

While it does not have a long history, having opened in September 2002, All Saints High School is gaining renown through its actions, and already has a long litany of social justice initiatives and projects which the students have undertaken. Since its opening, All Saints High School has adopted St. Elizabeth School in Ottawa as its sister school and has supported it in various ways, including providing the elementary school with over 4,500 books for its literacy program.

An annual event at All Saints High School is its craft fair. The proceeds from this event go to support St. Angela's Community Centre in Brazil, as well as St. Elizabeth School in Ottawa. In the spring of 2003, the All Saints multi-media prayer studio supported the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace through the production of an interactive Lenten calendar. This project received a certificate of honour from the organization. The Lenten calendar is currently used across Canada and elsewhere.

All Saints High School supports an annual 24-hour famine experience called "Thinkfast," which is sponsored by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Every May in honour of Mother's Day, All Saints hosts a baby shower, with gifts donated to St. Mary's Home. Annually as well, the Music Department arranges visits to homes for seniors and feeder schools in the community, where the students share their gift of music. During the Christmas season, students provide baskets that include food and gifts for needy families in the community. They have also begun a tradition of traveling to the Dominican Republic to experience conditions in a developing nation. In September 2004 and again in 2005, All Saints High School students participated in the Terry Fox Run, raising over \$40,000 for

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cancer research. In January 2005, in response to the tsunami disaster, which struck Southeast Asia, the school collected \$20,000 to support relief efforts in the area.

All Saints High School draws students from the Kanata North area as well as from West Carleton. It offers a wide range of academic programs. Students are also able to participate in more than 25 interscholastic sports and 30 clubs and activities, including student council, yearbook, improv, an environmental group, a school band, peer helpers, peer mentoring, a chess club, peer tutoring and an early intervention program.

All Saints has seen its students succeed at various levels. In 2005, Simon Pek placed fourth in a national debating competition. In 2004-05, Malyha Alibhai was a finalist in the Canadian Merit Scholarship competition, a scholarship which recognizes Canadian students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and who make an outstanding contribution to the community. Also in 2005, Madeline Marsh won the top prize in a provincial writing contest sponsored by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association.

The school has concert bands, vocal groups, jazz bands and small ensembles, all of which perform at music competitions such as Musicfest and the Kiwanis Music Festival. In 2004, and again in 2005, All Saints grade 8 students participated in the Skills Canada Marsville competition to showcase their abilities in robotics, animation, mechanical engineering and technology. They have won gold and silver medals in these competitions.

All Saints High School has fielded numerous sports teams in its brief history. The junior boys' soccer team won the National Capital Championship title in 2004.

The school opened on September 3, 2002, with Monsignor Leonard Lunney presiding at the official ceremony on behalf of Archbishop Marcel Gervais. The school was built on land in Kanata North, which was previously owned by the Whalen family. A mature spruce tree at one time growing on the property immediately to the west of the school bore a plaque with an inscription indicating that it had been planted by the Whalen family on VE Day in 1945.

The school's first graduation ceremony took place in June 2004. To commemorate the event, the class of 2004 built a rock cairn entitled "Cairn of Hope" at the front of the school, into which they placed a time capsule.

All Saints High School, created to relieve overcrowding at Holy Trinity in Kanata and at Sacred Heart in Stittsville, was named following a process which involved input and extensive consultation among students, staff, parents, school council and trustees regarding potential choices. The names of many saints were among the suggestions that came forward. Ultimately, “All Saints” emerged as the clear favourite.

All Saints High School features the same high school design by architect Edward Cuhaci that was used for Holy Trinity Catholic High School, Kanata’s first Catholic high school, and which has been used by the Carleton Roman Catholic School Board and now the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board as the design for all its new high schools. Each time, the design is improved in some respects and in the case of All Saints, this meant an increased number of classrooms on the second floor, achieved by encroaching on the trademark central atrium feature of the design. Besides numerous classrooms, All Saints also has a chapel, two large gymnasiums, four computer labs, seven science labs, a graphics room, a library, two music rooms, a dance studio, a fitness room, a drama room and an electronics shop.

The school has continued to grow in enrolment since its formation, thanks to ongoing and steady residential growth in the Kanata North area. Portable classrooms have now sprouted up at the school to accommodate this burgeoning student enrolment. A 30-room addition to the school is now in the planning stages, with an expected opening in September 2007.

Present Principal

Joseph Mullally (2005-present)

Past Principals

Joan Clark (2002-05)

First Teaching and Support Staff

Tony Adams
 Barry Agnew
 Barb Arnold
 Danielle Baillie
 Virginia Bedecki
 John Bender
 Rejeane Bone
 Jeff Boucher
 Catherine Bourgon
 Rosa Cammara
 Todd Campbell
 Joan Clark
 Joanne Costanzo
 Anne Delahunt
 Michelle Deveaux
 Leslie Diack
 Sandy Dos Santos
 Carolyn Druve
 Valerie Forte
 Kate Fournier
 Stephanie Gonsalves
 Joanne Gosselin
 Carmen Hillary
 Ryan Hobbins
 Nicole Houle-Pukanich
 Anne Hudson
 Angela Hussey
 Trevor Kirtz
 Vanessa Kirtz
 Patricia Koeslag
 Liana Krauthaker
 Joanne Lachapelle
 Oriana Laderoute
 Randy Ladoucer
 Richard Larock
 Kai Lee
 Tara MacNeil
 Tracey MacPherson
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Graham Mastersmith
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 Shawna McSheffrey
 Chad Morreau
 Mary Morris
 Shawn Murphy
 Michel Nadeau
 Danielle Novak
 Michael Nugent
 Cheryl Orzel
 Anthony O’Sullivan
 Pino Pasqua
 Frederic Pepin
 Angela Pignat
 Kathlene Pomfret
 Kevin Porter
 Suzanne Raymond
 Kerry Rodgers
 Bonnie Russell
 Jennifer Scrim
 Raymond Shea
 Gwen Simonds
 Gloria Sobb
 Dung Tang
 Anne-Marie Tapply
 Karen Timmons
 Chris Todd
 AnnMarie Vanneste
 Deanna VanZeeland
 Richard Walker
 Christopher Ward
 Claire Wilson
 Theresa Wood

School Colours

The founding students, staff and school council chose the school colours of silver, blue and burgundy.

Motto

Dei Gratia (The Grace of God)

Mascot

In 2005, in keeping with a Nordic theme, All Saints students chose the Yeti as the school mascot.

Team Names

The Avalanche

Home Gymnasium

It is called "The Summit."

Significant Events

In 2005, All Saints High School was chosen as the location for the official "kick off" event for the implementation of the "Eat Smart" program in Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board high school cafeterias.

The school's grades 7 and 8 boys' touch football team won the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic Intermediate Athletic Association Championship title in both 2003 and 2004.



