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All Saints Catholic School Dedicates New Wing on All Saints Day

All Saints Catholic School, Richmond, VA will dedicate three new classrooms and a new administrative suite totaling 6.800 square feet of new space on its feast, All Saints Day, November 1, 2021.

When All Saints was constructed over 50 years ago on September 7, 1982, its design easily allowed for future expansion by repurposing the existing carport area into additional educational environments. Finally, The Future is NOW!

All Saints has revitalized its home! The additional 6,800 square feet of expanded academic and administrative areas include, three new classrooms which will provide a self-contained fifth grade, dedicated permanent space for Music and Art classes, teacher workspaces, tutoring, counseling and support offices, enhanced security and safety, increased ADA access, an elevator, and restroom improvements. The cost for the total project was \$2.3 million.

As the "Gem of the Northside," All Saints is unique in its diversity of students who come from all socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, with 65% of its student population being African American and 20% Hispanic.

This long-awaited dream has finally come to fruition. The addition puts every square foot of additional space to its best use in service to the educational and spiritual needs of the students and dedicated staff. The dream was made possible by a lead gift of one-million-dollars by Weinstein Properties, a long-time supporter of the school.

Weinstein first visited All Saints in 2014 and was impressed with the school's values, and the success of its students with 100% graduation rate, and 95% of its students going on to college. He started providing tuition assistance contributing over \$50,000 annually. Regardless of faith, education has long been a top priority in Weinstein's philanthropic contributions, and he appreciates All Saints' mission to provide a safe, quality education to anyone regardless of religion, race or ability to pay.

All Saints will begin the dedication ceremony with a Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond at 9:00 am. Mass will be held in the All Saints school auditorium followed by an El Dia de Los Muertos presentation. The official dedications ceremony will begin at 10:15 am outdoors. All media are welcome to join at All Saints Catholic School, 3418 Noble Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. Due to COVID restrictions, the public is invited to join via Zoom