one pie.

Apple Pie Link

Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate allergy requests. The pies contain apples, cinnamon, white and brown sugar, nutmeg, salt, flour, eggs, and butter. We can honor the first 20 requests. We will send a confirmation email to remind you about the pick-up times. The pies must be picked up on Thursday, November 20th at the school office between 1:45pm and 3pm. Please contact Mrs. Starrs at pstarrs@allsaintsva.org for more information.

Note from the Nurse

The Lion's Club hearing and vision screening results will be returned this week. All hearing forms have been filled out by the assessor; please take notice to the results at the bottom of the form. If your child's vision screening was completely normal I did not attach the vision results to the hearing form. If there were any abnormality with the vision screening and a full eye exam is recommended, the results were printed and attached to the hearing results.

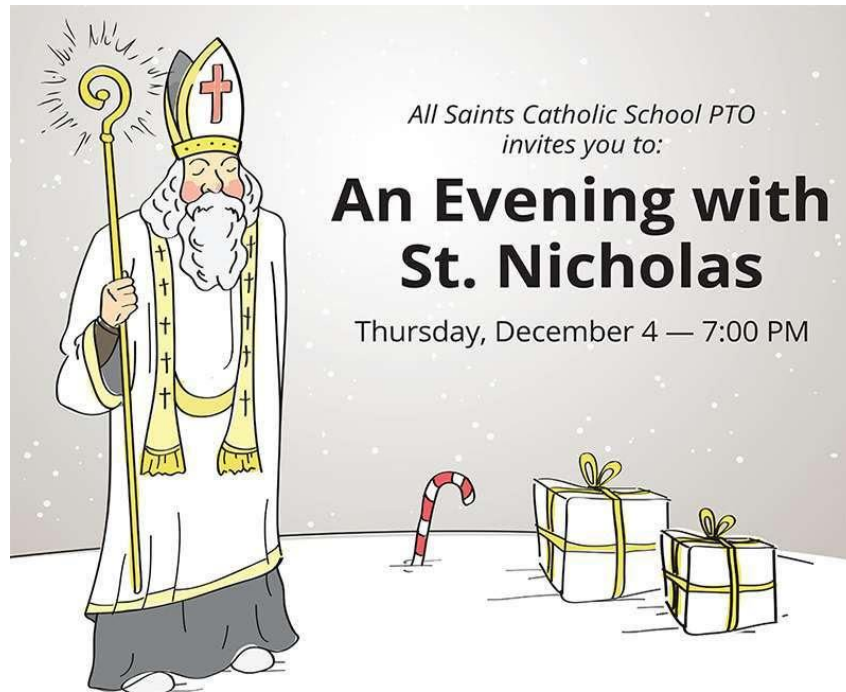
If you have any questions, please let me know.
jsullivan@allsaintsva.org 703.368.4400 Ext. 207

Important Reminders

An Evening with St. Nicholas Prayer Service (December 4)

Plan to join us for *An Evening with Saint Nicholas* on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 PM. The event will begin with an Advent Prayer Service in the church, with music provided by the Schola. The "Procession of Shoes" will once again be led by Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton. At the conclusion of the prayer service, a reception will be held in the Parish Activities Center featuring cookies and cocoa, and a photo opportunity with Saint Nicholas and Mother Seton. *(Please bring your own camera).*

In honor of St. Nicholas, we ask that you bring a donation of a pair of NEW shoes for distribution through House of Mercy. (Donation guidelines: NEW plain colors of tennis shoes – white, blue, black, tan, or brown. No character tennis shoes.) Questions? Please contact Mrs. Christine Breckley at christine.harkins@gmail.com.



Circle of Grace Program

In accordance with national initiatives and diocesan policy, for many years we have taken steps to ensure that your children are in a safe place when they are participating in a program at All Saints Catholic School. In support of this commitment, our school has implemented the diocesan-approved *Circle of Grace* program. This curriculum, which provides unique lessons for grades K-8, has been in use in our diocese for a number of years and has been well-established as a safe environment training option.

We will be integrating the objectives of the program into religion lessons in the weeks ahead beginning on Monday, November 17.

Parents are encouraged to spend time reviewing this information and to discuss with their children as they deem appropriate. Our goal is to equip both you and your children with the knowledge that can help to keep them safe.

Should you have any questions about *Circle of Grace* or the classroom lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the principal.

Zoom Authorization Form

Over the course of the past several years, our school community has successfully demonstrated the capacity to pivot when necessary in order to provide instruction in new and innovative ways for our students, specifically through online learning. It is important that we maintain a process as well as procedures that will allow us to transition to online learning if necessary, such as in the event of multi-day closures due to inclement weather.

In support of this planning process, in the days ahead we will send a digital copy of the Online Technology Consent Form (Zoom Authorization) to parents of all students. With this form on file, we will be ready to provide instruction via Zoom should this ever become necessary during the school year.

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.

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:

Lunch Menu - December

 December 2025  DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00 Low Fat MILK - \$.60 100% JUICE - \$.50				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1. NO SCHOOL Diocesan Teachers work Day	2. Cheeseburger OR Hamburger Baked beans Corn on the Cob	3. Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Ham and Cheese Sandwich. Tator Tots Chilled pineapple *Chocolate ice cream for sale	4. Cheese Pizza OR Turkey and Cheese Sandwich. Tossed Salad Fresh Oranges	5. Chili dog OR Hot dog Potato chips Fresh Apples
8. Breakfast Sandwich (English Muffin, Turkey sausage, Egg Patty, Yellow Cheese) Tator Tots Fresh Oranges	9. Chicken Nuggets OR Ham and Cheese Sandwich. Dinner Rolls Green Beans	10. Soft Beef Tacos OR Chicken Quesadilla. White rice Black Beans Fresh Grapes * Sugar cookies for sale	11. Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Caesar Salad Fresh Apples	12. Beef Chili Pasta OR Plain Buttered Pasta. Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli
15. Italian Sub OR American Sub. Pickles Potato Chips Chilled pineapple	16. Pancakes w/Syrup Turkey Sausage Scrambled Eggs Fresh Oranges	17. Salisbury Steak w/Gravy. OR Turkey and Cheese Sandwich.. Mashed Potato Green Beans. *Vanilla ice cream for sale	18. Vocelli's Cheese Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Oranges	19. Hot Ham and cheese OR Hot Turkey & Cheese Sandwich. (Both served on Croissant) Tator Tots Chilled Tropical Fruit
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>				
29.	30.	31.		
*GRADES 3-8 ONLY—Extra entrée may be ordered for \$3.00 cash OR students may charge to lunch account. Salad may be ordered in place of main entrée OR side items may be replaced with side salad. Side items (Potato Chips, Fruit, etc.) may be purchased separately for \$.75 and charged to your account.				

JP the Great - Announcements

JP Drama Presents William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing

Welcome to Messina, Italy, where a battle of wits ensues and secret plots unfold! In one of Shakespeare's most side-splitting plays, a tangled web of misunderstandings threatens to turn the comedic chaos of two pairs of lovers into tragedy. With mistaken identities and Cold War tensions on the rise, will this "merry war" of love run smooth or is all this fuss truly "about

nothing?" Join us at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for JP Drama's presentation of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* from Friday, November 21st through Sunday, November 23rd. Click here to purchase your tickets today: <https://jpthegreat.booktix.com/>



Boys Wrestling Camp - November 13th - January 29th

John Paul the Great's Boys Wrestling Camp is back this winter! Open to 4th - 8th grade boys interested in wrestling! No experience required! Multiple rates available. We hope to see you there! Click here to register: https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/upcoming_events

Interested in Boys Wrestling?

Join us at JP for our Boys Wrestling Camp!

JP's Boys Wrestling Head Coach Jacob Kingett invites you to participate in a skill-building camp at JP from November through January!

Boys Wrestling Camp Details

- Open to 4th grade boys
- Regularly scheduled! Held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in the Wrestling Room from 5:30-7:00 PM.
- Pick and choose which dates to attend! We encourage you to attend as many as you can!

Camp Dates

November: 13, 18, 20
December: 2, 4, 9, 11
January: 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

For registration and schedule changes, please email Coach Kingett at jacob.kingett@jptheat.org.

Participants will submit payment for the camp session and complete a registration form prior to attendance. There is a fee of \$100 for each camp session and a \$50 fee for the registration form. For any questions, please email Coach Kingett at jacob.kingett@jptheat.org.

There will be no refunds available. All payments final.

722.455.8246 | JPTHEGREAT.ORG | ADMISSIONS@JPTHEGREAT.ORG
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Upcoming Events

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

Advent Prayer Service (8:30 a.m.)

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.)

Report Cards sent Home

Monday, December 8

School Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, December 9

Virtual Solo Band Concert

Wednesday, December 10

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

Friday, December 12

School Mass – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (10:00 a.m.)

Monday, December 15

Picture Make-Ups

Wednesday, December 17

Advent Penance Service – Grades 6-8 (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, December 18

Pre-Kindergarten Christmas Pageant (10:00 a.m.)

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten Prior to Christmas

Christmas Pageant (1:45 p.m. Dress Rehearsal/7:00 p.m. Performance for Parents)

Friday, December 19

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Classroom Christmas Parties (1:30 p.m.)