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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 18th, 2026

Dear All Saints Catholic School Parent ,

Thank you for your continued support, loyalty, and care you show for All Saints Catholic School. I am deeply grateful for the parents, alumni, teachers, staff, and community members who love this school and want to see it flourish as much as I do.

I am especially thankful for Bishop Gruss, who has stepped in to accept governance of the school during this important moment in our history. His leadership reflects both pastoral concern and a sincere desire to create a sustainable future for All Saints Catholic School. As he shared in his recent message, his decision was grounded in several key realities, listed below in bold, that we must acknowledge together as a community:

1. **"I have stepped in to lead the school in its governance on hopefully a new path to sustainability."**

This transition in governance is rooted in hope and in a desire to ensure that All Saints remains viable for generations to come.

2. **"All Saints Catholic School, as it currently operates, is not sustainable. Over the past few years, the Diocese has made significant investments to support ASCS, totaling over one million dollars."**

These investments reflect the Diocese's deep love for our school, but they also underscore the seriousness of the challenges before us.



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3. **"I have found that there is a lack of true focus on mission and trust all constituents. Sarah and her team need to be supported in the things they are attempting to do. Because this is not currently happening, there is no alignment, but rather division, both internally and externally. Division is not the will of God. Unity is."**

This call to unity is essential. We cannot move forward separately -- we must move forward together, centered on Christ and aligned in mission.

4. **"If we prayerfully embrace this opportunity, the Lord will provide a future of hope. It will take the prayers and support of the whole All Saints Community. We must be united, One Heart and Mind, on mission together. In the end, it is not my will, your will, another group's will. We are seeking God's will."**

This moment is not one of despair, but of possibility -- if we choose unity, prayer, and trust in God's plan for our school.

5. **"For now, the school will continue to provide a great education and formation environment for our students. In the interim, I will need time to get up to speed on the current challenges, put a team together to prayerfully create a new vision and mission that is aligned with the Mission of the Diocese."**

This reinforces that our daily work continues uninterrupted, and that the longer-term vision will unfold thoughtfully and prayerfully under my leadership and with Bishop Gruss' guidance.



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The most helpful and necessary step currently is to allow Bishop Gruss, me, and my leadership team to develop a long-term plan for sustainability in collaboration through prayerful discernment, careful analysis, and close collaboration.

There will be ample opportunity for parent, alumni and community input as we move forward. Your voices matter deeply, and when the time is right, we will be inviting broad participation. For now, what we ask for most is your patience and your prayers.

Thank you again for your concern, your willingness to help, and your faith in our school. Please continue to keep All Saints -- and all who serve our students -- in your prayers.

With gratitude and hope,

Mrs. Dowling-Anderson

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



MARCH



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Virtue for March is HONESTY ; Sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in one's words and actions.	2 Wear a hat and fun socks with uniform today	3 B-Ball games Girls White, 5pm @ Immanuel Girls Blue, 5pm @ AACCS Boys Blue, 6pm, @ AACCS	4 1/2 day Dismissal @ 11am Conferences 1-4pm & 5-7pm	5 Mass @ 8:30am 1/2 day Dismissal @ 11am Conferences 1-4pm Girls & Boys Blue 5 & 6pm @ Home Girls White 5pm @ Zion BC	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Pot of Gold Fundraiser 
8 	9	10 Home & School meeting 5:30pm Girls Blue 5pm @ AACCS Girls White 5pm @ Zion BC Boys Blue 6pm @ Zion Auburn	11 Wear mismatched, inside out or backwards clothes, or uniform today	12 Mass @ 8:30am Girls White vs Blue 5pm Home Boys Blue 6pm Home	13 ASC Jean Day Popcorn Day  End of Marking Period 3	14
15 	16 Wear a shirt with animals on it with jeans/comfy pants Bring stuffed animal today	17 Bring a flashlight to read in the dark Wear St. Patty's shirt/ colors with jeans/comfy pants 	18 Bring a pillow to use while reading Wear pajamas today, no slippers 1st grade to the library	19 Read from the Bible with your class Reading Night 6:00-7:00pm Mass @ 8:30am	20 Watch a movie made from a book ASC Spirit Day 	21 
22	23 2nd, 4th & 5th grades to the movie theater	24	25 All Schools Mass @ 8:30am	26 Dress like a twin with one or more people, or uniform today	27 3rd & 4th grades to the Capitol	28
29 	30 NO SCHOOL	31 				28 












March Calendar



ASC Elementary
2025/2026 School
Calendar


MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	 Blood Drive	4 NHS Meeting 7am 1/2 Day Conferences 11:14am Dismissal	5 1/2 Day Conferences 11:14am Dismissal	 NO SCHOOL	7
 8	9 Staff PD & Staff Meeting NO Study Club Dress Up Day- Comfv Day	10 Dress Up Day College/ Sports 	11 Dress Up Day— Sunday Best StuCo Meet 7am	12 Art Club 3pm Robotics 3pm Dress Up Day—Twin Day	13 Dress Up Day ASC Spirit Wear March Madness Assembly at St. Hvacinth and field trip in afternoon	14
15	16 2nd & 3rd Hour Yellow Ribbon Presentation 9am—11am 6th grade Lenten Retreat at the Food Pantry	 17 Green Day—Can wear jeans St. Pat's shirts or green	18 NHS Meeting 7am Robotics 3-4pm Band Performs at Saginaw Spirit Game At 7pm	19 Senior Cap & Gown Pictures 7:30am near foyer Art Club 3-4pm Robotics 3-4pm	20 \$1 Jean or \$2 Sweats	21
22	23 Staff PLC 3:15pm NO Study Club	24	25 StuCo Meet 7am All Schools Mass 8:30am Robotics 3-4pm	26 Dress Like a Book Character Art Club 3-4pm Robotics 3-4pm	27 ASC Jean Day	28
 29 PALM SUNDAY	 30 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	 31 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	March Faith Reflections <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th, is the patron saint of workers. This month, in what ways can you deepen your gratitude for how work forms you as a person? 2. Where can I add silence into my life so I can hear God speak? 3. In what ways can we, as a family, incorporate Scripture into our family prayer 			



 [March Calendar](#)

 [ASC Middle/High 2025/2026 School Calendar](#)

 [ASC Athletics Calendar](#)

AND THEN...

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DRAW

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All Saints Catholic

NO SCHOOL

April 27th

Reminder, there has been a schedule change and All Saints Catholic Schools will NOT have school 4/27 due to teacher professional development training.

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View the lunch menu,
click the link below

March Menu



CHILDHOOD



Hello Families!

Our Early Childhood program has been filled with many wonderful moments of learning, faith, and community. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our families who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences. Your partnership and involvement in your child's growth and development means so much to us. We also want to thank the many special guests who joined us for our Special Person Family Event; it was truly a joy to see our students share their classroom experiences with the important people in their lives. As a Catholic school community, we continue to encourage our children to grow in kindness, gratitude, and love for one another, reflecting the values Christ teaches us each day.

In the coming weeks, please keep an eye out for exciting updates including our upcoming Open House, field trips, the Art to Remember fundraiser, and several other fun activities and events. We are grateful for the continued support of our families as we work together to nurture the hearts, minds, and faith of our youngest learners.

Since March is Reading Month, we invite families to try this fun "Ruby's Reading Recipe" at home with friends or family:

Ruby's Reading Recipe

- 2-3 good books of your choice
- 1 cozy blanket or comfy reading spot
- 1-2 friends, siblings, or family members
- A handful of snacks (popcorn or fruit works great!)
- A sprinkle of imagination
- A dash of laughter and discussion

Directions:

1. Gather your ingredients in a cozy reading spot.
2. Take turns reading pages or letting each person choose a book.
3. Pause to talk about favorite characters, silly moments, or what might happen next.
4. Add snacks and laughter as needed.
5. Repeat throughout the month of March!

Happy Reading Month, and thank you for continuing to build a strong community of learners and faithful families!

Blessings,

Chelsea Wrone, Early Childhood Director

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CHILDHOOD



At All Saints Catholic School, our Early Childhood program is about so much more than learning, it's about building a faith-filled community rooted in love, connection, and joy.

Each month, we welcome parents and family members into our classrooms for special events where we come together to create crafts, make snacks, and share meaningful moments. These gatherings are a beautiful reminder that education is a partnership between school and family.

Through laughter, creativity, and time spent together, our youngest learners experience the beauty of community and the importance of fellowship, values at the heart of our Catholic faith. By nurturing these connections, we are helping our students grow not only academically, but spiritually and socially as well.

Thank you to our wonderful families for being such an important part of the All Saints community. Together, we are building something truly special!

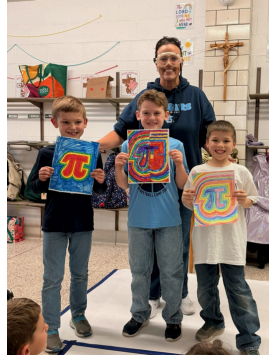


π DAY



Elementary School

Hello ASC Families,



Students explored the meaning behind the symbol π , watched engaging videos and songs, and dove into hands-on activities that brought math to life in creative ways. Of course, the highlight of the day included some delicious “pi(e)” treats and a friendly competition where students earned the chance to “pi(e)” their teacher and even our principal, Mrs. Rhodus, in the face!
[Read more, click here.](#)

WINTER OLYMPICS

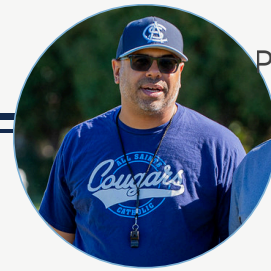


Our preschoolers held their own version of the winter Olympics.
[Read more, click here.](#)

Reading Month is in full swing! We kicked off our One School, One Book program on Monday, March 9. Each student received the book *Big Foot and Little Foot* by Ellen Potter, along with a reading timeline and additional information. One School, One Book is a community wide initiative where every student, family, and staff member reads the same book at the same time to spark shared conversations, schoolwide activities, and stronger connections. It's been wonderful to hear students talking about their favorite part, answer trivia questions, and the halls are buzzing!

This week is Reading Month Spirit Week filled with fun activities and fun dress-up days. We are looking forward to Reading Night on Thursday for family fun. We are encouraging all our students to keep reading at home. The excitement grows with every page and gives students new ideas to share with friends.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rhodus
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Hello Cougars!

Boys Basketball completed their season in the first round of the MSHAA district tournament falling to Hemlock and finished the season 7-16. Congratulations to Jack Wetters (1st Team), Jonathan Kirkpatrick (2nd Team, Bo Williams and Jeffrey Hartman (Honorable Mention).

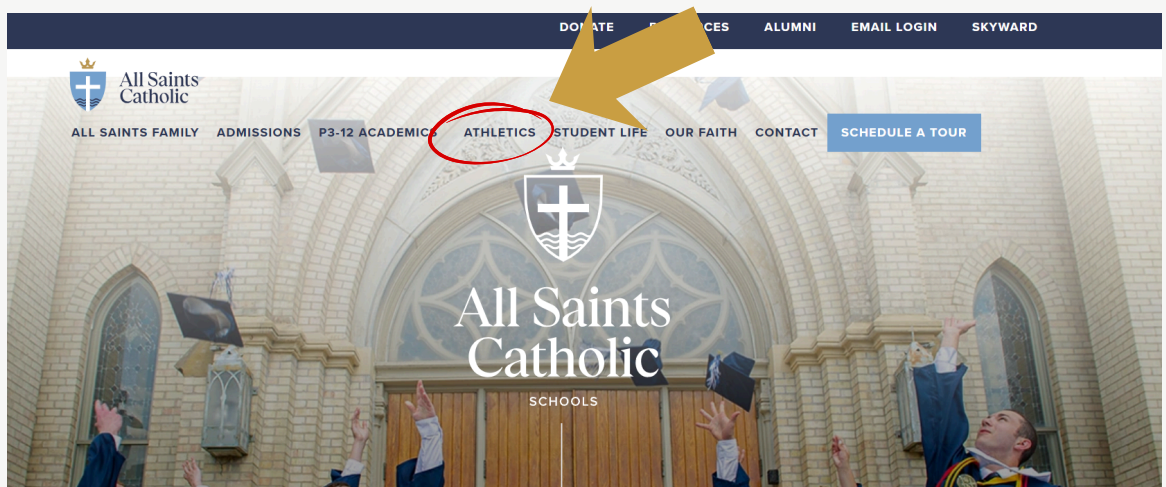
Girls Basketball finished the season 14-8 falling to Nouvel in the district tournament. The team again were Red Division champions. Congratulations to Gali Costilla and Kara Shular (1st Team), Val Costilla and Lydia Scherzer (2nd Team), along with Kellen Proctor (Honorable Mention)

Boys Bowling finished the season with an appearance in the State Tournament and an 8th place finish as a team. Mason Miller finished 28th in his State Finals appearance. On the girls side Olivia Lesoski finished 36th in the state.

Spring Sports started practice on the 9 of March and are currently gearing up for a very exciting spring season.

We also wanted to announce there is a new way to follow All-Saints Athletics. Please go to <https://ascathletics.org/> for all your cougar athletics. You can also access through the ascbaycity.org page and click on the Athletics tab. Eventlink is still your way to get current athletic information sent to you.

Lonnie Griffin, Athletic Director
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PRINCIPAL Updates



Middle/ High School

Hello All Saints Families,

During this Lenten season, our 6th grade students had the opportunity to put their faith into action during a retreat at our local food pantry.

Through their service of cleaning, organizing, and stocking shelves at the Our Lady of Peace food pantry, our students lived out the true meaning of Lent: prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving. By giving their time and energy to help those in need, they demonstrated compassion, humility, and a heart for serving others.

Getting out into the community is such an important part of forming our students not only academically, but spiritually. Experiences like this help them see the real needs around them, build empathy, and understand the impact they can have when they serve others. It teaches them that being part of a Catholic community means reaching beyond our school walls to care for our neighbors and be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

We are so proud of our students for embracing Catholic values and being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. May this experience continue to inspire them to serve with love and kindness throughout the Lenten season and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Discover the Treasure at All Saints Catholic School!

TREASURE HUNT

OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY
MARCH 24TH
6PM - 7PM

at All Saints Elementary & Early Childhood Center
715 14th St,
Bay City, MI

Early Childhood Programs
0 - 30 months
Traditional Preschool
Montessori Preschool
Early 5's to 5th Grade

For more information
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MEET THE TEACHERS

EXPLORE OUR CLASSROOMS AND LEARNING SPACES

LEARN ABOUT EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

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ART NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026 ADDITION

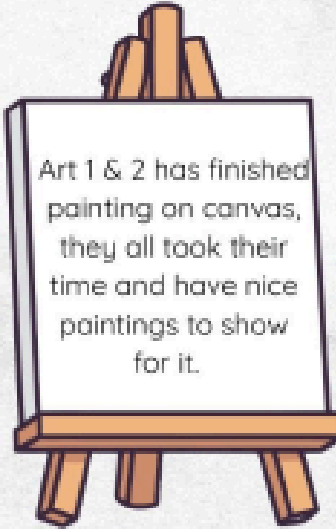
We have hit the second half of the school year !!! Horay

All art students have passed the elements of art test so, feel free to ask them "what are the elements of art ?"

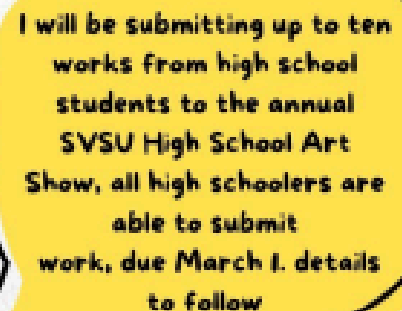
WE ARE STARTING COLLAGES AND WILL MOVE INTO 3D ARTWORK TO FINISH OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

DONATIONS WISH LIST

ANY LITTLE OBJECTS YOU DONT WANT, FOR COLLAGE EMBELLISHMENTS: BUTTONS, OLD GAMES THAT NEED TO BE TOSSED(CAN HAVE MISSING PIECES) , TINY TOYS,CHEAP BEAD CHARMS, ETC.



Art 1 & 2 has finished painting on canvas, they all took their time and have nice paintings to show for it.



I will be submitting up to ten works from high school students to the annual SVSU High School Art Show, all high schoolers are able to submit work, due March 1. details to follow



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

March 21, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm

All Saints Gym - 2306 S. Monroe St.



Hosted by All Saints Varsity Poms

Tickets are \$20.00 per couple
\$5.00 per additional daughters
Preschool - 5th grade

**Girls may be escorted by Dad,
Grandpa, Uncle or any other adult**





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SUMMER

Camps



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[Grand Valley State University: Summer STEM Day Camps](#)

[University of Michigan: Summer Engineering Exploration Camp, Future Ready Scholars, Women in Science & Engineering](#)

[Michigan State University: Spartan Youth Programs,](#)
[Michigan State University: College of Engineering](#)

[Eastern Michigan University: STEM ED Institute](#)

[Central Michigan University: Center for Excellence in STEM Education](#)

[Michigan Technological University: Summer Youth Programs](#)

[Northern Michigan University: Youth Programs](#)

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Hearing & Vision

Summer 2026 Pre-School & Kindergarten Entry Screening Clinics

**JUNE 17 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
& 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**JULY 9 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
JULY 14 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
JULY 15 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
JULY 22 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
JULY 23 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
JULY 28 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**



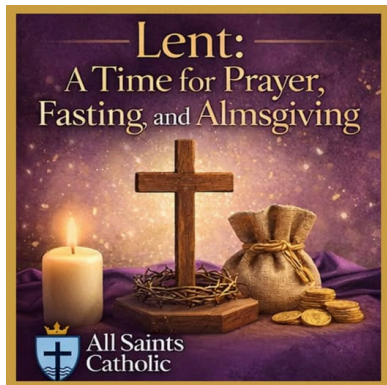
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Call: (989) 895-2045**



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Clinics Too!*



As we journey through the month of March, the Theology Department at All Saints Catholic Schools invites our families to reflect more intentionally on faith in daily life. This month's theme centers on work, silence, and Scripture; three simple but powerful ways we grow closer to God in our everyday routines.

God speaks to us through His Word. Scripture strengthens, guides, and unites families in faith. Consider: In what ways can we, as a family, incorporate Scripture into our family prayer?

Some simple ideas include:

- Reading the upcoming Sunday Gospel together and sharing one word or phrase that stands out.
- Choosing a short Bible verse to memorize as a family each month.
- Reflecting on a Psalm of gratitude before meals.
- Allowing each family member to take turns reading during prayer time.
- When Scripture becomes part of the rhythm of home life, children learn that God's Word is not just heard at Mass, but lived every day.

As we continue through this Lenten season, may our work, our silence, and our prayer draw us closer to Christ and to one another. Thank you for partnering with us in forming hearts and minds rooted in faith.



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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD 2025-26

**NOMINATIONS OPEN
THROUGH APRIL 20**

Who in your Catholic school exemplifies what it means to be a Catholic school educator and makes a difference in the lives of their students and community? Nominate him or her today!

Open to PK-12 educators in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Saginaw.



Know an amazing Catholic school teacher who goes above and beyond for their students and their faith? Great teachers shape inspire, lead and form the next generation. Help up recognize and celebrate them by nominating them for the Excellence in Teaching Award!



**All Saints
Cougars**

BASEBALL CAMP

The All Saints Baseball Camp is the perfect opportunity for all young ASC athletes to learn from experienced coaches and varsity players, improve their game, and enjoy an afternoon with other Cougars! All ages and skill level welcome!



1:00–2:30 PM

FREE TO ATTEND

21 MARCH 2026

At Legends– 7294 Westside Saginaw Rd. Bay City MI 48706

Register by emailing Coach Good at:
goodb@bcschools.net





TEXAS ROADHOUSE SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

03.25.26 • 3-10PM

2508 Tittabawassee | Saginaw MI.



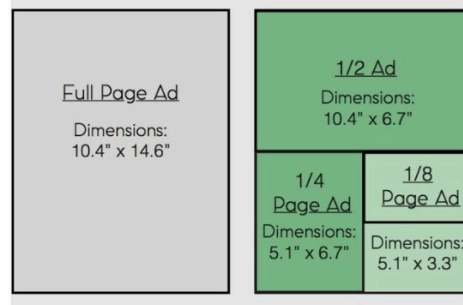
SUPPORT THIS CAUSE BY PRESENTING THIS FLYER TO THE TITTABAWASSEE LOCATION AND TEXAS ROADHOUSE WILL DONATE 10% OF YOUR TOTAL FOOD PURCHASES TO BAY CITY ALL SAINTS SOFTBALL PROGRAM!



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AD SUBMISSIONS DUE BY

MAY 8TH 2026

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Welcome To The Team

Please give a big Cougar welcome to our new employees. They started on Monday, March 16th.

Tamera Allison

Tamera brings with her over 27 years of experience in hospitality management and customer service. She will be working in the BACS office as an Office Administrator. Tamera is very familiar with a school environment as she also has experience working as a substitute teacher in area schools.



Wayne Draves

Wayne will be working as the new School Secretary in the Middle/ High School front office. He has vast experience in customer service. He is also familiar with a school environment as he previously worked at Bullock Creek as a bus driver, and most recently worked as a Classroom Assistant at Midland County ESA.



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