

March 2009

# Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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## Dates to Remember

March 12

All Saints Art Festival  
5:30-7:30 pm

March 27

Spring Fling for Three's  
Classes  
6:30-8:30 pm

March 30 – April 3

Spring Break (School Closed)

## Looking ahead...

April 7 & 8

Summer Registration  
For currently enrolled

April 9

Summer Registration  
For Parish Members

April 10

Good Friday (School Closed)

April 14

Summer Registration  
Open to Public

April 23 & 24

Teacher-Parent Conferences  
(School Closed)

May 5 & 6

Teacher Out to Lunch

May 11th

End of the Year Social

May 19th

Pre K Blessing and  
Last Day of School

## Notes from the Director

Dear Parents,

Welcome to March....and to spring! After our cold winter I think everyone is ready for warmer days. Spring is just around the corner. It's the time of year when one can see new life being breathed into everything around them. The grass is a bit greener, flowers blooming and the air fresh with the scent of newness. His presence is seen everywhere.

March will also be the season of Lent. It is a reflective time for all of us as we reconnect with God and look within ourselves for ways that will bring us closer to Him. Children should also be made aware of Lent even though it's not as easy as teaching about Advent and Christmas. The death of Jesus should be approached with sensitivity. Perhaps with young children a suggestion would be to engage in simple discussion, prayer and doing good deeds.

As the March winds blow we remain busy preparing for the Annual Art Festival on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup>! If you are new to the school this year, the Art Festival will be beyond your expectations. I remember the first time I attended...all I could say was 'WOW!' Every class participates (even infants), you will be amazed.

You may be wondering, "How does the art festival work"? The event begins at 5:30 pm and ends at 7:30 pm. Throughout the year, our teachers have set aside a sampling of your little saint's art work. These masterpieces have been matted and labeled and will be displayed in the

Thomas Center.

There will also be an art project created by your child. As you browse through the artwork, you will eventually come upon those pieces. ...at that time you may collect those pieces and then 'purchase' them by placing a donation in the donation jar. All proceeds will benefit the children and the school when materials in the classroom and playground are replenished and added to. This event is the largest fund-raiser for our school.



At the Festival you may also purchase a family dinner of pizza, salad and drinks, and be sure to stop by the Bake Sale table for dessert! Be sure to RSVP if you are planning on having pizza. This year there will be an 'Art Festival Mini Adventures' for the children. There is also a fabulous auction including unique baskets. The staff donates 'Gifts from the Heart' which you will also want to investigate..

Thank you, Kim Mathis, Niki Tringas and Lisa Coatoam, Art Festival Committee, and the many parents that are working so hard to make this event the wonderful success we have come to know.

See you at the Art Festival!

God bless,  
Mary

## Second Annual Spring Fling



The 'little saints' in our three year old classes will participate in the second annual Spring Fling. The theme will be 'Exercise – Work -Out'. Ms. Betsey and her Kinderdance students will open the program with something special followed by the 'Exercise - Work –Out'.

A pot luck dinner will follow the entertainment. The room parents will be contacting you to sign up for the pot luck. Mark your calendars for this special time – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30!!!

## PTO Corner

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you parents! Our teachers, our school and most importantly our children are all the grateful recipients of your generosity with the Book Fair. You raised over \$600 for our school, not to mention the books you donated directly to your child's classroom. Amy Plank did an outstanding job running the book fair, organizing the volunteer effort, and working with Scholastic to ensure a successful event! Thank you Amy and your team of volunteers!

If you are still interested in purchasing books, don't forget about the free shipping you can receive when you order a book from I See Me. Each time you order one of their precious books, a portion of the proceeds benefit All Saints School. Just enter the free shipping code of **FSJ12345B** when you visit their website, [www.iseeme.com](http://www.iseeme.com). Thank you so much to Tricia Wilson for bringing this opportunity to our school!

March is here and with it our biggest event of the year – the Annual All Saints Art Festival on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Each month in family chapel the PTO Prayer Blanket Ministry recognizes our new Baby Saints with a very cuddly "Baby Saints" blanket and a thoughtful prayer booklet. Thank you to Stacy Brown and Mary Hardman for your work with this program! Stop in for the next family chapel if you can – you will leave smiling as Father Russell does a great job teaching our children in an entertaining way – you may even get to meet his new puppy!

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime! My number is 407.897.5456 and email is [julielamar@aol.com](mailto:julielamar@aol.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Julie Lamar

## Alleluia Chapel

"We are fishers of men", was our first chapel story. Father Russell had some children pretend to be disciples and fish into a bucket for fish. This represented the disciples being fishers of men.

Capturing the story of how Jesus teaches us to pray, Father Russell dressed as an artist and painted a cross. He painted it with colors representing each verse of the Lord's Prayer. When finished, all the children prayed the Lord's Prayer. This painted cross was used to pray the Lord's Prayer with other classes from the young ones to the older twos.

For the story of, "Jesus calms the storm", there were two students that played the part of Jesus and a disciple sitting in a boat. Three children stood around the boat with Jesus and the disciple. They held hoola hoops with shredded paper to resemble the rain and in the background was playing sounds of a thunderstorm and rain. The children shook the hoops as Father Russell shook the boat. The disciple woke Jesus and he quieted the storm.

Ash Wednesday was a wonderful lesson. Father Russell took clay and made a person. He showed the children how special we are and that God made us from the soil. The children just loved being part of picking out the colors and telling Father Russell what part of the body to make.

March Chapel:

March 4th – Zaccheus

March 10th – The Lost Sheep \*\*\*Family Chapel

March 18th – Palm Sunday

March 24th – Last Supper/Crucifixion

March 30th – April 3rd – Spring Break

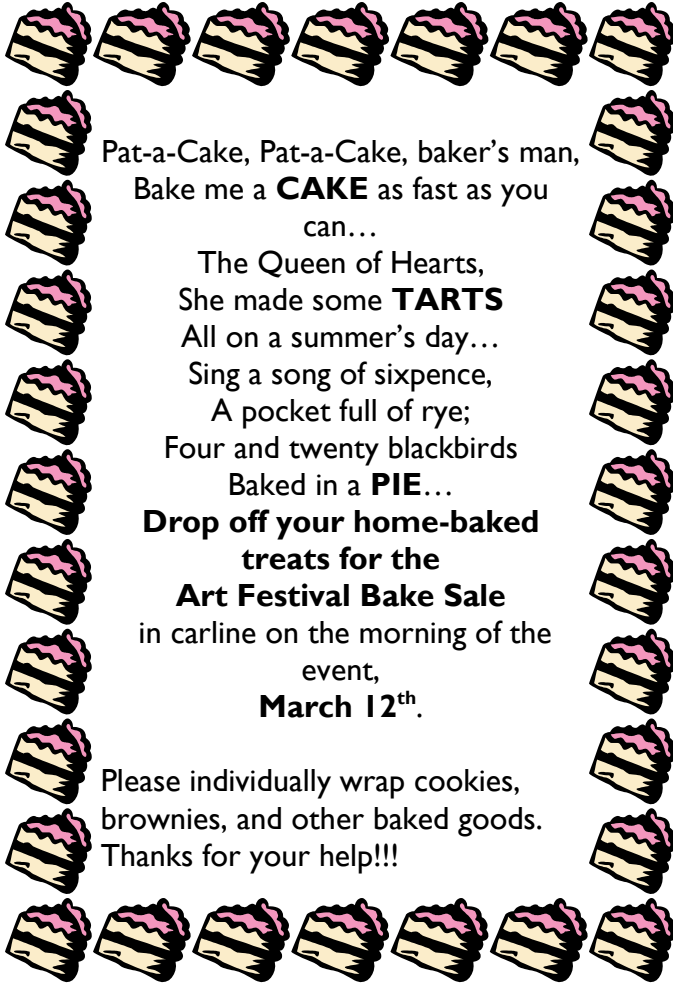
God bless,  
Father Russell

## Happy St. Patrick's Day



## Baby Saint

**Congratulations to Olivia Denney (2's) who has a new baby brother, Luke Hunter, born on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Kristina and Hunter are the proud new parents. Congratulations to all!!**



Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake, baker's man,  
Bake me a **CAKE** as fast as you  
can...

The Queen of Hearts,  
She made some **TARTS**  
All on a summer's day...

Sing a song of sixpence,  
A pocket full of rye;  
Four and twenty blackbirds  
Baked in a **PIE**...

**Drop off your home-baked  
treats for the  
Art Festival Bake Sale**  
in carline on the morning of the  
event,  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Please individually wrap cookies,  
brownies, and other baked goods.  
Thanks for your help!!!

## Scholastic Success!!!

Thank you all so much for making our annual book fair such a wonderful experience for our Teachers, Staff and especially our Little Saints! The looks on the children's faces everyday as they explored a new world of stories was absolutely priceless! The most important Thank You goes to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped set up and break down everyday! The final tally is not yet in... however, because of our participation in the One For Books program and the collection of change, almost 100 books will be donated to needy children.



During the book fair we sold more than \$2400 worth of books which gives the school a profit of over \$600!!!

## 9th Annual Art Festival

**Thursday, March 12th  
5:30—7:30**

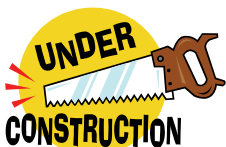
Please see the last page of this newsletter for more information and for your RSVP that needs to be turned into the office as soon as possible.



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW WEBSITE

[www.allsaintsschoolwp.com](http://www.allsaintsschoolwp.com)

Our new website is still under construction, but we are so excited about it, we wanted you to check it out. We hope to be adding new information weekly so keep checking the website for new updates and tell us what you think.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual All Saints Art Festival

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30

The most looked forward to event at All Saints School is fast approaching...

You may be asking what exactly happens at the festival???

- ~You and your family will browse the displayed artwork and find your All Saints students **matted artwork** and **special class projects** that you can “buy” and take home with you.
- ~Enjoy a **Pizza** dinner from Mellow Mushroom and **bake sale**.
- ~Bid on some of the incredible items in our Fabulous **Silent Auction**.

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## 9th Annual All Saints Art Festival RSVP

Please turn in your RSVP to the office with your payment for Dinner to the office by March 6<sup>th</sup>!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes! we are planning to eat dinner.

\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_ Children

(\$6 per person or \$25 per family to be paid prior to the Art Festival)

\_\_\_\_ Yes! I will bake for the bake sale.

(Either individually wrapped cookies/brownies-2 to a package, or whole pies or cakes)

Please drop off the goodies in the morning or afternoon carpool line on March 12<sup>th</sup>.