



All Saints Catholic School

*To do justice, and to love goodness, and to walk
humbly with your God.*

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

August 26, 2026

Principal's Message

It has been a great joy for us to welcome students, both new and returning, over the course of this past week. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the building have been palpable as students have connected with one another, teachers have taught important routines and procedures, and we have begun the teaching and learning process for another year.

It was wonderful to witness so many families gathered for the *Welcome Back BBQ* hosted by the PTO on Friday evening. With a very large turnout and weather that was simply stunning, the event was a tremendous success.

I want to thank the entire PTO for their support and for funding this annual celebration and the many volunteers who assisted with set-up, food service, and clean-up. In particular, I wish to acknowledge and thank Mrs. Rachel Weigler who coordinated the food service in partnership with our caterer, *Elegance to Simplicity*, and Mrs. Theresa Moses who organized the theme, activities, and decorations. I also want to thank Mrs. Maggie O'Donnell who coordinated the raffle and Mrs. Kristin Delmare who hosted a School Spirit

sale at the event. With delicious food and great fellowship, it was a delightful way for our community to mark the beginning of another school year.

Each year we announce a theme that further unites us as a faith community and that provides a daily focus for all of our efforts. I am pleased to share with you our theme for the 2026-2027 school year.

To do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Taken directly from the Book of Micah (6:8b), this Scriptural quote beautifully aligns with the motto of Bishop Burbidge: “Walk humbly with your God.”

On Monday, students in grades K-8 gathered in the Parish Activities Center for our Opening of the School Year Prayer Service and Assembly, during which we reflected on ways that we can put this theme into practice each day. For the students, I encouraged them to “do the right thing” (justice) in their relationships with others, to “love goodness” by making their classroom and school a better place, and to always be mindful that God is present with us, even amidst challenging moments. With this understanding, it is my hope that students are inspired to show up each day, ready to begin anew, and to put forth their best effort while trusting in God’s plan for their day.

In closing, I want to share a story that was passed along by one of the kindergarten teachers. Last Friday, as we approached the midpoint of the day, students in her class began asking, “How come we are the ones that have to have a half day?” Apparently, they were so energized and excited by the experience of their first two days that they did not want the school day to end... a sure sign of a wonderful start!

Wishing you blessings during these exciting opening weeks of school!

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Virtues in Practice – Year I

Each month of the school year, our students learn about a particular virtue and are encouraged to incorporate it in their lives. Using the example of saints who serve as exemplars of each virtue, the teachers integrate the monthly theme in the life of their classrooms.

Again, this year, All Saints will use the *Virtues in Practice* program developed by the Nashville Dominicans. To learn more about the program and to access the Parent Guide, please follow the link below.

[Virtues in Practice](#)

During the 2026-2027 school year, All Saints will complete the Year of Hope (Theme: Study).

Virtue for the Month of September: Hope

Definition: Trusting in God's loving plan

Saints of the Month: St. Joseph (PK-2), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Grades 3-5), Sts. Louis & Zelie Martin (Grades 6-8)

SchoolMessenger Emergency Notification System

The Diocese of Arlington uses the *SchoolMessenger* notification service to send important information to families through phone calls, emails, and text messages.

In the event of an emergency, All Saints Catholic School will activate the *SchoolMessenger* system. As the system will only be used for this purpose, parents can anticipate that any communications received via this program are critical and deserve particular attention.

To ensure the effectiveness of the system, All Saints will conduct a test on Friday, August 28. A test message will be issued via recorded phone message, text, and email to the emergency contacts of all students and staff at 10:30 a.m.

To sign up for text alerts via *SchoolMessenger*, simply text the word "subscribe" to 68453. To opt out of all text messages from *SchoolMessenger*, go to <http://www.schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/> or reply STOP to the opt-in message you receive.

The Diocese and the school do not pay for text message charges that may be incurred by the user. Please check with your wireless carrier for possible charges.



New Parent Coffee (September 9)

All new parents, including those who joined our school last year, are invited to attend “Coffee with the Principal” on Wednesday, September 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Activities Center (PAC). Following a presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion about our school and its many programs. Plan to attend and meet other new families who have recently joined our community.

New Parent Coffee Registration

A Message from the Child Protection Coordinator

If you are a *new family* or have *not yet completed the Diocese of Arlington's Child Protection requirements*, now is the perfect time to become compliant. Parents and family members who wish to volunteer throughout the school year, including helping in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, assisting with school events, coaching, or participating in other volunteer opportunities—must complete all required Child Protection requirements *before* volunteering.

To become compliant, you must:

- Complete the Background Check
- Sign and Submit the CPS Acknowledgement Form
- Attend the required VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" training

Ready to get started?

Visit our Child Protection webpage for step-by-step instructions, required forms, registration information, and helpful resources:

<https://allsaintsvaschool.org/parent-resources/virtus-program/>

We encourage you to complete these requirements as early as possible. Waiting until a volunteer opportunity arises may prevent you from participating if your requirements have not been completed and processed.

The safety and well-being of our students is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for your partnership in creating a safe environment for every child.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the process, please contact Mrs. Viridiana Neri, Child Protection Coordinator, at virtus@allsaintsva.org.

Lunch Menu - September

September 2026				
DAILY PRICES: LUNCH ONLY - \$5.00 Whole Milk /Chocolate milk: 65¢ 100% JUICE - 50¢				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Chili dog OR Hot dog Baked beans Corn on the cob	2 Grilled chicken sandwich OR Ham and cheese sandwich Potato wedges Fresh grapes * Chocolate ice cream cup x sale	3 Pepperoni pizza OR Tuna salad sandwich Caesar salad Fresh watermelon	4 Pasta with meatballs OR Plain buttered pasta Garlic breadstick Broccoli
7 LABOR DAY	8 Chicken nuggets OR Ham and cheese sandwich Mac and cheese Green beans	9 Hot Ham and cheese OR Hot Turkey and cheese (both served on croissant) Tater tots Chilled pineapple * Dorito chips for sale	10 Cheese pizza OR Chicken salad sandwich Garlic breadstick Tossed salad	11 Meatball sub OR Turkey and cheese sandwich Potato chips Fresh oranges
14 Beef tacos OR Chicken quesadilla White rice Black beans Watermelon	15 Chicken Alfredo pasta OR Plain buttered pasta Celery and carrots with Ranch Vanilla yogurt	16 Cheeseburger OR Hamburger Baked beans Corn on the cob * Sugar cookies for sale	17 Vocelli's pepperoni pizza OR Tuna salad sandwich Garden salad Watermelon	18 Chicken tacos OR Ham and cheese sandwich White rice Black beans Chilled pineapple
21 Breakfast sandwich: English muffin, Turkey sausage Egg patty Yellow American cheese Tater tots Oranges	22 Nacho Day! Seasoned beef Tortilla nacho Cheddar cheese sauce Cornbread Topping: Lettuce and salsa	23 Chicken patty sandwich OR Ham and cheese sandwich Potato wedges Chilled peaches * Chocolate chip cookies for sale	24 Cheese pizza OR Chicken salad sandwich Caesar salad Vanilla yogurt w/ oreo	25 Pasta with Marinara sauce OR Plain buttered pasta Garlic bread Broccoli
28 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	29 Pancake w/Syrup Turkey sausage Scrambled egg Oranges	30 Italian OR American Sub Pickles Potato chips Pineapple * Brownie for sale		

*Grades 3-8 ONLY—Extra entrée may be ordered for \$3.00 charged to lunch account.
Salads are available for purchase daily as an entrée.
Side items (Potato chips, cookies, fruit, etc.) will be sold on a specific day in the week for 75¢



NVJCYO Sports

All Saints School children are given the opportunity to participate in CYO Sports at All Saints Parish.

All Saints participates in the Diocesan Northern Virginia Junior Catholic Youth Organization (NVJCYO), which provides sports leagues for boys and girls in grades 3-8 from the Arlington Diocese. The purpose of NVJCYO is to reinforce the Catholic values taught in parish schools and religious education programs while encouraging healthy physical activity.

Fall Sports:
Track and Field
Cross Country
Registration opens
in July

Winter Sports:
Basketball
Registration opens
in September

Spring Sports:
Volleyball (Girls only)
Track and Field
Registration opens
in February



To find out more, go to

AllSaintsYouthMinistry.org/Sports




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EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wed. Aug 26, 2026

Time: 6:30-8:00

Location: All Saints PAC

Who is invited?
Parents and both
Boys & Girls K-12th

CONTACT US AND GET MORE INFO
AT ALLSAINTSSCOUTING.ORG

FOOD

GAMES

FUN



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SOCCER CHALLENGE

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

REGISTRATION & KICK-OFF: 12:00 – 4:00 PM

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD
9290 Stonewall Rd,
Manassas VA

BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 9–14

Bring your best soccer skills and compete in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge!

Participants will test their shooting accuracy while competing against others in their own age group. Winners advance to the next level of competition.

IMPORTANT:
A parent or legal guardian must accompany each participant to sign the official registration form.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 27

Lockdown Drill (10:00 a.m.)

Pre-Kindergarten Noon Dismissal

Friday, August 28

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

SchoolMessenger Test Message (10:30 a.m.)

Pre-Kindergarten Noon Dismissal

Tuesday, September 1

Band Demonstration of Instruments (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, September 2

Faculty Meeting (3:30-5:00 p.m.)
PTO Executive Committee Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 3

Back-to-School Night (Grades 1-5) & PTO General Assembly Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 4

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 7

Holiday – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

Standardized Testing (NWEA MAP – Grades 3-7) Begins
Band Parent Meeting & Registration (Music Room/6:45 p.m.)

Wednesday, September 9

New Parent Coffee (PAC/9:00 a.m.)
Enrollment Management Team Meeting (PLC/5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 10

Middle School Night (PAC/7:00 p.m.)

Friday, September 11

School Mass (8:30 a.m.)

Monday, September 14

Confessions – Grades 6 – 8 (10:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, September 15

Band Lessons Begin

Wednesday, September 16

Confessions – Grades 3 - 5 (10:00 a.m.)
Room Liaisons Meeting (PAC Atrium/7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, September 17

School Mass – Memorial: St. Hildegard of Bingen (8:30 a.m.)
PTO Helping Hands (PAC/9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
8th Grade Parent Meeting (PAC/7:00 p.m.)