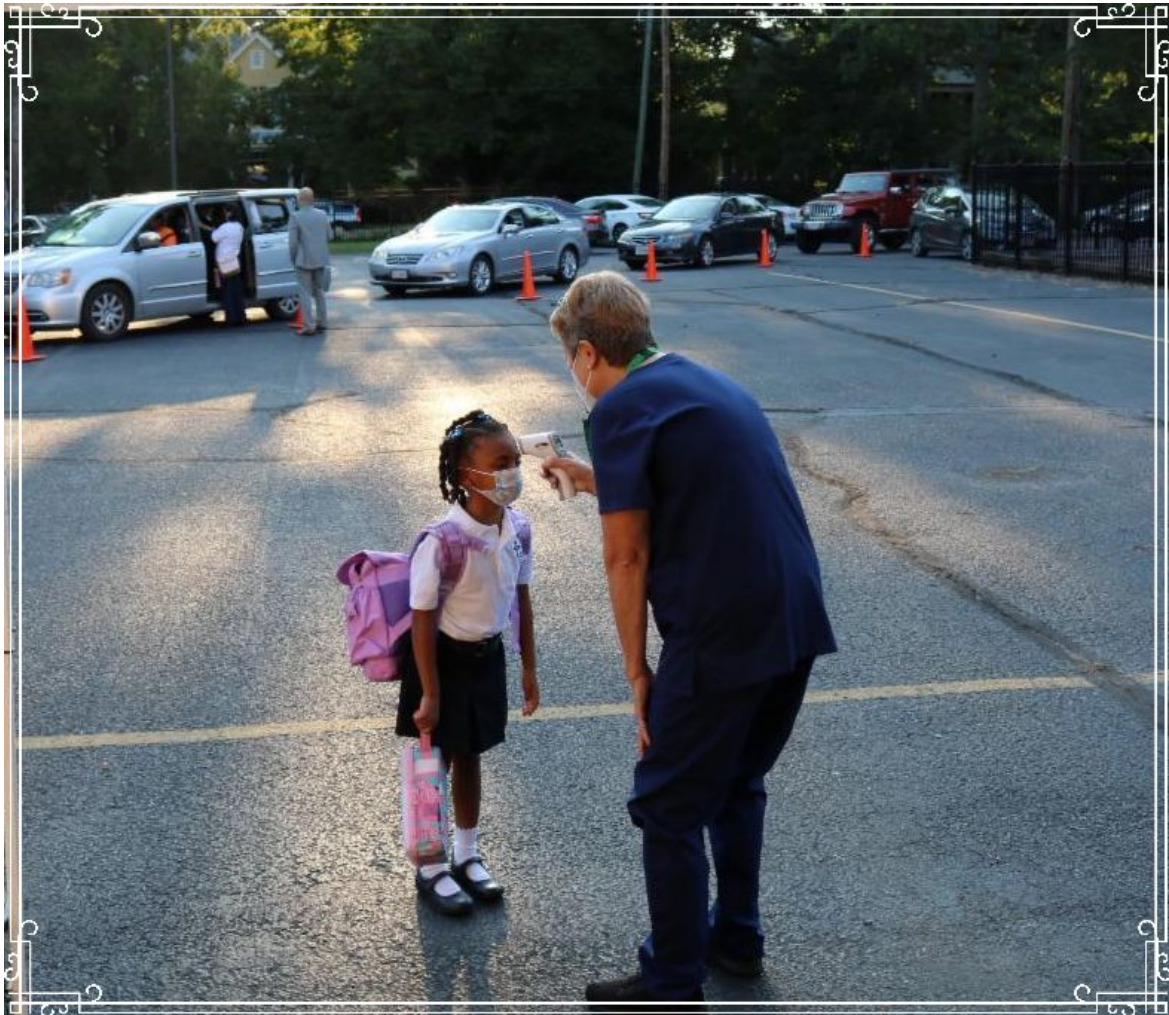




August 2020

***First Day of School!***  
**August 25, 2020**

All Saints welcomed students into the halls and through the computer for the 2020-21 school year. Check out the photos of our first day [HERE](#).



All Saints' COVID readiness team of teachers, staff and parents met for six

weeks during the summer to prepare for a safe return for in-person students and for virtual lessons for at-home students. The efforts included an extensive FAQ, multiple in-person and virtual open houses for enrolled parents and professional development for teachers on virtual learning. We look forward to a productive year!



***TOGETHER we will get through this!***

## ***All Saints strives to answer call for racial justice, establishes Diversity & Equity Committee/Listening Sessions***

*"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)*

All Saints strives to be a beacon of justice, mercy, and humility for all creeds, colors, and nationalities to help forge a path out of the darkness of systemic racism. We recognize the pain and suffering that our African-American family members have been experiencing for centuries as a result of unjust policies and actions. The global calls for racial justice present us with the opportunity to use the mandate set forth in Micah 6:8.





**“It will take all of us  
to work for justice  
and towards brighter days  
and better futures.”**

**~ Shanetonio, Valedictorian  
All Saints’  
8th grade graduation**



As a result, two initiatives have been announced to better equip us in our response to address the systemic pain that our community faces: **Diversity & Equity Committee** to examine and initiate conversations of race, culture, inclusivity, and promote programs, policies, and practices that are culturally relevant and supportive.

The Board-level Committee has been charged with establishing "**Listening Sessions & Community Conversations**" that will invite interested members of the All Saints family to gather either via Zoom and/or in person to discuss the social concerns of our school and our students. To read the full letter by administration and the Advisory Board, please click [HERE](#).

All Saints will not grow complacent in how we console, defend, and support the members of our community. These two initiatives are acts of systemic change in our school that have the ability to ripple out to bring justice, mercy, and humility to our world. Please join us.



**Construction has begun!**

*After waiting for a permit for eight months, construction finally*

*begins on All Saint's build-out this month!*



The build-out, which will add three classrooms, a new front entrance and elevator, will revitalize our physical space by adding 6,800 square feet of learning and administrative space and configuring current areas to their best use.

If all goes as planned, we expect substantial completion by March 2021, with occupancy in the fall of 2021.

Thanks to the generosity of Weinstein Properties and many other donors, 93% of All Saints' ***The Future is Now!*** \$2.3+ million campaign has been funded. All Saints must raise the remaining 7% by January 1, 2021 to fully fund this project. Please help us meet our goal by contributing to the campaign today. Read more about *The Future is Now!* campaign [HERE](#).

*For more information about the campaign, please contact: Alyssa McBride, Director of Development & Marketing, [amcbride@allsaintsric.org](mailto:amcbride@allsaintsric.org), 804.329.7524 x 111; [www.allsaintsric.org](http://www.allsaintsric.org)*

***YOU are a gift to All Saints Catholic School  
and its families***

We are preparing the best we can for this school year. Our teachers are working hard and our parents are being active partners. But there is no



doubt, it will be a struggle. **Over 70% of our students this year will require some level of assistance to attend All Saints.** As we allocate financial assistance to a growing number of students in need, we ask you to consider a pledge to the **State Tax Credit program.**



Make an investment in their future

*that pays off now.*

VIRGINIA'S EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS TAX CREDITS



Virginia's Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits program provides scholarships for low-income new students to attend All Saints. Donors receive a Virginia ***tax credit equal to 65%*** of the donation. In addition to the 65% Virginia tax credit, donors may be eligible for additional federal and state deductions for these charitable contributions.

Here are some other points to note:

1. While a pledge to the program can be made now while assistance allocations are being made to students, a donor has up to 180 days (6 months) to make the donation, or until the end of December for credits in this tax year.
2. Donations of \$500 or more made with cash, check, credit card or gifts of stock are eligible for tax credits
3. While the incentive for utilizing your required minimum distribution (RMD) has been diminished this tax year, a pledge to the program in the fall can still be paid with your RMD in the early months of the next calendar year.

To obtain tax credits for a scholarship donation under this program, donors must complete a [Letter of Intent](#) and [Preauthorization Form](#) prior to making a contribution.

To learn more about the process and make your pledge today, please contact Alyssa McBride, [amcbride@allsaintsric.org](mailto:amcbride@allsaintsric.org) or 804.329.7524 x 111.

*Thank you!*

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*"Gem of the Northside"*