Stories of the Saints Blog Post

How is All Saints Academy helping students grow both inside and outside the classroom? From managing emotions and setting goals to practicing empathy, kindness, and problem-solving, our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program helps students build important life skills. **Read our latest blog** to learn how Ms. Despres will support our students throughout the 2026–2027 school year!

All Saints' Day Family Celebration Nov. 1



Join the ASA community for our first-ever feast day family celebration, hosted by ASA's Mission Effectiveness Committee! On Sunday, November 1, 2026, the 1 p.m. Mass at St. Jude will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints with our All Saints Academy families. Already attending a different Mass that weekend? No worries! Join us in the Brophy Center starting at 2 p.m. Snacks and Saint-themed activities will be available in the Brophy Center and UC gym from 2:15 p.m. until 4 p.m. There's no need to stay the whole time! Early childhood through 4th grade students will collect Saint cards as they visit the Saint stations, and 5th grade and older students are encouraged to volunteer—check **Helper Helper** to see about opportunities and sign up to help. Make sure to stop by with your whole family to decorate a candle to take with you to your home. Are you a Lions fan? The game will be broadcast in the Brophy after Mass. Don't forget K-8 students who attend will receive a color day coupon for Monday, November 2, 2026. Be sure to see Mrs. Schneider before you leave! All families are welcome to this FREE event! To help with planning, please RSVP.

All Saints' Day RSVP

Eaglefest Winter Wonderland is November 7



The Eaglefest auction is ASA's largest fundraiser of the year. There are plenty of games, raffles, silent auction items, as well as live auction to participate in. If attending events is not your thing but you'd still like to help, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for a large event like this! Mark your calendar for **5:15 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2026,** at the Upper Campus Gym/Cafeteria and St. Jude Brophy Center for the All Saints Academy Eaglefest Winter Wonderland. Get your tickets, sign up to volunteer for some spending money, raise your paddle, and have fun while supporting ASA! Can't attend in person? It's still possible to make a donation.

Ticket prices for Eaglefest are $75 per person, which includes dinner and an open bar. They can be purchased online ahead of the event.

Get Your Tickets

Volunteers Needed
Want some extra cash to spend at Eaglefest? Sign up to volunteer! All volunteers will receive a $25 credit to use at Eaglefest. Dinner Blitz volunteers will receive their ticket to

Eaglefest free, as well as the $25 credit to use. Can’t help on November 7? There are also opportunities to help on Sunday, November 8.

Sign up to Volunteer

Teacher Supply Fund

Can't make it to the auction? All families are invited to give directly to our Teacher Supply Fund by donating online! Funds donated here will be used for the 'extras' that are not supported by the annual budget. These are things like puzzles and games for indoor recess, supplies that spark creativity, or items that are designed for individualized instruction.

Teacher Supply Fund Donations

Kiln It With Mom - November 8

All women and girls are invited to this year's Kiln It With Mom event, 3-5 p.m. on **Sunday, November 8, 2026**, in the Brophy Center at St. Jude Parish. It is a fun event for the gals to get together and paint Christmas ornaments for the upcoming season. Find out more info or register at www.stjudes.net/kilnitwithmom.



Register Here

Picture Retake Day, November 9

Picture retake day is on Monday, November 9, at both campuses. Photographers will be available 8:00-10:30 a.m. at the Lower Campus, and 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the Upper Campus. If your student did not have pictures taken in September and you need an order form, please email your student's office to have one sent home. If your student needs retakes, simply return the original package of pictures you received, and your student's picture will be taken again.The same package will be printed for you with the new photo. Students having their picture taken may wear color day attire.

K-2 Conferences - It's Time to Schedule!

Lower Campus K-2 parents should have received an email this week inviting them to schedule their grades K-2 parent-teacher conferences. Due to the academic and developmental needs of our younger students, conferences will be held later for our Kindergarten through 2nd Grade students. Fall conferences at the Lower Campus are:
Thursday, November 12, 2026, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Schedule Your Upper Campus Conference

Volunteer Mass

Have you spent time at ASA volunteering? We would like to honor and thank you for your time and talents at our Volunteer Appreciation Mass on November 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude Church. We will serve a light breakfast following Mass. Please help us with our planning by submitting your **RSVP here.**

November 25 Child Care Sign Up

Wednesday, November 25, 2026, is a non-school day within the academic calendar year. All students (toddlers through school age) who plan on attending child care must complete their reservation **by November 16, 2026,** to be guaranteed a slot for your family. Sign-up sheets are located next to each classroom iPad or sign in station. Your reservation is a commitment. If you sign up your child and your child does not attend, you will be charged for the day.

Upcoming Child Care Closure Dates

As you prepare for the upcoming holidays, please note our child care programs will be closed the following dates:

- Thursday, November 26
- Friday, November 27
- Wednesday, December 23
- Thursday, December 24
- Friday, December 25
- Thursday, December 31
- Friday, January 1

Bus Drivers Needed!

Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools Transportation Department is looking to hire Bus Drivers for 20+ hours/week during the school year (mostly morning/afternoon school hours, but some hours may be available for events during evenings and weekends). Bus drivers are responsible for safely transporting high school and elementary students to and from school or school-related activities following a set route and schedule. Substitute and fill-in Bus Drivers are also needed.

- Qualifications: Maintain a valid State of Michigan CDL
- Pay starts at $21/hr.
- Part-time employee health benefits are available.
- Position is eligible for a part-time employee tuition discount of 33% after one year of service for children/students attending West Catholic High School or Catholic Central High School.

Interested candidates may complete an application for employment, or call Don St. Andre, HR Director, at 616-264-6272 for additional information.

Apply Now

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ignatius Book Fair at St. Jude Church

We are excited to share an upcoming event that promises to be both enjoyable and enriching for our community – the Ignatius Book Fair! The book fair will help support our Faith Formation and Evangelization programs.

Dates: November 19-22, 2026.
Time: To be announced. Students at ASA Upper Campus will have the opportunity to shop during the school day on November 19 & 20.
Where: St. Jude Catholic Parish – in the Brophy Hallway
Payment Accepted: Cash, Check, Credit Card
For details, please visit the St. Jude website.

Ignatius Book Fair

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

For the latest admissions information and event news (including camps), check these pages from Catholic Central and West Catholic each week:

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 31
Happy Halloween

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Day
1:00 p.m. All Saints Day Family Celebration & Mass, St. Jude Church/Brophy Center

Monday, November 2
All Souls Day

Tuesday, November 3
8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 6th Grade Vocations Field Trip, St. Anthony of Padua
9:00-11 a.m. 8th Grade Praise Band Vocations Field Trip, St. Anthomy of Padua

Wednesday, November 4
10:30 a.m. Lower Campus Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

Thursday, November 5
8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, November 6

Spirit Day
Home & School Popcorn Day

Saturday, November 7
5:15 p.m. Eaglefest, Upper Campus Gym/Cafeteria/Brophy Center

Sunday, November 8
3:00-5:00 p.m. Kiln It With Mom, Brophy Center

Monday, November 9
8:00-10:30 a.m. Picture Retakes, Lower Campus
12:30-3:00 p.m. Picture Retakes, Upper Campus

Tuesday, November 10
8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church

Wednesday, November 11
10:30 a.m. Lower Campus Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

Thursday, November 12
8:30 a.m. Upper Campus Mass, St. Jude Church
4:30-7:30 p.m. K-2 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Lower Campus

Friday, November 13
Spirit Day
Winter 1 Jersey Day

ASA Community Calendar

The Vision of All Saints Academy is to provide a transformative education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this education meets the needs of individual learners, preparing them to make a positive impact on others.

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