



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 25, 2025

Principal's Message:

We were delighted to welcome more than six hundred people yesterday to one of our greatest traditions, the Thanksgiving Luncheon. It is always a joy to witness school families, as well as grandparents and alumni, gathering together for this beloved time of food and fellowship.

I wish to thank Mrs. Fleisig, Director of Cafeteria Services for her leadership and attention to the details, and the members of her team; Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Wagner, and Mrs. Castaneda, for their great dedication. Also, special thanks to Ms. Mallon for coordinating the logistics surrounding the event and our Facilities Staff for all of their efforts related to the set-up and delivery of the additional equipment needed in the kitchen. Thank you, Mr. Andre, Mr. Paul, Mr. Enriquez, and Mrs. Gonzalez.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the many parent volunteers who assisted before, during, and after the luncheon. Organized by Mrs. Sweiderk, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, these parents coordinated many of the important but "behind the scenes" tasks that helped to make the luncheon such a pleasant and festive time for our school community.

And, of course, I wish to thank our very special servers, Msgr. Lee, Fr. Renner, and Fr. Eugene. Their presence and joyful interactions with families is always a highlight of the event for our students.

Truth be told, my role in this large-scale event is very small. It is that of personally delivering the coffee orders for each member of our cafeteria team on Sunday morning as they begin a long day of cooking and preparations. It is but a small sign of my appreciation and encouragement for the team – and perhaps a way of carefully side-stepping other roles that they might offer, such as cooking the turkeys!

This year, when I arrived in the cafeteria on Sunday morning, I was delighted to see the many parents who had already gathered to assist. As a small group was busy at work slicing all of the

pies, others were organizing and displaying the vast collection of decorations that we have amassed through the years. With the cafeteria team already hard at work in the kitchen as well, I could not help but think of the wonderful community that we have at All Saints. It is a place where faculty, staff, and parents work together to provide a beautiful experience for our students. That, without question, is something for which we can all be very grateful this holiday.

As you pause to gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, please know of my gratitude and that of Msgr. Lee for your participation in our school community. We are delighted that you have chosen All Saints for your family and count you among our blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Knights of Columbus – Poster Contest

Students in Grades K-8 are invited to participate in the *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest* sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Entry forms and posters may be forwarded to the school office and are due by December 10. For more information, please see the links below.

[Poster Entry Form](#)

[KCIC Rules](#)

Important Reminders

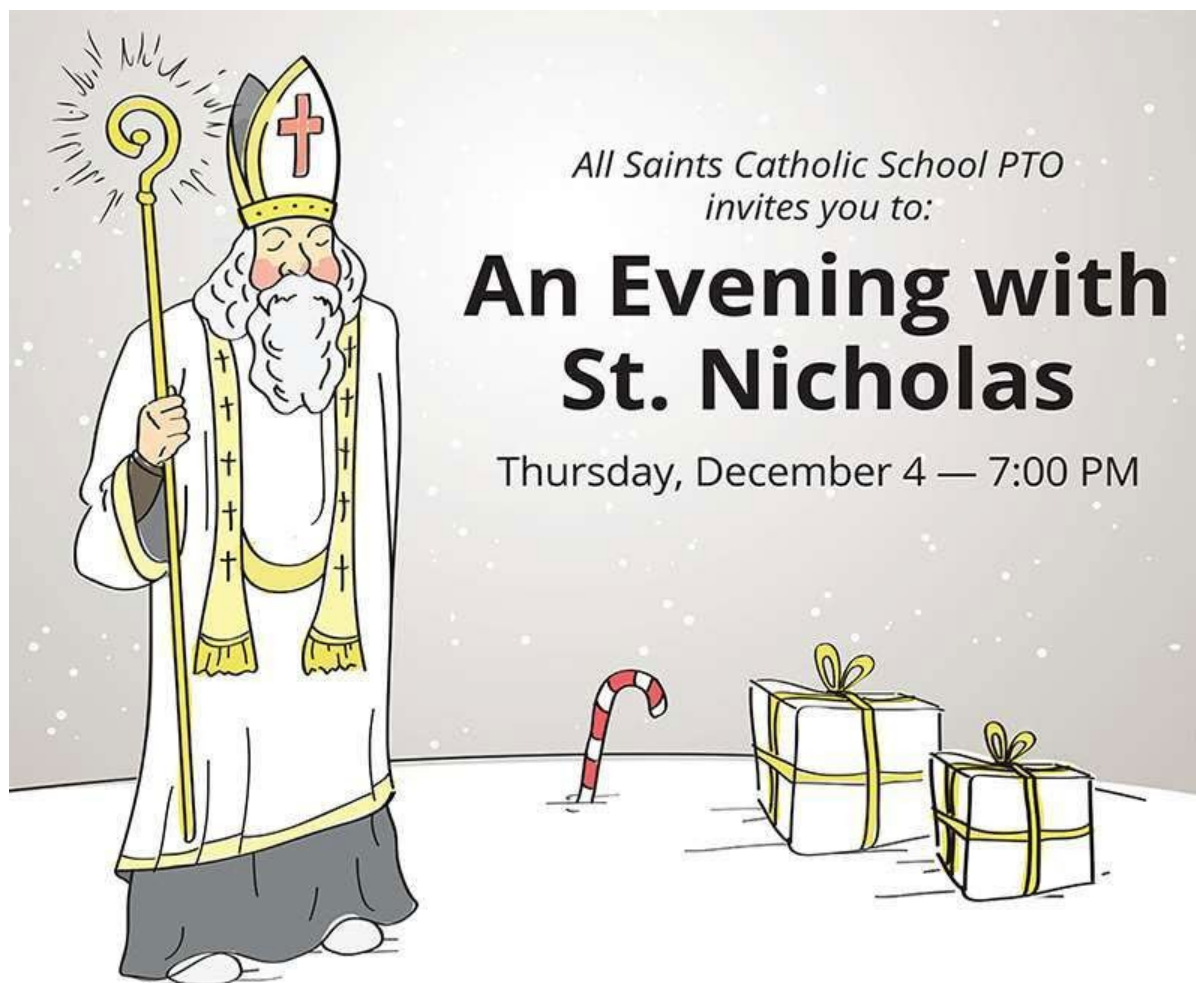
- **Substitute Teacher Opportunities**

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.

- ***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.



*All Saints Catholic School PTO
invites you to:*

An Evening with St. Nicholas

Thursday, December 4 — 7:00 PM

- **Zoom Authorization Form**

Last week we sent a digital copy of the Online Technology Consent Form (Zoom Authorization) to parents of all students. Parents are reminded to complete this online form as soon as possible. With this form on file, we will be ready to provide instruction via Zoom should this 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:

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 - [December](#)

<div>  <h1>December 2025</h1>  </div> <p>DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00 Low Fat MILK - \$.60 100% JUICE - \$.50</p>				
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.		
<p>*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.</p>				

Upcoming Events

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.)

Monday, December 22

Christmas Holiday Begins

Monday, January 5

School Resumes

NWEA Map Testing (through January 23)