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All Saints Catholic School
Richmond, VA
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All Saints Catholic School Breaks Ground on New Building Improvements

All Saints Catholic School, Richmond, VA will break ground for new classrooms and an administrative office on the feast of All Saints Day, Friday, November 1, 2019.

When All Saints was constructed over 50 years ago, its design easily allowed for future expansion by repurposing the existing carport area into additional educational environments.

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Poised with a million-dollar matching gift from Richmond businessman and philanthropist Marcus Weinstein, All Saints will begin to revitalize its home! Plans include adding 6,800 square feet of expanded academic and administrative areas including, 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. Estimated cost for the total project is \$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 25% Hispanic.

Kenneth Soistman, who served as principal of All Saints for 17 years, and has been its president since 2013 has long-awaited seeing his dream come to fruition. "I fell in love with All Saints the minute I walked in over 24 years ago," Soistman said. "We plan on putting every square foot of additional space to its best use in service to the educational and spiritual needs of our students and our dedicated staff. Just seeing their success means everything to me."

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 well 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.

"When you contribute funds to education, it's not a charity; it's an investment in the future," Weinstein said.

Thanks to the generosity of Weinstein Properties and other donors, 80% of All Saints' fundraising goal has been met with 20% to be raised before project completion scheduled for August of 2020.

All Saints will begin the ground-breaking ceremony with a Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond at 10:00 am. Mass will be held in the All Saints school auditorium followed by an El Dia de Los Muertos presentation. The official groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 11:15 am in the outdoor carport. All media, press, our All Saints family of students, parents, alumni, board members, the community, our neighbors, and anyone interested in additional details regarding "The Future is Now" are welcome to join us at All Saints Catholic School, 3418 Noble Ave., Richmond, VA 23222.

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