



All Saints Catholic School

Filled with God's joy and peace, abound 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

April 9, 2025

Principal's Message

This week I share with you the news that Mrs. Janis DeVore, Director of Marketing and Development, will be leaving her position at the close of the school year in order to transition into a new employment opportunity. For the past eighteen years, Mrs. DeVore has done outstanding work for our school, managing our communications, social media, enrollment planning, marketing efforts, annual fund campaign, alumni gatherings, and the roll-out of the video production program. She has significantly impacted the life of our school, consistently articulating and communicating the brand that is All Saints. Through her kind and thoughtful interactions with others and her strong commitment to our faith she has truly helped to advance the mission of our school. And through her professionalism, poise, and ever-gracious manner, she has helped to set the standard and inspired others in our community. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service and wish her abundant blessings as she begins her new role.

Additionally, this week I wish to provide an update regarding the middle school literature program. As I have not been able to identify a candidate to fill the current opening for a full-time teacher for the remainder of the academic year, Mrs. Ward has graciously agreed to continue in her role of long-term substitute teacher through June. I am grateful for her dedication and her focused implementation of the new reading program, the result of which is a learning environment that is both challenging and supportive for our students.

On Friday, students in the middle school will participate in our first Renaissance Faire, a cross-curricular event that will include a wide-range of interesting and engaging learning activities. I wish to thank the Middle School Team for their many hours of planning that began last August and for all that they are doing to make this a meaningful experience for our students. In a particular way, I wish to thank Ms. Smith, social studies teacher, for organizing and leading the effort.

In preparation for the event, students have been writing sonnets and I was fortunate to visit the language arts classroom last week where I witnessed them working on the final revisions of their projects. As I spoke with students and reviewed their work, I was proud not only of their understanding of sonnets, but of the fact that they were so invested in the process, carefully composing and decorating their poems. I was inspired by their efforts and thought I would take this opportunity to share one example with you, just in time for the start of Holy Week.

Jesus

*Oh Lord of love so kind and true and bright
He walked with us and showed amazing grace
He shone with hope throughout the darkest night
Then took the cross to save the human race
With wounded hands he broke our chain of sins
A crown of thorns upon His head was laid
Yet through His pain salvation did begin
And death itself before His feet obeyed
His tomb was bare and the stone was rolled away
The victory of life forever won
The morning dawned with hope's eternal ray
Then mercy rose anew with rising sun
O Jesus King of Heaven reign above
Please fill our hearts with everlasting love*

(Alana C., 6th Grade)

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CRS Rice Bowl Collection

Thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl project during this Lenten season. This effort has provided our students with a specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and to truly make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering in our local community and around the world.

Families who have participated in the Rice Bowl effort are asked to convert the monetary donations into checks made out to All Saints Catholic School and to forward them to the office by **Wednesday, April 16**.

Please be sure to include a reference to “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo section of the check. All of the proceeds will be totaled and forwarded to the Diocese of Arlington in support of Catholic Relief Services.

Charity Children – School Supplies Drive

The Charity Children Club are sponsoring a school supplies drive to support the efforts of House of Mercy as they plan for the upcoming academic year. Students and families who wish to donate school supplies may drop them off in the designated boxes in the new breezeway entrance. The collection begins on Tuesday, April 15 and will extend through Thursday, May 1.

20th Annual Race for Education

Have you signed up your students yet? Register now!

Families who register on PledgeStar and send at least two pledge requests by Thursday, April 10 at 11:59 PM will be entered into a raffle to win a \$30 gift card to 1st Place Spiritwear! Find all the details on this year's Race for Education at our information page.

Questions? Email our Race Coordinators at raceforeducation@allsaintsva.org.



Important Reminders

Diocesan Survey – Special Education

The Diocese of Arlington is dedicated to fostering a welcoming environment within our parish and school communities where all people are embraced. As part of the Diocesan Strategic Plan, the Special Education Advisory Committee was formed to strengthen the conversation between the bishop and families with special needs. A short survey was designed to gather insights into the experiences and needs of families within our diocese, and all responses will remain confidential. Parents who are interested in participating in this process are invited to complete the survey found at the link below.

<https://forms.gle/wCsrM3dYRca5i2c26>

End of Year Calendar & Events

Friday, May 23

Field Day – Grades K-8

Thursday, May 29

Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten

Friday, June 6

Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.)

Graduation Breakfast for 8th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.)

Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7

Thursday, June 12

Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)

Friday, June 13

Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7 Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.)

Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal

Monday, June 16

Professional Development Day for Teachers

Tuesday, June 17

Professional Development Day for Teachers

Welcome Committee – Seeking Volunteers

The **Welcoming Committee** consists of school parents who volunteer their time to connect with new families entering into our school community. Members of the Welcoming Committee are here to serve as

a personal resource to new families. Committee members provide answers to questions from a parent perspective, share ways to get involved in the life of the school, introduce new families to other All Saints families, and provide general support as needed.

The school will provide training for Welcoming Committee members in May. During July, committee members will be paired with families.

Parents who are interested in serving as members of the Welcoming Committee may sign up via Track it Forward [here](#).

Employment Opportunity – Cafeteria Substitute

The school is seeking applicants interested in working as on-call substitute staff in the cafeteria, assisting with food preparation, serving, and cleaning. For more information about this opportunity, please contact the principal at dconroy@allsaintsva.org.

2025 Lenten Fish Fry

There will be a Lenten Fish Fry in the Bishop Russell Hall (Knights Hall behind All Saints Catholic Church or the Fridays listed below during Lent. (9290 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA. 20110) The Fish Fries is open to the public.

Menu for March 7, thru April 11,2025 will be: Choice of baked or fried fish, Panko Shrimp or Grilled Cheese, or Macaroni and Cheese with, Hush Puppies, vegetable and Coleslaw. There will be a different vegetable each week (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables and peas). \$11.00 per person. Both cod and tilapia will be available each week. Iced water and coffee are included in the meal price. Soft drinks will be available for purchase at \$1.00 each. The event is open to the public, from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm, so please bring your friends. Beer and wine will be available at \$3.00 each. A Children's dinner with Grilled Cheese will be available at \$5.00. There will not be extra portions sold with Children's dinners.

Extra fish, shrimp or Mac and Cheese will be available at an additional cost of \$5.00.

Fish Fry on most Fridays during Lent.

Friday, April 11,2025

Fish Fry will be hosted by a different Charity each week.

George Brent Council -- Friday, April 11,2025

For more information, please contact John Masarick by phone or e-mail. E-mail:john_masarick@comcast.net Phone: 703-368-1603.

Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Menu - April

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting

Since 2004, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps has offered **Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp** to hundreds of Diocesan families and friends.

This July 7th - 18th young people are invited to experience top level instruction as they engage in creative fun through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more! The camps are taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise. Each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Theatrical Performance by the campers.

Learn more and register at SpotlightSummerCamps.com.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 9

ACRE Testing – Grades 5 & 8

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Title I Family Workshop - Kindergarten & 1st Grade (PLC/7:45 – 8:15 a.m.)

Middle School Renaissance Faire (12:00-2:30 p.m.)

Monday, April 14

Lockdown Drill

Wednesday, April 16

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

CRS Rice Bowl Donations Due

Thursday, April 17

7th Grade Passion Play (PAC/10:45 a.m.)

Noon Dismissal – Holy Thursday

Friday, April 18

Holiday – Good Friday

Monday, April 21

Easter Holiday Begins

Monday, April 28

School Resumes

Kindergarten Screening (**No Pre-K or Kindergarten Classes**)

Tuesday, April 29

Pre-Kindergarten Field Trip (Great Country Farm)

Kindergarten Field Trip (Maple Tree Farm)

Wednesday, April 30

20th Annual Race for Education

Thursday, May 1

School Mass & May Crowning (8:30 a.m.)

8th Grade Graduation & 2nd Grade First Communion Photos (9:15 a.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Robotics Team Showcase (Holy Spirit School/7:30-8:30 p.m.)

Friday, May 2

Holiday (Parish Festival Prep Day)

Monday, May 5

NWEA Map Testing – 3rd Round Begins (Through May 23)

Tuesday, May 6

1st Grade Field Trip – National Zoo

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

Thursday, May 8

Spring Choral Concert (1:30 & 7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 9

Band Trip to Busch Gardens (7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Mother's Tea, hosted by the PTO (PAC/9:15 – 11:00 a.m.)