



# 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**

March 25, 2026

### **Principal's Message**

On Monday, our students enjoyed a wonderful day of prayer, reflection, and activities during our Lenten Retreat. I am grateful to Ms. Mallon for leading this initiative and the many members of the planning committee who contributed to the success of the day.

Only days away from the start of Holy Week, the retreat provided our students the opportunity to focus on the three pillar of Lent, i.e. prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, while learning about the lives of particular saints. Now in its second year, the annual student retreat is emerging as a highly anticipated tradition for our school community.

Related to the formation of our students, for many years, those in grades five and eight have participated in the *Assessment of Catholic Religious Education* (ACRE), an annual standardized test that measures both knowledge of the faith (cognitive domain) and religious beliefs and attitudes (affective domain). Although we have only received the aggregate results for each class and grade level, the data has informed our planning of religious instruction and

helped us to maintain a current awareness of the perceptions of the students in our program.

At the invitation of the Office of Catholic Schools, this year All Saints is piloting a new assessment for our diocese, i.e. *ARK Assessment*. This online assessment measures student knowledge across six domains: Sacraments & Liturgy, The Creed and Salvation History, Morality, Prayer, Virtue, and Living Discipleship. With robust analytics, the assessment will provide our faculty the tools needed to identify strengths and areas for improvement while providing recommendations for further enhancing the Catholic identity of our school.

Students in grades five and eight will complete the *ARK Assessment* on Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23, the days previously scheduled for the administration of ACRE Testing.

For more information about this new assessment, please see the link below.

<https://arktest.org/religion-assessments/>

As we look ahead to the month of April, the Student Council Association (SCA) is finalizing the details for the annual celebration of Spirit Week that will take place beginning April 20. One of the exciting events will involve a school-wide gathering outside for a special activity soon to be announced. As part of the event, we are hoping to take some aerial photos and video. In order to do so and to be able to use the footage for marketing purposes, we will need the use of a drone as well as the involvement of an individual with a pilot's license to supervise the operation of the drone. If you or a colleague are able to assist with this effort, please contact me so that we can further discuss the details.

Finally, with winter weather now in the rearview mirror, we are able to finalize the end of year calendar. Look for an email message tomorrow with important updates related to the final day of school and year-end events.

*Wishing you continued blessings during this Lenten season!*

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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 1.

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.

### **National Junior Honor Society Inductees**

Last week we welcomed a number of students into the All Saints Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. With the invitation to apply based upon their academic achievement, each of the students demonstrated a commitment to service, leadership, character, citizenship, and scholarship. We thank Mrs. Hatch, NJHS Moderator, for overseeing the application process and planning the Induction Ceremony. We also extend a word of gratitude to Mr. Saffian, our Technology Teacher, who was our keynote speaker and who shared from his extensive experience in the world of professional broadcasting.

Emilia A.

Sophie C.

Ghersey A.

Arabella S.

Shaela P.

Sofia B.

Daniella B.  
 Katherine H.  
 Valarie A.  
 Lam T.

### Dress Down Day (Tuesday, March 31)

All students are invited to participate in a Dress Down Day to support our school band on Tuesday, March 31. The cost is \$1.00 per student and all of the proceeds will be used to help defer the cost of the band's trip to Busch Gardens in May.

### Lunch Menu - April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Cheese Breadstick w/ Marinara sauce OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Garden Salad Chilled Peaches *Vanilla Ice Cream cup for Sale	2 <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Noon Dismissal	3 <b>HOLY FRIDAY</b> No School
6 	7 <b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ NO SCHOOL</b>	8	9	10 
13 Soft Beef Tacos OR Chicken Quesadilla White Rice Black Beans Chilled Pineapple	14 Chicken Nuggets OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mac & Cheese Green Beans	15 Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potato Green Beans Chilled Peaches *Chocolate Pudding w/whipped cream for Sale	16 Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Caesar Salad Fresh Apples	17 Pollock nuggets OR Ham and cheese Sandwich Mac and Cheese Green beans Fresh watermelon
20 Soft Chicken Tacos OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich White Rice Black Beans Fresh Grapes	21 Pasta with beef meatballs OR Plain Buttered Pasta Garlic Breadsticks Broccoli	22 Hot Ham & Cheese OR Hot Turkey & Cheese (both served on croissant) Tater Tots Chilled Tropical Fruit *Variety of Potato Chips For Sale	23 VOCELLI'S Cheese Pizza OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Garden Salad Vanilla Yogurt	24 <b>PARISH FESTIVAL</b> No School
27 Meatballs Sub OR Turkey Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips Chilled Pineapple	28 PANCAKES w/ syrup Turkey Sausage Scrambled eggs Fresh Oranges	29 Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Ham Cheese Sandwich Potato Wedges Fresh Grapes *Brownie For Sale	30 Pepperoni Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich Caesar Salad Apple Sauce w/ cinnamon	


April 2026


DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00    MILK - \$.60    100% JUICE - \$.50

\*Grades 3-8 ONLY—Extra entrée may be ordered for \$3.00 charged to lunch account.  
 Salads may be ordered in place of main entrée or side item may be replaced with side salad.  
 Side items (Potato chips, cookies, fruit, etc.) may be purchased for \$.75 and charged to lunch account.

**St. Paul VI High School - Options Program**

The Options program at St. Paul VI Catholic High School is now in its 27th year of providing an inclusive, student-centered Catholic education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you are seeking a faith-based, inclusive high school experience, please reach out to the Deans of Exceptional Learning at [pvioptions@paulvi.net](mailto:pvioptions@paulvi.net) or 703.352.0925 x1314.



## PAUL VI OPTIONS PROGRAM

### **OUR MISSION IS INCLUSION**

The PVI Options Program helps students with intellectual and developmental disabilities gain the academic, social, and life skills needed to help them excel after high school, in either a career or college setting.

Courses are tailored to each student's interests, abilities, and post-graduation goals, with modified coursework and assessments that build on individual strengths. Through inclusive classes and extracurricular activities — including band, choir, clubs, and athletics — students form friendships, expand their understanding of the world, and grow in confidence and independence.



*The Options program has been supporting students with intellectual disabilities for over 25 years. We remain committed to fostering inclusion and belonging.*

St. Paul VI Catholic High School  
42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152  
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- **Open House – Tomorrow (6:00 p.m.)**  
All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective

parents on Thursday, March 26 beginning at 6:00 p.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](mailto:mrodriguez@allsaintsva.org).

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# MARCH OPEN HOUSES

Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade



**Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM**

RSVP: 571-516-3170 | [allsaintsva.org](http://allsaintsva.org)

**Lenten Rice Lunch – Friday, March 27**

As we approach the conclusion of Lent, we want to thank you for encouraging your children to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl project. This initiative has provided our students a very specific way to embrace the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this liturgical season.

In support of the effort, on Friday, March 27, the cafeteria will host a simple lunch, the proceeds of which will benefit the Rice Bowl project. As a sign of our solidarity with the poor around the world and in an effort to help students gain a better understanding of poverty, the lunch will consist of one bowl of rice and water. This will be the only food and drink available for purchase on that day. Although participation is completely voluntary, we are hopeful that many of the children will embrace this opportunity and recognize it as a chance to increase their empathy for those suffering in our world.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and should be paid through the online lunch accounts. Please check your child's account to ensure you have sufficient money in the account if you are able to participate. Students may bring a lunch from home if they prefer and are reminded to bring a drink if they so choose as only water will be available in the cafeteria.



## **Bread of Life Food Drive**

During this Lenten season, we are pleased to host the All Saints' **Bread of Life Food Drive** to benefit the Bethany Food Pantry and St. Lucy Project from March 17 – 27, 2026.

In 1992, the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island launched this community service initiative, and it has since spread to communities around the country. All Saints is the first school in Virginia to participate. All Saints' Bread of Life Food Drive will assist individuals and families in our local community in need of food assistance. Please see details below regarding our 2026 food drive:

### **When will the food drive take place?**

All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive will run from **Tuesday, March 17 – Friday, March 27, 2026**. All Saints students from the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will help organize and promote the drive. Some students from our seventh grade video production class are assisting with the creation of video promos to encourage participation throughout the week.

### **Where does the food go?**

Almost a quarter of a million people in the Arlington Diocese are “food insecure,” meaning they do not know where their next meal will come from. Our school's Bread of Life Food Drive will benefit the St. Lucy Project and All Saints' Bethany Food Pantry to assist families and individuals living within Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County.

### **What can you do to help?**

During the drive from March 17-27, your child can bring in food donations in the morning and leave them in the boxes that will be outside each classroom. Donations can also be brought to the All Saints school office (Monday - Thursday) between the hours of 8:00 AM–3:30 PM.

### **What food should I donate to All Saints Bread of Life Food Drive?**

During the first week of the drive, we will be collecting non-perishable food per the chart below. During the second week, we are adding fresh fruits and vegetables to our collection. Please see the grade level list below:

Grade Level	Week of March 16	Week of March 23
Pre-Kindergarten	Canned Soup	Juice Boxes
Kindergarten	Pasta	Mac & Cheese
First Grade	Peanut Butter, Jelly	Rice
Second Grade	Chef Boyardee/Spaghetti O's	Oranges
Third Grade	Beans (canned/dried)	Carrots
Fourth Grade	Canned Meat*	Oil
Fifth Grade	Cereal and Oatmeal	Canned Tomatoes
Sixth Grade	Canned Vegetables	Peppers
Seventh Grade	Canned Fruit	Potatoes
Eighth Grade	Pasta Sauce ( <i>no glass</i> )	Onions
Faculty/Staff	Maseca Flour/Flour	Sugar

\*Chicken, ham, beef or tuna

### **Bread of Life Food Drive – 2026 Brochure**

If you have any questions regarding the Bread of Life Food Drive, please contact Mrs. Cecilia Mondarez at [cmondarez@allsaintsva.org](mailto:cmondarez@allsaintsva.org).

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this Lenten community service project to benefit those in need of food assistance.

*All Saints wishes to extend sincere thanks to the University of Notre Dame Club of Staten Island for their organizational and logistical support.*

- **Girls Volleyball Clinic at John Paul - March 28th**

Join us at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School for our Girls Volleyball Clinic on Saturday, March 28th from 9-11am! Open to 4th - 8th grade girls!

Participants will have the opportunity to work on fundamentals while receiving guidance from JP coaches and JP student athletes! We hope to see you there!

Click here to start your registration:

<https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

- **ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting**  
Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp this July to students across the Diocese.

This July 13th - 24th young people are invited to experience top level instruction as they engage in creative fun through Acting, Visual Art, Music, and more!

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.

Through March 31st, *all camps are \$35 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.* Additionally, there are extra discounts for families that enroll 3 or more kids! Learn more and register at [www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com)



- **The PVI Players are proud to present *The Sound of Music***, one of the most beloved musicals of all time.  
Set in Austria in 1938, the story follows Maria, a spirited young governess who brings music and renewed joy to the von Trapp family. As the Nazi regime rises to power, the family must face danger and make courageous choices that will change their lives forever. Featuring cherished songs and a powerful story of faith, family, and resilience, this production promises to be a highlight of the spring season.

**Purchase tickets today!** [<https://cur8.com/40072/project/137212>]

**Performance Dates:**

- Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m.
- Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m.



- **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 until APRIL 1ST!

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](mailto:cmondarez@allsaintsva.org).

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

**Save the Date!**



**The PTO Family Bingo Night has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>!**

**Doors open at 6 pm in the PAC.**

**More information to follow.**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Wednesday, March 25**

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

### **Thursday, March 26**

Stations of the Cross – Grades K-8 (2:15 p.m.) – Closed Event

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

Open House (PAC/6:00 p.m.)

### **Friday, March 27**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Bread of Life Food Drive Ends

### **Wednesday, April 1**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

### **Thursday, April 2**

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

Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)

### **Friday, April 3**

Holiday (Good Friday)

### **Monday, April 6**

Easter Holiday Begins

### **Monday, April 13**

School Resumes

Change to Summer Uniforms

### **Thursday, April 16**

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

**Friday, April 17**

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

**Saturday, April 18**

PTO Bingo Night (6:00 p.m.)

**Monday, April 20**

SCA Sponsored Spirit Week

**Wednesday, April 22**

Religion Assessment – Grades 5 & 8

**Thursday, April 23**

School Mass – St. George, Martyr (8:30 a.m.)

**Friday, April 24**

Holiday (Parish Festival Prep Day)

**Monday, April 27**

Kindergarten Screening Day (No Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten Classes)

**Wednesday, April 29**

Diocesan 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocations Mass

**Thursday, April 30**

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Race for Education

**Friday, May 1**

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

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Photos (9:30 a.m.)