

September 2009

Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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Dates to Remember

September 7th
School Closed - Labor Day

September 8th
Cookie Fundraiser Kick-Off

September 11th
9-11 Parade 9:30 am

September 14th
Welcome Back Coffee
9:00 – 10:00

September 15th
Alleluia Chapel 9:15am

September 17th
School Commission Meeting
9:30am

&
Open House for
1's, 2's, 3's & 4's 6:30pm
(adults only)

September 21st
International Day of Peace

September 22nd
End of Cookie Sales

September 23rd
Family Chapel 9:15 am

September 29th
Alleluia Chapel 9:15am

Teachers Birthdays

Georgia Valkenburg 9/13

Notes from the Director

It was so nice seeing everyone at the 'Parent Open House' and 'Meet the Teacher' and, of course, seeing all the 'little saints'. Our days will soon be filled with the wonderful smiles and sounds of children, the best part of all. Again, welcome back to our returning families and 'welcome in' to our new ones! I know that you will quickly feel a sense of belonging in our school family. All Saints is a great place to be!

We are honored that you have entrusted the care of your children to us...it is a responsibility that we take very seriously. Children are God's greatest gift and we are committed to nurturing, guiding and teaching them.

What's new this year? We have one additional teacher, Gena Dehner, who will be assisting Ms. Joey in pre-k and two teachers that substituted for us last year, Kimberly Mathis in pre-k and Colleen Ryan in older ones'. Please help them feel the wonderful spirit of our school by making them feel welcome.

Over the summer we made a change in one of our three year old programs. We are offering Monday & Wednesday, and Tuesday & Thursday. Friday can be added to either of these choices. There are spaces available.

Also new this year will be an additional after school program, Play Ball, which will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays. Kinderdance will be offered on Mondays, Keyboard Kapers, will be offered on Tuesdays and Gym Buddies will be offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Look for information to come home the first week of school.



Enrichment during the school hours will be the same and will consist of music, Spanish, storytelling and visitors like 'Healthy Herb'.

If you have not already done so, please have all paper work returned to the office as soon as possible. Remember to read your revised 'Parent Handbook', sign and return the acknowledgement page.

The entire staff is looking forward to a wonderful year of working together with you and your children. Please remember to ask if there is something you need or let us know if there is something we need to be aware of.

*Blessings,
Mary*

Welcome Back Coffee



On Monday, September 14th, from 9 – 10 am your presence is requested at our **Welcome Back Coffee** in the Mary Martha Parlor. There will be coffee with yummy creamers, tea, breakfast goodies, and fun door prizes. You will have a chance to make new friends and explore ways to volunteer your time at our school. The PTO has a way for **everyone** to

get involved, even if you have never participated before. If you do not usually attend on Wednesdays you are still invited! Child Care is provided if you call to make a reservation. Call the school office at 407-644-1737 by Friday morning, September 11th. You'll be signed up for child care and able to join in the fun...see you there!

Jane Maihan & Kellie Rogers

PTO Corner

Welcome to All Saints School! We would like to welcome all the new families that are joining our school community and welcome back those that are returning for another fun filled year of learning. All Saints PTO is already working to make this a great year for everyone. We will be having a Welcome Back Coffee on Wednesday, September 14th from 9 – 10 am in the Mary Martha Parlor (room east of the interior parking lot, next to the Thomas Center.) We will have sign up sheets for various PTO committees and I would encourage you to get involved! Our school year is filled with lots of events both large and small and parent participation is critical for those to be a success. We need your help, so please sign up!

Another area that you can make a big difference is helping in your child's classroom. There are room parent, room helper and class historians that are needed. Check with your teacher to see what you can do. A big motivator for me is seeing how excited my children get about school when I get involved!

I want to welcome you again to All Saints School and hope you can make it to the Welcome Back Coffee. I am looking forward to working with all of you this school year and if you have any questions about the different events and committee responsibilities please don't hesitate to call me at 407-647-6417. I hope to see you on the 14th!

Ann Stevens, PTO President
sas32789@cfl.rr.com

Cookie Fundraiser

Calling all Cookie Monsters! Our annual Cookie Dough and Cheesecake Sale is fast approaching – YUMMY! Information will be coming home soon, so watch your backpacks. The sale starts September 8th and runs for 2 weeks. Make sure to tell your friends, family and neighbors to stock up for the holiday season!

Once again, the TOP SELLER will receive one week's tuition equal to the number of days your child is enrolled. All proceeds from the sale directly benefit our school. Cookies and cheesecakes will be delivered on Tuesday, October 20th. **If you can help with distribution on that day from 12:45 – 2:15 PM, please sign the volunteer sheet in the office. THANK YOU!**

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Jones at 407.310.4148 or ljones23@earthlink.net. Thanks for your



Patriot Day "9/11"

On the morning of 9/11 at 9:30 we will join our two 'sister schools' from Winter Park (First Congregation and First United Methodist) in a celebration of our love for, and belief in, our wonderful country.

We will walk to Interlachen Avenue and stand alongside the street waving small flags as the fire and police departments drive by. Please dress your child in red, white or blue to help show our community support.

Open House

Open House is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, September 17 at 6:30pm in your child's classroom. This year this event is for the parents of 1's, 2's, 3's, and 4's. It is an evening when *parents only* are invited to come and spend some time in their child's classroom. The teachers will be speaking about your child's daily routine and the purpose behind the activities. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know your child's teachers and understand our curriculum and philosophy. You will have fun! Your child will love the idea that you are coming to play at their school!



Peace Day

On Friday, September 21, will be International Peace Day. We will celebrate this day by discussing Peace with the children the week prior and making windsocks (threes and fours). The windsocks will be displayed at Open House on Thursday, September 17.



School Library

Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library Club. This is a great way to honor your child and contribute a book to the All Saints Library. This is how the club works: during your child's birthday month, he selects a book from the birthday box. A dedication from Mom and Dad is printed in the book which is sent home to read and enjoy for the next week. (The children get so excited when they hear the dedication from their parents and/or siblings). After the week, the child returns the book for circulation in the library. It's that easy!

Look for the library form in your child's backpack in the next few days.



The All Saints Library is a great place to volunteer. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Natalie Storch, 407-622-6404, njstorch@mac.com and/or Cathy Chasser, 407-539-2990, tchasser@hotmail.com. It's an easy way to volunteer and just takes a few minutes each week.

Want to Give???

Please check out the new **Giving Trees** in your child's classroom. The teachers have come up with some items that will help enhance their classrooms for the benefit of the children in their class.

Simply take an apple with an item off the tree and purchase the item to donate to the class. Items may be dropped off directly to the classroom or the office.



Thank you for your generosity!!!

Locating Your Teacher & Staff

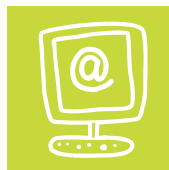
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Young 2's - Room 105	Courtney Owens Victoria Perez	Ext. 105
Older 2's - Room 104	Jill Owens Stephanie Ryan	Ext. 104
3's—Room 103	Caroline Kiely Jacey Miller	Ext. 103
3's—Room 204	Lisa Tremblay Sarah Shein	Ext. 204
3's—Room 208	Tracey Lindsey Emory Mikell	Ext. 208
Pre-K—Room 205	Julie D'Alessandro Allison Martin	Ext. 205
Pre-K—Room 206	Kimberly Mathis Jessica Duff	Ext. 206
Pre-K—Room 207	Joey Brust Gena Dehner	Ext. 207
Speech-Language Pathologist- Room 202	Lauren Hamner	Ext. 202

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It's here!!!! Nowell Campos has been hard at work on the All Saints School website. Check there for this monthly newsletter, school calendar, upcoming events, classroom information, curriculum information, commission information and PTO info.

We rely on e-mail to inform our parents of current events, miscellaneous announcements and situations at school. Rest assured that we will also continue to produce many of these on paper as well for those of you who do not have e-mail. Please try to provide us with an updated e-mail address and check it regularly for messages from school. You will find that as your children grow and enter other schools, this is an increasingly important way to communicate with your children's teachers. Important note – occasionally our e-mails are being returned to us. Please check to be sure that this line of communication is clear ... with all the new "spamware" that is so widely used, you may have to authorize our allsaintswp.com address to successfully receive any school news.



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 a 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 a school family. This blanket will be presented in Family Chapel and blessed by the priest who conducts the service. While Family Chapel is attended by our 3's and 4's, families with younger Saints are always welcome to attend when receiving their prayer blanket. We believe that 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. The Prayer Blanket Ministry encourages parents to spend time with their infants in the presence of God, praying and enjoying God's love, assurance and light.

The families that you see featured each month in our 'Baby Saints' column will be receiving blankets 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. Our first Family Chapel will be on Sept. 23rd at 9:15am. See you there!



Did you know...

With the new school year, there are lots of new backpacks, lunchboxes, clothes, shoes, and toys rapidly filling up our closets. Why not go through those closets and donate any gently used items to All Saints School and MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers). We will gladly accept any gently used items you no longer have use for. Both organizations can provide you with a tax deductible receipt as well!



Get your children involved in the giving process explaining what a blessing it is to children who have so little to receive such kindness. It's also a great way to "go green". Giving away unwanted items for re-use keeps them out of landfills. Hmmm - I think I hear my closets calling!

Separation Anxiety

Why do some children come into a new situation and start playing while others sit quietly and still others cope by crying? Why do some children cry until their mothers/fathers are out of sight and then begin playing, only to break down if their parents re-enter the room?

These children are coping in various ways with psychological separation. Through separation, children become independent, autonomous individuals. Each baby is born dependent on adults for survival and immediately enters a “we” relationship with these caring adults.

In the first “we” relationship, having one’s needs met ensures survival. Once a child has established this “we” intimacy with one or more reliable adults, they act upon the need to explore and function as an independent person.

When a child feels safe, they move away to explore, but as soon as a stranger or some other event threatens that safety, they hurry back to the caring person’s knee, the base for intimacy and safety. Once safety is re-established, the child goes bravely out into the world again. This is the complex process of separation.

The process of separation and indi-

viduation, of pulling the “I” out of the “we” occurs in the first three years of life. The process of balancing the independent “I” with the dependent “we” continues throughout life into adulthood as we try to balance intimacy and independence in their own lives. In young children, the conflict between independence and dependence creates emotional struggles between parents and children. The child may express either two emotions. One is anger, expressed in power struggles and pushing away behaviors. The other is fear, expressed in clinging behavior.

Our Newest Baby Saints

All Saints would like to welcome our newest **Baby Saints**—

Big brother Benjamin Andersson and his parents, Fredrik and Julie were thrilled with the arrival of Oscar James Fredrik Anderson, born June 8, 2009.

Whitney Olivia Coatam was born on June 22, 2009. Piper (Pre-K) and Presley (Older 2’s) were excited to welcome their baby sister!

Big sister Jessie Albu and parents, Andrew and Leslie added a baby girl to their family this summer.

Christy and Steve Grieger and big sister Ada are overjoyed with their new baby girl.



Alleluia Chapel



Chapel will begin on Tuesday, September 15th. Chapel is attended by the three and four year old classes. Our service begins once the chapel bell is rung. We walk into chapel while music is being played. Once inside the children quiet down with a song to remind us that we are joining Christ in our “Sacred Space”. We then light our candles. Two acolytes will be chosen, one to light the candle and one to carry the cross. As song rings out, *Jesus Loves Me, We Are Here in Our Chapel, I Am the Church*, our worship time readies us to hear the story scriptures for the week. Father Russell will focus on the foundations of our faith reminding us of God’s love, wisdom, and the promises Christ has fulfilled for us. One final song is sung and we march out singing, “*This Little Light of Mine*”. As we hold our lights high, we remember that we are God’s light in this world. What a great gift it is to be called so!

As the year continues, we will be celebrating the church year using banners, learning about children all over the world who love God as we do, and serving as acolytes, crucifers, and chapel stewards. So come and join us for our first family chapel on Wednesday, October 23rd at 9:15, and see God’s love grow in our lives.

- Sept. 15 – Creation: God Made Everything
- Sept. 23 – Noah Builds the Ark – First Family Chapel
- Sept. 29 – Abraham and Sarah (God keeps his Promises)

God Bless,
Father Russell
Mary P. and Mary H.