



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

January 28, 2026

Principal's Message

I hope that you and your family are well, staying safe and warm during this time of extreme cold and continued wintry conditions.

Yesterday morning, as we made the transition to online learning, I joined one of the elementary classes for the start of their day. It was a great joy to see the smiling faces of the students and to witness their eagerness as well as the strong sense of community within the "classroom." I observed this time and again as I visited online classes, seeing firsthand the focused and thoughtful interactions between teachers and students. I was reminded of one of the priorities that we set forth for this year, i.e. to create a sense of "belonging" for our students. It was so clearly evident yesterday as many of our students experienced online learning for the first time and did so, together, with the support and clear guidance of their teachers. I am grateful to the faculty and staff for all of their efforts in planning for this moment and for fostering such a wonderful and encouraging learning environment for our students.

On Monday evening, the Parish Finance Council met online to review and discuss the school budget for the 2026-2027 academic year. With the unanimous recommendation of the Council, Monsignor Lee has approved a budget that reflects a continued commitment to increasing the level of compensation for our teachers and staff.

For the upcoming school year, tuition for both the Pre-Kindergarten and K-8 programs will increase 3%. This increase will allow us to not only sustain and grow our programs, but also support a salary increase for our faculty and staff who demonstrate great dedication to the mission of our school.

We are thankful for the continued support of our parish which contributes a significant annual investment to help finance the operations of the school, allowing for tuition rates that are lower than the actual cost of educating a child in our program. Additionally, our ability to provide more than \$300,000 in tuition assistance continues to ensure that families in our community are able to give their children the gift of a Catholic education regardless of financial considerations. We are grateful to our parish and diocese as well as to the many donors who support this effort through their contributions to the Scholarship Foundation Fund and other programs.

This week we mark the occasion of Catholic Schools Week, an annual opportunity to celebrate our heritage with schools across the nation. Due to the inclement weather and subsequent school closures, all of the activities that we planned have been postponed. We are in the process of rescheduling key events and look forward to sharing those details in the days ahead.

In closing, I want to congratulate the students in our 2nd grade class who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday. We are so very proud of them and assure them of our prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Communion in May.

On behalf of our pastor, Monsignor Lee Roos, the clergy, faculty, and staff, thank you for choosing All Saints Catholic School for your family. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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Important Reminders

- **PTO General Assembly Meeting – Presenter: Mary Lenaburg (February 10)**

The next PTO General Assembly Meeting will take place on February 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. We are excited to announce that Mrs. Mary Lenaburg, an acclaimed Catholic speaker and award-winning author who is renowned for her international keynotes and contributions in Catholic media, will be our guest speaker.

Mrs. Lenaburg's presentation, *Hidden in His Wounds: A Lenten Journey of Resilience, Prayer, and Love*, will provide a profound moment of reflection for us as we prepare for the season of Lent. Drawing from her personal witness and life experience, Mrs. Lenaburg will share how Lent calls us not to avoid suffering, but to enter into it with Christ.

[PTO Invitation Flyer](#)

- **Employment Opportunity – Extended Day Assistant (Part-Time)**

All Saints is seeking applicants for a part-time position in Extended Day. The hours are approximately 2:00-4:30 p.m. each day with an earlier start time on half days. In addition to working in a vibrant, faith-filled environment, employees with children enrolled in the school are eligible for a tuition discount. For more information, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

- **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.

- **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

Yearbook Cover Art Contest - Deadline: Friday, January 30

The Yearbook Committee is hosting its annual [Yearbook Cover Contest](#). The committee is looking for a front and back cover that represents the spirit of All Saints Catholic School and incorporates our theme –***Shining our light, building a community of saints.***

To submit an entry, please note the following:

- Make sure your entry is on two pieces of plain white paper. The finished size of each page of your design must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11.
- Lightly write your name and your teacher's name on the BACK of each page.
- Please DO NOT sign your name on the front of these pages.
- Please avoid using crayons or glitter.

Mrs. Short will be introducing the contest during art classes in early January. Entries are due to Mrs. Ward no later than Friday, January 30, 2026. The winning entry will win a free Yearbook. We look forward to seeing your amazing artwork!



ATTENTION STUDENTS!

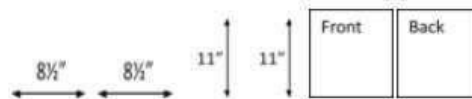
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- **Save the Date- Father Daughter Dance**

Mark your calendars for the All Saints Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 7th from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale soon!

SAVE THE DATE
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

PREK-8TH GRADE GIRLS & THEIR FATHER FIGURES

Enchanted Forest

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

6:30-8:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!



- **Saint John Paul the Great:**

Gala & Auction "A Legacy of Life" Join us on Saturday, February 7, 2026, for an engaging evening with a delicious buffet dinner, and dancing. The night will also include both live and silent auctions- all in support of Catholic education. We are excited to announce that our founder, Bishop Loverde, will be in attendance. Join him in this special night of celebration! For information on how to support John Paul, visit: <https://onecau.se/johnpaulgala>

S U P P O R T O U R M I S S I O N



Saturday, February 7, 2026

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with a delicious buffet dinner, inspiring entertainment, a Live auction, Silent auction, and 50/50 Raffle.



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- **John Paul the Great Clinics & Workshops - 4th-8th grades!**

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School has a few exciting opportunities for younger students to explore their interests! We hope to see you at one or more of our clinics & workshops! Here is a list of what's upcoming: Drama Workshop (Sat, Feb 7th), Super Science Saturday (Sat, Feb 28th), Girls Volleyball Clinic (Sat, Mar 28th), Boys Wrestling Camp is back (ongoing - end of January), and more on the way! Click here to start your registration: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

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 4-8th 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!



Price options! \$30 per session or \$350 for all sessions!

- Just want to try it out? First session is free! Email jacob.kingett@jpthegreat.org for the registration form in advance of your session!
- All-session and Drop-in rates include a one-time \$25 admin fee.
- Multi-student discount available for all session sign-ups! Email jacob.kingett@jpthegreat.org for more information.

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@jpthegreat.org.

Participants will submit payment for the camp/sessions and complete a registration form prior to attendance. Please list your RSVP for each camp date you plan to attend on the registration form. For any questions, please email Coach Kingett at jacob.kingett@jpthegreat.org.

There will be no refunds available. All payments final.



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Upcoming Events

Friday, January 30

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Diocesan Honor Choir (St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School/9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Faculty/Staff Luncheon)

Deadline: Yearbook Cover Contest

Tuesday, February 3

Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 6

School Mass – Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, February 9

SCA Sponsored Dress Down Day (Jersey Day)

Tuesday, February 10

Advanced Band – First After School Rehearsal

PTO General Assembly Meeting & Presentation: Mrs. Mary Lenaburg (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 11

Spelling Bee (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Valentine's Day Parties – Grades K-5 (1:30 p.m.)

Monday, February 16

Holiday (Presidents' Day)

Tuesday, February 17

Farewell to the Alleluia Prayer Service (2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday School Mass (10:00 a.m.)

Thursday, February 19

Middle School Science Fair

Friday, February 20

CYO Jersey Day

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

Band Concert (PAC/2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 25

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

Thursday, February 26

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-2 (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, February 27

School Mass – St. Gregory of Narek (8:30 a.m.)