

February 2009

Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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Dates to Remember

February 2
Confirmation Cards

February 6
Current Students 2009 Fall
Registration Deposits Due at
2:00pm

February 9, 10
Fall Registration Open to Parish
February 12
Fall Registration Open to Public

February 9 – 13
Scholastic Book Fair

February 10
Family Chapel 9:15

February 11 & 12
Class Portraits

February 16
Presidents' Day (School Closed)

February 19
School Commission Meeting
9:30 am

Looking ahead...

March 12
All Saints Art Festival
March 30 – April 3
Spring Break (School Closed)

TEACHER BIRTHDAYS:

Emory Mikell - February 18

Notes from the Director

Dear Parents,

February is always a great month because we teach about the life of St. Valentine and focus on how God teaches us to love one another. Valentine's Day is a wonderful Christian holiday that completely focuses our attention on the love of God. God used St. Valentine to touch the lives of others by giving him a loving heart and the gifted hands of a physician. The 'little saints' are learning daily to have a loving heart. This is being reinforced in the classrooms and weekly in Chapel as well as with our outreach projects of Samaritan's Purse, the Pajama Project, St. Jude's Trike-a-thon and the One for Books program.

A new season of the church year begins this month. Ash Wednesday is February 25th and that day begins the 40 day period of Lent that takes us to Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is to make way in our hearts and our lives for the great events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The Easter story – Jesus' passion, death and resurrection – is the story of the events which our faith rests on. As an Episcopal

school, we want to incorporate these traditions into our teachings to our 'little saints'. Chapel times will be filled with many hands on experiences for the children.



Pre-registration took place the last week in January. Confirmation cards will be sent home by 2:00 pm on Monday, February 2. Be sure to check your child's backpacks. Payment, including registration fee, supply fee, activity fee and a half month's tuition is due no later than Friday, February 6th.

February will also bring class portraits and the Scholastic Book Fair. It will be busy again!

Love Is....

Love is patient, Love is kind, Love is Not boastful, Love is not rude, Love Doesn't insist upon its own way, Love is Not irritable, Love rejoices in the Right, Love never ends. I Corinthians 13

♥Mary

St. Jude's Trike-a-thon

All money collected for the trike-a-thon needs to be turned in by Thursday, February 5th. Thank you!!!



VPK PARENTS...

January Attendance Sheets are ready for your signature. Check with your child's teacher. Thank You!

PTO Corner

Hello, Parents! Many thanks to Iantha Mackinnon and all of you who helped at the Trike-A-Thon! The looks of pride and determination on the children's faces as they rode their trikes to help the St. Jude's children were priceless! What a wonderful event!

February is sure to be a great month at All Saints with the Scholastic Book Fair going on the week of Feb. 9th. This is a perfect place to shop for books for Valentine's Day for your little saints. You can shop any day that week during drop-off and pick-up. We can always use volunteers to help make this event run smoothly! Please contact Amy Plank if you can help with a shift.

Speaking of books, our school is so blessed to have a very well stocked library. Cathy Chasser has been doing an amazing job this year keeping the library organized and running smoothly! Kristin Pilgrim has been a big help with the library as well and Natalie Storch is doing a great job with the Birthday Book Club. If you would like more information on the Birthday Book Club, please contact Natalie.

Before we know it, our biggest event of the year – the Annual All Saints Art Festival – will be here on Thursday, March 12th. If you haven't done so already, mark your calendars because you won't want to miss this special night! The Art Festival committee is working hard to make this a great night for all. It is a BIG undertaking and they could use all the helping hands we can give them! Please contact Lisa Coatoam, Niki Tringas or Kim Mathis if you are interested in helping. It is a lot of fun and there are all sorts of jobs – big and small – from which to choose.

Finally, if you are still looking for a way to get involved, or have a question, suggestion, or concern, please feel free to contact me anytime! My number is 407-897-5456 and my email is JulieLamar@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Have a fabulous February!

Julie Lamar

Art Festival

All Saints School Art Festival and Silent Auction
Fundraiser
March 12
5:30-7:30 pm
Thomas Center

The Art Festival and Silent Auction Fundraiser is right around the corner. We are still looking for volunteers to help the committee. Activities coming up include class projects, matting the artwork, securing donations, matting the artwork and matting the artwork. If you can volunteer any time helping, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are still looking for donations for the class baskets and other donations from the community. Please be looking for an e-mail from your class's Art Festival Liaison regarding your class basket. Also, please keep thinking about businesses you frequent that would be able to donate an item (or gift card) for the auction! Nothing is too small, so please feel free to be creative!

Everyone wants this to be the BEST art festival and silent auction fundraiser yet. If you have any questions please contact us, we'll be happy to help you. Thank you so much for your participation!

Art Festival Committee Chairs
Lisa Coatoam
Kim Mathias
Niki Tringas



Baby Saints

Brody Dawson born 12\29 – Big Brother Dillion in (Young 1's). Proud Parents are Shannon & David.



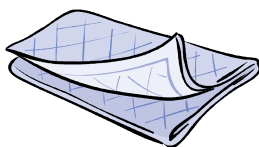
Gabriella Samano born 12\29 – Big Sister Olivia (Young 2's). Proud Parents are Alexia and Greg.

Ruby Claire Templeton born 1\8 – Big Sisters are Lyla (Young 2's) and Ava (graduate). Proud Parents are Julia & Rand.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

As part of our Chapel program we have a Prayer Blanket Ministry. Families who have a new baby born will receive a Baby Saints Blanket and booklet with a variety of suggestions for praying with their baby. The baby does not have to be enrolled in our school, simply a member of the school family. This blanket will be presented in Family Chapel and blessed by the priest who conducts the service. We believe families long to be encouraged in the spiritual nurture of their children from the beginning of each new life. Children come into this world connected to God, from whom they have so recently arrived. The holiness of each child is this spiritual connection. This ministry acknowledges the holiness of children and the fact that every child is a special and unique gift from God, praying and enjoying God's love, assurance and light.

The families that you see featured here each month in our "Baby Saints" column will be receiving blanket s at our Family Chapel services. The service is quick and fun, only 15 minutes in length. Coffee and refreshments are served in the chapel hallway afterwards. See you there!



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!

During the week of February 9th - 13th in the Breezeway. You will find all kinds of wonderful selections for the family. Don't forget to send in your loose change to donate money for the One for Books program. All monies earned will help build our audio library AND purchase books for children in need.

Be sure to visit the All Saints Scholastic website where you can create a wish list with your children. Sign up to volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift in the office. Contact Amy Plank with any questions at 407.671.2596.



<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/allsaintswp>

Valentine's Day Parties

This request goes out to all parents who will be helping out with the Valentine's Day classroom parties around our school. Please respect our healthy food policy. Get creative wit the colors pink and red and remember that we can have MORE fun without lots of sugar. How about pink cream cheese on mini bagels and slices of bright red apples? How about strawberry smoothies? If you are preparing "goodie bags" to hand out, please fill them with items other than candy...stickers, tiny toys, erasers, etc. Ask your teacher for ideas—she will appreciate your cooperation! Think *Healthy Hearts!*

Also, please remember, an early childhood classroom is not the place for balloons of any sort. We know that they are beautiful and fun, but they present a serious choking hazard for children.



Alleluia Chapel

The first story for the January Chapel was, "The Wise Men Find the Babe". Father Russell told the children how the Wise Men took a long journey to see the baby Jesus to pay homage to him. They brought him gifts fit for a king.

The second story was about how the baby Jesus was taken to be presented at the Temple. Simeon and Anna were waiting for him and were so overjoyed when he arrived. They knew he was destined for great things.

Next was the story of how Jesus was teaching at the Temple. Mary and Joseph took their trip to Jerusalem as they did every year. Upon their departure, they thought Jesus was with them. When they realized he wasn't with them, they went back to Jerusalem to find Jesus teaching in the temple. Joseph asked Jesus, "Why did you do this?" Jesus said, "Why were you looking for me, did you not know that I was about my father's business?" After that they journeyed home.

The last story for the month was 'John the Baptist, Baptizes Jesus'. Father Russell had a child play the part of Jesus and another child played the part of John the Baptist. As he told the story, John the Baptist poured water over Jesus.



February Chapel:

February 4th – Jesus Calls His Disciples (We Are Fishers of Men)

February 10th – Jesus Calls Us to Pray

February 18th – Jesus Calms the Storm

February 24th – Ash Wednesday

God Bless,
Mary P. & Mary H.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH



Did you know that baby's teeth come in the following order? First: two lower incisors, Second: four upper incisors, Third: two remaining incisors, Fourth: four first molars, Fifth: four canines and Sixth: four second molars.

Did you know that more than 12% of all preschool children suffer from Baby Bottle Tooth Decay? From the first day of teething to the first set of braces, it is critical for us to instill healthy habits for good tooth care. Proper brushing is not enough, providing healthy snacks like raw fruits and vegetable instead of sodas, cereal bars and candy is also important

When your child is three years old, it is time to begin regular visits to the dentist. Choose either a pedodontist – a pediatric dentist with specific training in children's dental problems or a licensed dentist who enjoys young patients. Try to schedule appointments with the dentist for morning, when your child is alert and co-operative, rather than at times when he/she is likely to be grouchy or hungry.

Primary teeth affect speech development, digestion, permanent teeth, and a smile. For more tips on keeping your child's teeth healthy visit the American Dental Association at www.ada.org

HEALTH KIDS AND KID CARE – Health insurance for children from birth to eighteen that do not have coverage-for more information go to www.healthykids.org or call 407-836-2528 or toll free 1-888-540-5437 or stop in the office for more information.