



All Saints
Catholic School

"Gem of the Northside"



LOWER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 1 – 4

Our Mission

ALL SAINTS IS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF
HIGH MORAL EXPECTATIONS AND ACADEMIC RIGOR.
WE OFFER A QUALITY PRE-KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EDUCATION IN A STRUCTURED,
HOLISTIC, DISCIPLINED, AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

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*Fully accredited by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)
and VCEA (Virginia Catholic Education Association)*

Academic Philosophy

All Saints' integrated curriculum is based on National Standards of Learning and delivered with research-based teaching method and differentiated instruction for every aptitude. The rigorous and relevant curriculum is designed to promote critical and higher-order thinking skills, 21st century skills application, and inquiry-based and project-based learning. All Saints' family environment allows students to improve their strengths and weaknesses so that they may realize their potential academically, socially and spiritually. Since 2006, 100% of All Saints Catholic School students have graduated from high school, and in the past three years, 95% of these graduates went on to higher education. All Saints has graduated four valedictorians, including a Bill Gates Scholar.

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Curriculum Offerings

- Reading is a focal point in these crucial developmental years. Each lower school grade promotes word study which is phonics-based.
- Individualized leveled reading with guided instruction.
- Our *Accelerated Reader* program encourages independent reading and promotes passion for reading.
- Mathematics *Investigations* promote number sense, making connections, critical thinking and problem solving.
- School-wide *Peace Makers* program instills gospel values and teaches our children to respect themselves, fellow students and teachers.
- Religion is taught daily with prayers, Bible stories and Biblical poems. Students attend Mass weekly.
- Weekly special programs include Spanish, Technology/Drama, Music, P.E., Art, and Library taught by teachers who specialize in these areas
- Various field trips provide context to our lessons. Our Jamestown/Williamsburg trip is a highlight for fourth graders. Lower grades enjoy their visits to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and the Swift Creek Children's Theatre.
- Grades one and two have part-time classroom aides. Students also benefit from small groups with our reading specialist and Title I teacher as needed.
- The average class size is 18 - 21 students.
- Structured After-School Program
- Community Service Projects

Extra-Curricular & Other Activities

Grade 3

- Choir
- After School Activities:
 - ~ Overtime Athletics Sessions
 - ~ Health and Fitness Sessions
 - ~ Dance

Grade 4

Those listed for Grade 3, plus:

- Lego Robotics—Regional and State Award winning teams
- 4-H STEM Club
- Drama
- Cheerleading
- Environmental Action Club

STEAM Integration

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

Technology is integrated in the classrooms with SMART boards, Google Apps for Education, computer centers and one-to-one computing with Google Chrome Books (for all students grades 4–8) allowing digital interactive learning resources for all subject areas. Additionally, all grades have a designated technology class at least once a week to learn proper keyboarding techniques and how to use software applications such as Google Docs, Microsoft Office, Prezi and i-Movie. Engineering design methods are applied to collaborative math and science projects. Art integration occurs regularly through project-based learning experiences coordinated between classroom teachers and our art teacher. The ASCS Spring Arts Exhibition allows students to showcase their work and learning.

Faculty

All our teachers are state certified and over half have master's degrees. The dedicated faculty includes new graduates and veterans of 20+ years. For more details about our lower school faculty, please visit our website at www.allsaintsric.org/faculty.htm.



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