



All Saints
Catholic School

"Gem of the Northside"



EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kindergarten

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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Academic Philosophy

All Saints' integrated curriculum is based on National Standards of Learning and delivered with research-based teaching methods 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 since 2010, 95% of these graduates went on to higher education. All Saints has graduated four valedictorians, including a Bill Gates Scholar.

Eligibility for Kindergarten

Students must be five years old by September 30 of the school year in consideration to be eligible for kindergarten.

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Curriculum Offerings

- Language Arts: *Superkids* Course
 - ~ *Superkids* characters' adventures bring reading to life
 - ~ Provides *Directed Reading Assessments* and *Guided Reading* on individualized reading levels
 - ~ Phonics-based; word study integrated
- Mathematics: *Investigations*
 - ~ Montessori-style learning
 - ~ Promotes number sense, building patterns and hands-on activities
- Engaging, hands-on social studies and science curriculums
- Weekly special programs include Spanish, Technology, Music, P.E., Art, and Library taught by teachers who specialize in these areas
- Religion is taught each day. Children are taught prayers, beatitudes, the basic stories of the Bible and principles such as being nice to one another. Kindergarten students attend Mass weekly with their middle school Mass buddies.
- School-wide *Peace Makers* program instills gospel values and teaches our children to respect themselves, fellow students and teachers.
- A variety of field trips are taken such as visits to Maymont Park, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and the Swift Creek Mill Theatre.
- Community Service Projects
- Structured After-School Program

Classroom Features

- The average class size is 18-22 students
- An aide, Madgiel Sampson, assists in the classroom daily. Mrs. Sampson holds an ESL (English as a Second Language) degree. She joined All Saints in 2016 with three years experience as a teacher's assistant.
- Large spacious room with a variety of play and learning centers, including a computer center with Chrome books
- A boys and girls bathroom located inside the classroom
- 10-minute break for snack in the morning; recess time after lunch daily
- Homework activities are provided Monday through Thursday for skill reinforcement (requires approximately 10-15 minutes to complete)
- An interactive whiteboard allows for higher levels of student engagement by promoting student manipulation of data and content as well as adding visual images and video to enhance learning

Teacher

Kindergarten is taught by Mrs. Amanda Patterson. Mrs. Patterson joined All Saints in 2017. She grew up in Midlothian and received her master's in education from the University of Richmond. She spent four years as a kindergarten teacher in Chesterfield County and was nominated to be the kindergarten team leader. She also has experience developing science learning opportunities for teachers, and as an in-home counselor. As a child, her passion was sports—she went on to be a member of women's cross country and track and field teams at Duke University where she received her bachelor's in psychology. She stays active with her son Jackson, stepdaughter Isabelle, husband Chris and dog Sophie. She regularly communicates with parents/guardians about their child's accomplishments and challenges and about opportunities for parental involvement via a class website and weekly parent newsletter.

A Typical Day in Kindergarten

- 8:00am – Morning work and preparing for our day
- 8:30am – Carpet Time: calendar, weather, announcements, morning message
- 9:00am – Skill brush-up, Story Time
Language Arts – whole group lesson
- 9:30am – Snack
- 9:40am – Centers
- 11:00am – Math
- 11:40pm – Religion
- 12:00pm – Lunch
- 12:30pm – Recess
- 1:10pm – Special classes: PE, Music, Library, Spanish, Technology, Art
- 2:00pm – Science/Social Studies
- 3:00pm – Dismissal



"I cannot wait to foster relationships with your wonderful children and watch them grow day by day. I truly look forward to working with you in an effort to help our children at All Saints excel and develop a love for learning." —Mrs. Patterson