



All Saints Catholic School

Filled with God's joy and peace, abounding in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 30, 2024

Principal's Message

As I sit down to write this column, the *Running with the Saints 5K* has just wrapped up, with both the runners and the volunteers, hopefully enjoying a well-deserved rest. With close to 300 runners in attendance, there was tremendous support from the school, parish, and surrounding community for this annual tradition.

I remain very grateful to the following members of our PTO team who organized all of the details. Meeting on a weekly basis in the months leading up to the 5K, they coordinated all of the logistics, ensuring that the 5K was a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

- Mrs. Amanda Caggiano and Mrs. Mary Pearl (5K Co-Chairs)
- Mr. Charles Kapur (RaceWire Chair and Advisor)
- Mr. Mike Burnett and Mrs. Janis DeVore (Outreach/Marketing Chairs)
- Mrs. Michele Fallon (Volunteer Chair)
- Mrs. Angela McVicar (Sponsorship Chair)
- Mrs. Kelly Ballard (PTO President and Advisor)

I also wish to thank the numerous volunteers who provided assistance on the day of the 5K. While there are too many people to thank each by name, I do wish to recognize several for their distinct contributions.

Mr. Martin Stenson, who served as the “voice” of the event through coordination of all Race Day announcements.

Mrs. Amy Godeaux, former school parent and music teacher in our program, for once again singing the National Anthem.

Mrs. Myra Hayde, parish staff member, for leading the 5K on her little red scooter.

One of the highlights of the event for me was the awards presentation which took place on the stage in the Parish Activities Center. With the use of a red carpet and stage lighting, the Race Committee did a

terrific job of making the winners feel extra special. In fact, as one of our kindergarten students climbed the steps to receive his medal, I overheard him say to himself, "I can't believe this is happening!" What a magical moment for that young student, one of many that occurred during this beautiful community event. Again, many thanks to all who supported the 5K and to those who participated!

Last Thursday evening, more than one hundred of our middle school students gathered in the Parish Activities Center for the annual Glow Party. With pizza, music, and many glow in the dark bracelets and items, it was a wonderful time for our middle school. I wish to thank the students who generously donated 149 canned items in support of this event to benefit the St. Bethany Food Pantry.

Friday is the patronal feast of our parish and school, the Solemnity of All Saints. It is an occasion marked by celebration beginning with Mass and the 3rd grade Procession of Saints at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 8th grade presentation of "Saints Alive" in the Parish Activities Center and classrooms. During lunch, all students, faculty, and staff will enjoy free ice cream, 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!

Wishing you continued blessings!

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Help Our School by Sponsoring an Ad!

Our printing company Gaske is looking for businesses interested in helping underwrite the cost of our school folders, calendars, excuse pads, and calendar magnets.

If you are interested in participating in the ad program, please complete the attached form and return to the front office or call the printer directly.

[Sponsor Form](#)



Important Reminders

- **Penny Bazaar (Tomorrow)**

As per All Saints tradition, we will be having our annual afternoon of fun and cupcakes tomorrow, October 31. This event will be held in the back parking lot from 1:30-2:30 p.m. 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 school community building a success!

- **School Picture Day (November 4)**

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.

Images will be available to view and purchase approximately two weeks following our school's picture day. Save time and Pre-order online

here: <https://vando.imagequix.com/q1001140795#login>

For questions about ordering school pictures, please email underclass@vosphoto.com.

- **Veterans Day Mass, Assembly & Reception (November 8)**

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 8 at 8:30 AM. After Mass, there will be an assembly in the PAC, followed by a reception for our honored guests in the school gym.

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.

2024 Veterans Student Packet:

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-Veterans-Student-Packet.pdf>

- **Thanksgiving Luncheon (November 25)**

On Monday, November 25 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 the St. Lucy Project, a large warehouse in Manassas where staff and volunteers process and distribute donations to numerous food pantries in our region. This initiative is in support of *We Care Week* to benefit Catholic Charities which is 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. Additionally, the NJHS will set up a collection station at the entrance to the cafeteria on the day of the event. We invite your participation again as we work together to support the mission of Catholic Charities and to make a positive difference in our community of Manassas.

Thanksgiving Lunch 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. (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.)

- **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.

- **Tuition Assistance Program (2025-2026)**

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 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program](#)

Information about the program can also be found on the diocesan website.

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/tuition-assistance>

- **Menú de Almuerzo**

[Menú Cafetería - Noviembre](#)

- **PVI Sip & Shop**

All are welcome to the PVI Sip & Shop, a holiday vendor open house on Wednesday, November 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Start your Christmas shopping early! Various hand-crafted wood crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, candles, embroidered gifts, and more will be for sale. The event is located at 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA, www.paulvi.net, sipandshop@paulvi.net.

[Sip & Shop Flyer](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 31

Penny Bazaar (1:30-2:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 1

Change to Winter Uniforms

School Mass (3rd Grade Procession of Saints) – Solemnity of All Saints (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Saints Alive Presentation (PAC/9:30 a.m.)

Sunday, November 3

Diocesan Vocations Awareness Week

Monday, November 4

Picture Day (Classes & Individual Photos) – Winter Uniforms

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

Open House (PAC Atrium/9:00 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, November 8

Veterans Day Mass, Assembly & Reception (8:30 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Monday, November 11

Veterans Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School or Extended Day)

Tuesday, November 12

Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation #1

Seniors' Luncheon (6th Grade)

Wednesday, November 13

School Mass – Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (8:30 a.m.)

Thursday, November 14

Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation #2

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

Friday, November 15

SCA Dress Down Day for Hurricane Relief (\$1.00)

Sunday, November 17

Discover Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, November 19

Gift of Human Sexuality Middle School Presentation #3

Thursday, November 21

Adoration & Benediction (2:15 p.m.)

Friday, November 22

School Mass – Memorial of St. Cecilia (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, November 25

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, November 26

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

End of Trimester I

Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29

Thanksgiving Holiday