



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

February 11, 2026

Principal's Message

Although postponed due to the recent snowstorm, our celebration of Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful experience for students, faculty, and staff. I wish to thank Ms. Mallon, the members of the planning committee, and the PTO for organizing all of the details. Undeterred by the delays related to inclement weather, they worked diligently to ensure that our school community enjoyed this annual celebration of our Catholic heritage and mission.

This week I wish to provide an update regarding our safety and security measures. Next Wednesday, February 18, our students will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00 a.m. Because of the large number of parishioners who attend daily Mass on Ash Wednesday, it has been our tradition for many years to have a separate Mass for the school.

In an effort to further enhance our security, please note that Ash Wednesday Mass for the school will be a “closed event”, meaning that only students, faculty, and staff will be permitted to attend the Mass. As

such, parents who have participated in this school Mass in prior years are invited to attend another parish Mass that day.

Similarly, Stations of the Cross as well as Adoration & Benediction for the school community during Lent will also be “closed events” with only students, faculty, and staff in attendance.

Please note that these changes are not in response to a specific concern. Rather, they present an opportunity to tighten security for school events that occur within a liturgical season during which there are typically more visitors to the church.

I will continue to keep you apprised of any changes and updates to our school safety and security plan. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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15th Annual Catholic Cup

Last Wednesday, students gathered in the Parish Activities Center to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith in the 15th Annual Catholic Cup, a signature event of our Catholic Schools Week celebration. The following winners of classroom competitions from grades 4-8 advanced to the final round in an academic-style competition with questions related to Catholic theology and teaching.

Congratulations to our 2026 Catholic Cup winner, Noah P. and to Olivia D., our second-place winner.

4A Representative: Savannah T.

4A Alternate: James P.

4B Representative: Tirsa S.

4B Alternate: Rocco M.

5A Representative: Zoe H.

5A Alternate: Sophia M.

5B Representative: Olivia D.

5B Alternate: Christopher B.

6A Representative: Brianna P.

6A Alternate: Vera H.

6B Representative: Sara B.

6B Alternate: Alex C.

7A Representative: Daisy C.

7A Alternate: Ghersey A.

7B Representative: Shaela P.

7B Alternate: Sebastian M.

8A Representative: Patrick Y.

8A Alternate: Max S.

8B Representative: Noah P.

8B Alternate: Vi T.

Catholic Schools Week Art Contest

Congratulations to the following students for their winning entries in the Catholic Schools Week art contest. We thank all of the students who participated in this competition and whose beautiful work can be seen in the hallways of our school.

4th Grade – All Saints

Brooke T.

5th Grade – Church Towers

Olivia D.

6th Grade – Mandalas into Rose Windows

Maggie M.

7th & 8th Grade – Churches from Across the Country

Arabella S.

Diocesan Teacher Job Fair - March 21

Each spring the Diocese of Arlington hosts a *Teacher Job Fair* for those interested in learning more about the ministry of Catholic education. This year the event will take place at St. Bernadette School from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on

Saturday, March 21. For more information about the event, please see the link below.



discover you

Teacher Job Fair

Saturday, March 21, 2026
9-11 AM

St. Bernadette Catholic School
7602 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA

Explore
website
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools>
job openings
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>
application process
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

Register



2026 Office of Catholic Schools
Job Fair Registration

A special "Career Switcher" session will be held from 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. to answer questions regarding qualifications to teach in the Diocese.

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the **37** elementary schools, **4** high schools and **4** stand-alone preschools serving almost **18,000** students in the **13** cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.

Yearbook Orders

A wonderful way to commemorate the school year is by purchasing an All Saints Yearbook. **Our 2025-2026 school yearbook is available to order now!**

The cost is \$25.00 per yearbook, and personalization is available for an additional fee of \$5.00.

All orders must be placed online through the link below:

- Please visit the Lifetouch website to order online:
<http://www.buytheyearbook.com/>.
- The All Saints school code is **733573**.

For questions regarding the All Saints Catholic School Yearbook, please contact Mrs. Cecilia Mondarez at cmondarez@allsaintsva.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the yearbook and All Saints Catholic School.

Save-the-Date - John Paul the Great Open House on March 5th

Planning for high school? Join us at John Paul the Great for a special Preview Open House for younger students on Thursday, March 5th from 4:00-5:30 PM! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! [Click here to register!](#)



Join the Wolf Pack
at our upcoming events!

Special Preview Open House for 5th, 6th & 7th Graders
Thursday, March 5, 4:00-5:30pm

It's never too early to start thinking about high school! Join us Thursday, March 5, 4:00-5:30pm for our Preview Open House. Get a first hand look at what life could be like as a student at John Paul. Meet our wonderful teachers, students, administration and coaches! Learn about our academics, athletics, clubs, spiritual life and more!

- Spiritual and Academic Leadership of the Dominican Sisters
- Experienced Faculty & Staff
- Accredited College Prep Curriculum, including AP, Dual Enrollment, and Honors Courses
- Unique Bioethics Program
- State-of-the-Art Classroom and Athletic Facilities
- Competitive Athletic Program
- Special Education: The Options Program
- Tuition Assistance and Transportation Options

What's New at JP

- Feb-Mar Adult Bioethics Seminars
- Feb 7, 10am-12pm Drama Workshop
- Feb 28, 9am-12pm Super Science Saturday
- Mar 28, 9-11am Girls Volleyball Clinic
- May 16, 9am-12pm Pre-HSPT/Parent How to HS

Summer Camps Coming Soon!

Scan the QR code to learn more!

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Important Reminders

- **Virtues in Practice**

Virtue for the Month of February: Honesty

Definition: Being trustworthy and true

Saints: Sts. Jacinta & Francesco Marto (PK-2), St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Gr. 3-5), St. Athanasius (Gr. 6-8)

- **Open House – March 5 (9:00 a.m.)**

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Thursday, March 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center. All parishioners and members of the community interested in learning more about our school are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mary Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, at (571) 516-3170 or mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MARCH OPEN HOUSES

Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade



Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 AM
Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM

RSVP: 571-516-3170 | allsaintsva.org

- **Continuous Enrollment Program Fee**

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 this fee will confirm enrollment for your child/ren for the upcoming school year.

- **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 (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](#)

- **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

- **Valentine's Day Raffle**

Raffle tickets are now on sale through Friday, February 13th, the PTO will hold raffle ticket sales to support the 2026 Race for Education. Tickets are 50¢ each, and one lucky student will win a Movie Night at Home themed prize bundle.

Raffle tickets will be sold in the breezeway during morning carpool, and the winning name will be drawn on February 13th.



- **All Saints Catholic School - Father Daughter Dance**

Tickets are officially on sale for the All Saints Father Daughter Dance! To purchase your tickets, you can simply scan the QR code on the flyer below or use the link provided:

Father Daughter Dance - [Purchase Tickets](#)

If you are interested in volunteering with setup or would like to donate refreshments for the event, please sign up using the link below:

[Volunteer Sign up](#)

All Saints Catholic School
Father Daughter Dance
Saturday, March 7, 6:30-8:30pm
Parish Activity Center



All girls prek-8th grade
with their father figures

Scan QR code to purchase advanced tickets.
Advanced Tickets: \$15/father and first daughter
\$5 each additional daughter
(Advanced tickets close 2/28; At the door: \$20/\$5)

Enjoy light refreshments & treats,
fun with DJ, door prizes, and more!
Bring cash for basket raffles,
\$1/raffle ticket.
Don't forget your phone or camera for
the photo booths!



2026 VOLLEYBALL and SPRING TRACK & FIELD
Registration Opens February 1st

To register, please go to <https://allsaintsyouthministry.org/sports>

Girls Volleyball (Grades 3–8)

CYO registration opens: February 1

Registration deadline: March 9

Girls in 3rd–8th grade are invited to participate in All Saints CYO Volleyball!

Season Details:

Practices: Once per week beginning March 16, held in the All Saints Gym

Games: Saturdays and Sundays at parishes throughout the Diocese

End-of-Season Tournament: Mid-May

Cost: \$40 per player

Preseason Skills Clinic: March 15th

All Saints CYO relies on the generosity of parent and community volunteers. If you are interested in coaching (head or assistant) or have questions about the volleyball program, please contact Laura Emden, Volleyball Commissioner, at laura.emden@gmail.com

All coaches and volunteers must be certified in Diocesan child protection, including VIRTUS™ training. If you are not yet certified, we are happy to help you begin the process.

Spring Track & Field (Boys & Girls, Grades 3–8)

CYO registration opens: February 1

Registration deadline: March 9th

Boys and girls in 3rd–8th grade are welcome to join the All Saints Spring Track & Field program.

Season Details:

Practices: Held at the Pennington Track
Meets: Spring Track & Field Meet in late April/early May

Cost: \$20 per participant Preseason Skills Clinic: March 14th




For questions, please contact:

Ruth Kelly, Commissioner for Track & Field – ruthkelly509@gmail.com

Hank Konstanty, Assistant Commissioner – hkonstanty@gmail.com

About JCYO Sports The mission of the Arlington Diocesan Junior Catholic Youth Organization (JCYO) is to organize parish-based sports programs that reinforce the Catholic values taught in parish schools and religious education programs. In addition to promoting healthy physical activity, JCYO athletics emphasize: cooperation, respect, sportsmanship, responsibility, leadership, competitiveness, fairness, and courtesy.

- **Lunch Menu - February**

<div><div>February 2026</div><div></div></div> <div>DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00 Low Fat Milk - \$.60 100% Juice - \$.50</div>				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2. Breakfast Sandwich English Muffin Turkey Sausage Egg Patty, Yellow Cheese Tater Tots Oranges	3 Chile Dog OR Hot Dog Potato Chips Fresh Apple	4 Turkey w/Gravy OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh grapes * Chocolate Ice Cream for sale	5 Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Oranges	6 Cheeseburger OR Hamburger Baked Beans Corn on the Cob
9 Meatballs Sub OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips Fresh Grapes	10 Chicken Nuggets OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mac & Cheese Green Beans	11 Soft Beef Tacos OR Chicken Quesadilla White Rice Black Beans Chilled Pineapples * Brownie for sale	12 Cheese Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Caesar Salad Fresh Oranges	13 Chili Pasta OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli
NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY	17 Fat Tuesday! Pancake w/Syrup Bacon Scrambled Eggs Vanilla Yogurt w/Oreo	18 ASH WEDNESDAY Hot Cheese Sandwich on Croissant. Cream of Potato Soup Steamed Broccoli Fresh Grapes *No snacks for sale	19 Vocelli's Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Oranges	20 Pasta w/Spaghetti sauce OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Bread Green Beans
23 Cheese Breadsticks w/Marinara sauce OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Caesar Salad Fresh Oranges	24 Cheeseburger OR Hamburger Potato Wedges Tropical Fruit	25 Soft Chicken Tacos OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich White Rice Black Beans Chilled Pineapples *Vanilla Ice Cream for sale	26 Pepperoni Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Garden Salad Fresh Oranges	27 Pasta w/Alfredo Sauce OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Bread Steamed Broccoli
*Grades 3-8 ONLY—Extra entrée may be ordered for \$3.00 charged to lunch account. Salad may be ordered in place of main entrée or side item may be replaced with side salad. Side Items (Potato chips, Fruit, etc.) may be purchased separately for \$.75 and charged to your account.				
				

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 12

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

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 – Closed Event (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.)

Wednesday, February 25

Lock Down Drill

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

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

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

Monday, March 2

Continuous Enrollment Fee (FACTS)

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

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

Adoration & Benediction – Closed Event (2:15 p.m.)

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Friday, March 6

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Bread of Life Kick-Off Assembly (2:00 p.m.)

End of Trimester II

Saturday, March 7

PTO Sponsored Father/Daughter Dance (PAC/6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Monday, March 9

Holiday (Diocesan Teacher Workday)

Thursday, March 12

Spirit Wear Day

Stations of the Cross – Grades 3-5 – Closed Event

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

Friday, March 13

Uniform Exchange (PAC Atrium/8:00-10:00 a.m.)

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Saturday, March 14

Deadline: FACTS Financial Aid Applications (Elementary Schools)