



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

April 22, 2026

Principal's Message

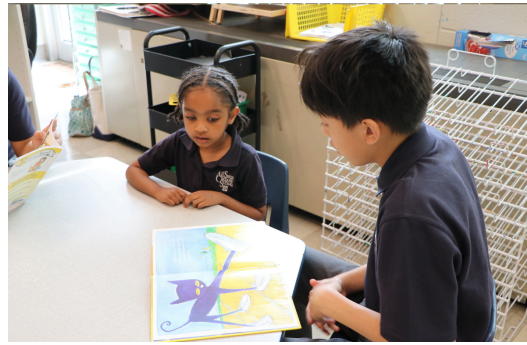
With the Parish Activities Center filled to near capacity, the annual PTO Bingo Night on Saturday evening was a great success! I want to thank our PTO President, Mrs. Joanna Stenson, for organizing the event and the many volunteers who assisted with set-up, sales of tickets and concessions, and clean-up. I also wish to thank Mr. Martin Stenson for serving as the host of the game and Julia Stenson, an All Saints alumna, for providing tech support. Once again, it was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for our school families.

This week I wish to provide an update regarding our first grade program. Mrs. Partridge, instructional assistant, recently submitted her resignation and concluded her employment at All Saints on Monday, April 20. I am grateful for her dedication and for all that she has done to support the classroom this year, first in her role as long-term substitute teacher and more recently as an instructional assistant. We wish her continued success and blessings in her future endeavors.

As we look ahead to the 2026-2027 academic year, there are three additional staffing changes that will occur at the end of this school year. Mrs. Tracy Delaney (2nd Grade Teacher), Ms. Ayla Bazin (4th Grade Teacher), and Ms. Mar Ordonez (2nd Grade Instructional Assistant), will be resigning in June. During their time in our program, they have each contributed to the success of our program and demonstrated great dedication to our mission and the students we serve. We wish them continued blessings as they pursue new opportunities.

Wishing you continued blessings during this Easter Season!

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School Calendar 2026-2027 (Important Dates & Holidays)

August 20	First Day of School – Grades K-8 (Noon Dismissal)
August 24	First Day of School – Pre-Kindergarten
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
September 28	Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)
October 12	Columbus Day Holiday
November 2	Student Holiday (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
November 3	Noon Dismissal (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday
November 24	Noon Dismissal (Thanksgiving Holiday)
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30	Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
December 21	Christmas Holiday Begins
January 4	Classes Resume
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 5	Noon Dismissal (Catholic Schools Week Luncheon)
February 15	Presidents' Day Holiday
March 8	Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
March 15	Student Holiday (Professional Development Day)
March 25	Noon Dismissal (Holy Thursday)
March 26	Good Friday Holiday
March 29	Easter Week Holiday
April 23	Student Holiday (Parish Festival)
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday
June 15	Last Day of School for Grades 1-7 (Tentative/3 Inclement Weather Days Included)

The Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal is underway and we are so grateful for the support already shown by our All Saints families. This campaign is a meaningful way we come together to support our students and our school. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can take part. You can participate by returning your family brochure or scanning the QR code below.



Open House – Friday, May 15 (9:00 a.m.)

All Saints Catholic School will host an *Open House* for prospective parents on Friday, May 15 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

MAY OPEN HOUSE

Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade



Friday, May 15th at 9:00 AM

RSVP: 571-516-3170 | allsaintsva.org

Join Us for Summer Camps at St. Paul VI Catholic High School!

St. Paul VI Catholic High School is excited to offer a variety of engaging summer camps for students entering grades 2 through 9! This summer, we

are hosting camps in band, baseball, basketball, football, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, theatre, and more — all conveniently located on our beautiful Chantilly campus at 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA.

Led by our dedicated faculty, staff, and head coaches, these camps offer a fantastic opportunity for students to grow, learn, and have fun in a supportive, faith-filled environment.

For more information and to register, visit: www.paulvi.net/summercamps.



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42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA

Important Reminders

- **Online Learning – Friday (Half Day)**

As previously announced, so as to avoid having students attend one half day of school at the start of a new week in June, we have revised the school calendar to include a half day of online learning on Friday, April 24, the day previously scheduled as a holiday in

preparation for the Parish Festival. Look for additional details tomorrow regarding our plans for this half day of online learning.

End of Year Calendar & Events

Friday, May 22	Field Day – Grades K-8
Thursday, May 28	Final Day of Pre-Kindergarten
Wednesday, June 10	Pass-it-On Ceremony (Church/9:30 a.m.) Graduation Breakfast for 8 th Grade Students (10:00 a.m.) 8 th Grade Walk of Honor (11:00 a.m.) 8 th Grade Graduation (Church/4:00 p.m.) <u>Note: Noon Dismissal for Grades K-7</u>
Thursday, June 11	Kindergarten Graduation (Church/10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 12	Final Day of School for Students in Grades 1-7 Closing of the School Year Mass & Awards Ceremony (8:30 a.m.) <u>Note: 11:00 a.m. Dismissal</u>
Monday, June 15	Professional Development Day for Teachers
Tuesday, June 16	Professional Development Day for Teachers

- **FACTS Tuition – Payment Plans (2026-2027)**

As we make plans for the upcoming school year, one of our priorities is that of continuing to provide as much tuition assistance as possible for families in our community. In support of this effort, we have submitted applications on behalf of our school families for funding through the *Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation* and the *St. Beatrice Special Tuition Assistance Program*. Diocesan allocations related to these sources of tuition assistance will be confirmed over the course of the next month. Once we receive this information, we will finalize decisions regarding tuition assistance and notify those families who have applied for financial aid accordingly.

During May we will confirm FACTS tuition payment plans for the upcoming school year. Any returning family that wishes to change their schedule of payments for 2026-2027 is asked to notify Mrs. Blasco (lblasco@allsaintsva.org) by May 8. Otherwise, we would be pleased to apply your current payment schedule to the 2026-2027 school year.

Reminder: The deadline for payment in full with a 2% discount is Wednesday, June 10.

- **Race for Education - April 30, 2026!**

Our annual Race for Education will take place on Thursday, April 30th, and all students will participate in this exciting event.

For questions regarding PledgeStar, our online fundraising platform, or the event, please contact the Race Coordinators, Mrs. Greyci Lopez and Mrs. Gina Dimitrouleas, at raceforeducation@allsaintsva.org. You may also visit our website: [Race for Education - All Saints Catholic School](#)

All Saints Catholic School

RACE FOR EDUCATION APRIL 30, 2026

The Race for Education pledge campaign is underway!
Student race day is April 30th, but fundraising and prizes have already begun!
Help us reach our \$48,000 goal and make a lasting impact on our school!



► Supporting Our Students

Funds raised through the Race for Education directly enhance the student experience at All Saints supporting classroom activities, field trips, school events, and special programs throughout the year.

► Supporting Our Teachers

The PTO proudly supports our teachers by providing classroom supplies, educational resources, and opportunities for recognition and appreciation.

► Supporting Our School Community

From fun events to special traditions, your support helps create the moments that bring our school community together.

Get Started in 3 Easy Steps

1

REGISTER



REGISTER

pledgestar.com/saints

2

SHARE



Notify friends and family

3

MOTIVATE

All students receive
recognition



WEB: ALLSAINTSVASCHOOL.ORG/RACE-FOR-EDUCATION

EMAIL: RACEFOREDCATION@ALLSAINTSVA.ORG

- **Mother's Day Celebration!**

You're invited to the All Saints Catholic School Mother's Day Celebration Thursday, May 14th!

We warmly welcome mothers and grandmothers to join us for this special day.

Join us for 8:30 AM Mass, followed by a social gathering in the PAC. Enjoy delicious pastries, coffee, tea, and fellowship with other mothers in our community.

We'll also be hosting a free raffle, with a chance for one lucky mom to win! Special thanks to our sponsors: PR Partners | Jake Higginbottom in Bristow

A play zone will be available for little ones during the event, including coloring sheets and a simple craft.

Evite: [Please RSVP by May 12th.](#)

We look forward to celebrating YOU!



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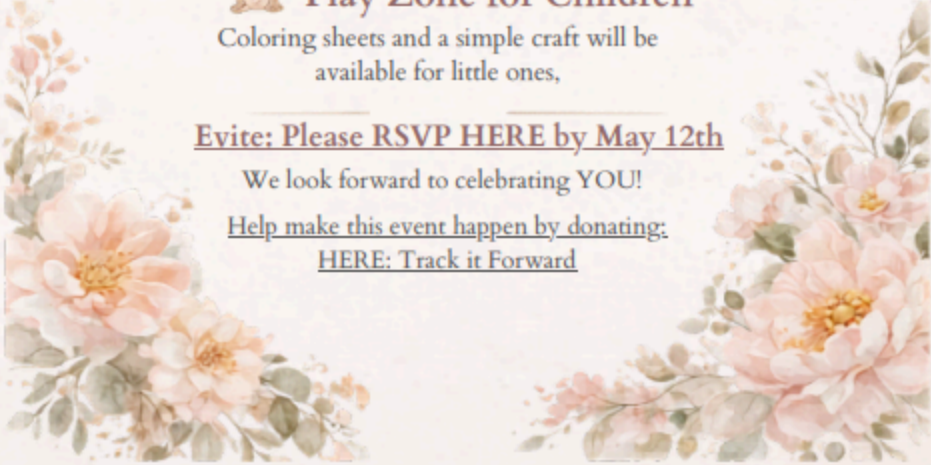
Play Zone for Children

Coloring sheets and a simple craft will be
available for little ones,

Evite: Please RSVP [HERE](#) by [May 12th](#)

We look forward to celebrating YOU!

Help make this event happen by donating:
[HERE: Track it Forward](#)





**The 2026 All Saints Parish Festival will be held on
Friday - Saturday, April 24-25, 2026.**

Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to help with each area in preparation for the Festival, before, during, and after the event. We need your help! Please volunteer. Running a festival game can be fun! Can you, your ministry, or organization help? **If your teen needs service hours (especially those currently in 7th grade preparing for 8th grade Confirmation next year), this is a great opportunity to obtain the 10 hours that are required. Bring a buddy!**

Signup to Volunteer/Donate below:

- **Donate Baked Goods, Cakes, Gift Baskets, Game Prizes**
- **Volunteer for Thrift Shop, Used Book Sale**
- **Volunteer for Games, Bake Shop, Used Book Sale – Friday**
- **Volunteer for Games, Bake Shop, Used Book Sale – Saturday**

Donations Needed:

Please consider donating game prizes, gift baskets, hanging or potted plants, baked goods, cakes, and items for our Thrift Shop, and Used Book Sale.

New this year for Friday night: A dunk tank from 5:00-9:00pm, featuring special guests, including our very own Fr. Renner and ... Mr. John Saffian.

We will have an inflatable slide Friday evening, and on Saturday we will have outdoor pony rides, a rock climbing wall, a tea cup ride and the inflatable slide from 12:00-5:00pm

Silent Auction: Get ready to bid! The Auction is "live" and will end on Saturday, April 25 at 5:00pm. New items may be added right up until the Festival starts on April 24!

<https://www.32auctions.com/AllSaintsAuction2026>

Pre-Sale Tickets for the Parish Festival are available in the Parish Office on Mon.-Fri., Apr. 13-17, during normal business hours.

The value of festival tickets will be 50 cents each, instead of 25 cents each, so that fewer tickets are needed for activities. Pre-sale tickets will be available as a bundle of 25 tickets for \$10. At the festival, 25 tickets will have a value of \$12.50. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Festival on Fri.-Sat., Apr. 24-25.

Items for the Thrift Shop and Used Book Sale will be accepted Monday thru Thursday, April 20-23 from 3:45-7:00pm in the Parish Activities Center (PAC).

We can't wait to see you enjoying the Parish Festival, having fun, and making wonderful memories with your family and friends.

Questions? Contact Linda Gaynord at 571-516-3140 or lgaynord@allsaintsva.org

Cake Walk!

The All Saints Parish Festival is almost here, and we need your help to make our Cake Walk a sweet success! This is a great opportunity to earn shares - especially with the end of the school year approaching!

How it works:

- Each home baked cake earns 1 share
- Store-bought cakes valued at \$20 (can be accumulated over multiple cakes) earn 1 share

We will be collecting cakes during morning and afternoon carpool on April 23, so you can conveniently drop off your donations then. If that doesn't work for you, we will also be collecting cakes in the Father Kelly Hall Thursday, April 23 through Saturday, April 25.

Your generosity helps make the festival even more special and we truly appreciate your support!

For questions please contact Jessica Rocha at jrocha0@yahoo.com.

[Event Sign Up Sheet | Track It Forward](#)

- **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 April 30th, ***all camps are \$15 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




- **Virtues in Practice**


Virtue for the Month of April: Justice

Definition: Being fair and giving each his due




Saints: St. Anthony of Padua (PK-2), St. Katharine Drexel (3-5), St. Thomas More (6-8)



April 2026



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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 <i>Spring</i>		1 Cheese Breadstick w/ Marinara sauce OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Garden Salad Chilled Peaches *Vanilla Ice Cream cup for Sale	2 HOLY THURSDAY Noon Dismissal	3 HOLY FRIDAY No School
6 	EASTER HOLIDAY ~ NO SCHOOL		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 PARISH FESTIVAL 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	

*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.

Pre-HSPT and Parent How to High School

John Paul is hosting the Pre-High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) for current 7th grade students on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 9:00 am-12:15 pm. The Pre-HSPT is optional, and is a practice test intended to help students become more familiar with the different sections of the HSPT under timed conditions. The practice test is designed to give the student an idea of how the exam will be administered and what to expect on the actual day of testing during

the student's 8th grade year. Parents are invited to stay for Parent How to High School - a workshop on preparing your student for high school!

To Register for the Pre-HSPT, please use the following link:

<https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/7th-grade-pre-hspt> Please reach out by email (admissions@jpthegreat.org) or by phone (703-445-0246) with any questions!

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRACTICE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

WHAT IS THE PRE-HSPT?

The Pre-HSPT is an optional, practice test intended to help students become more familiar with the different sections of the HSPT under timed conditions. The practice test is designed to give the student an idea of how the exam will be administered and what to expect on the actual day of testing during the student's 8th grade year. This year, John Paul is hosting the Pre-HSPT for students in the Class of 2031.*

PRE-HSPT & PARENT HOW TO HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday
May 16, 2026

Students are invited to sit for the Pre-HSPT at JP on May 16th from 9:00 am-12:15 pm.

Parents are invited to stay for Parent How to High School - a workshop on preparing your student for success in high school!
Cost: \$50 per Student

For more information & to register, please use the QR Code.



*Please Note: This event is only for students who will start 8th grade in Fall 2026.

(703) 445-0246 | admissions@jpthegreat.org

Upcoming Events

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 8th Grade Vocations Mass

Thursday, April 30

21st Annual Race for Education

Friday, May 1

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

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

Monday, May 4

NWEA Map Testing – Round 3 Begins (Grades 3-7)

Wednesday, May 6

8th Grade World Language Exemption Exam

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

Thursday, May 7

Faculty Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
Spring Choral Concert ((PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 8

Band Trip to Busch Gardens
School Mass (8:30 a.m.)
Deadline: FACTS Tuition Payment Plan Schedule Changes (2026-2027)

Tuesday, May 12

8th Grade Algebra Exemption Exam
Spring Band Concert (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 14

School Mass – St. Matthias, Apostle (8:30 a.m.)
PTO Mother’s Tea (PAC/9:15 a.m.)
Enrollment Management Team Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 15

7th Grade Field Trip – Mount Vernon
Open House (9:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, May 19

PTO General Assembly – Presentation III (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 20

Kindergarten Field Trip – Maple Tree Farm
3rd Grade United States Presentation (PAC/2:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 21

School Mass – St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Martyrs (8:30 a.m.)
Art Show

Friday, May 22

Field Day (Grades K-8)