



April 2009

Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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Dates to Remember

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
Family Chapel

April 16

School Commission Meeting
9:30

April 23 & 24

Parent-Teacher 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
(Noon Dismissal)

Teacher Birthdays

Caroline Kiely 4/7

Mary Hardman – 4/10

Tracey Lindsey – 4/10

Joey Brust – 4/21

Connie Murillo – 4/27

Notes from the Director

Dear Parents,

We are about to celebrate the greatest feast of the ecclesiastical year. The reflective days of Lent will be over and we will rejoice in the Good News that Jesus is alive!

Easter is the central mystery of our Christian faith, but the idea of dying and coming back to life is not well understood by young children. In their play, they are ‘dead’ momentarily, then pop back up and resume their activities. If grandma dies, they do not accept it as final, they think she is gone for a time and will return. The first crucial factor in a child’s ability to understand death is concrete manifestations, that is, to understand that death means no life, no eating, no sleeping, no pain and no movement. When children can tell the difference between animated and not (a sibling is different from a teddy bear), they can also begin to understand what dead means. When a toddler finds a dead insect or bird and notes that it does not move, it helps to confirm the child’s observations by using the word dead and explaining that the insect or bird will never move again because it is dead. Most young children have not yet been helped to acquire this kind of basic concrete understanding of what dead means or how things die. It is much easier to acquire concrete understanding of death from insects or small animals, since they do not have great emotional significance for the child; this knowledge paves the way for later understanding of death in people.

When discussing Easter with your children, emphasize the joy of Easter and appreciate it as a time of rejoicing and newness. Dyeing eggs,

finding Easter baskets and new clothes do have their place in a child’s life at Easter. Dyeing eggs is great fun and in time children will understand that the egg is a symbol of new life. A child’s cry of delight at finding a hidden basket or eggs gives expression to the surprise and delight of the Easter miracle. New clothes are a sign of change, and in a sense, new beginnings.



To give more concrete experiences surrounding Easter, call attention to the new life around, leaves bursting forth or once barren branches, young plants pushing up through the earth, a newborn baby. If young children come to associate Easter with new life, later they will easily make association with the Easter message and at the same time develop an appreciation for the world God created.

All Saints School was accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children on April 30, 2006. On the yearly anniversary date of our accreditation, I must file an annual report. One requirement of our NAEYC Accreditation is that a school survey be done each year. Please fill out the insert and return it by placing it in the envelope on the office door bulletin board marked ‘School Survey’. Deadline to complete the survey will be April 24th.

Have a joyous and wonderful Easter!!

Mary 

Teacher Appreciation Lunch



Cinco de Mayo (a bit early)

We are going to celebrate our wonderful teachers by providing a yummy Mexican lunch on their workday, Thursday, April 23. The Teacher Appreciation Committee is looking for volunteers to bring in items to make this lunch special. You can drop off items at your convenience on this day (even drive them through carline!). If you would like to provide something for the lunch please contact Kristin Pilgrim at (407) 599-7762 or kmppilgrim@earthlink.net. Thank you for your participation. Ole!



PTO Corner

Wasn't the Art Festival wonderful? I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone on the Art Festival Committee for their endless hours of hard work to make the night so fun and successful! Lisa Coatoam, Niki Tringas, and Kim Mathis did an outstanding job of coordinating everything that went into this special one-night exhibition. They led a dedicated committee through months of planning and the result was a beautiful, fun-filled evening that we all enjoyed with our families. THANK YOU!

At the beginning of May we will be working on the **Teacher Out-to-Lunch Days** scheduled for May 5th and 6th. This is definitely our teachers' favorite appreciation event of the year! We will be asking for you to help in two ways – 1) volunteer to work in your child's classroom while the teachers dine at their favorite local restaurant and/or 2) donate money to contribute towards their lunch. This is always a fun event to participate in – the children love to see you at their school! Half of the teachers will be dining on Tuesday and the others on Wednesday. We will need approximately 30 parents to help in the classrooms to make this a successful event. Please consider working a short 1 ½ - 2 hour shift for your teacher. If you are interested in helping, please contact Natalie Storch at 407.622.6404 or njstorch@yahoo.com.

Over the course of the year there have been many people quietly working to serve All Saints School. Jennifer Simon has organized a number of volunteers to provide refreshments at our family chapels – thank you so much to Jen and everyone who donated to those events! We also have a dedicated volunteer who makes sure Rosie, our teachers, and our staff have everything they need. This appreciatively titled position of "Rosie's Runner" was fulfilled by Melissa Lee this year. Thank you so much for your invaluable help! Finally, Ann Stevens, our PTO Vice President has been behind the scenes at almost every PTO event this year! Her experience, dedication, and organization will ensure a successful upcoming year under her leadership as PTO President!

Speaking of the upcoming year, the PTO is already starting to plan for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested in chairing a particular committee or have questions about what positions are available on PTO, please contact me anytime! My goal is to get as many parents involved as possible, and I would like to encourage you to do so. Parental involvement makes a big difference in the kind of school All Saints is, which in turn makes a huge difference in our children. My number is 407.897.5456 and email is julielamar@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you. Hope you had a great Spring Break!

Julie Lamar, PTO President

Alleluia Chapel

Chapel's first story was about Zacchaeus. Father Russell told of how Zacchaeus was a tax collector, and that many were not happy with him. Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house to eat. While they talked, Jesus said that Zacchaeus must change his ways. Zacchaeus gave back all the money he had taken and all the people in town were happy to see that he had learned to do what is right.

The second week was the story of, "The Lost Sheep". Mary P. told the story about how the shepherd lost one of his sheep and how he had to leave the flock to find it. She used two wooden sheep and one was put outside to depict the lost sheep. A shepherd went for a walk with Mary to find the lost sheep and brought him home. Everyone was happy to find the lost sheep and they celebrated. Each child was given a cotton ball to remind them that they are one of Jesus' sheep and that Jesus loves them and will always care for them.

'Jesus Feeds Five Thousand' was the next story. Father Russell told the beginning of the story and when it came time to explain about the loaves and fishes, he had an empty basket and kept putting bread and fish in the basket to show the children that the baskets were full of food. He explained that there was enough to feed five thousand.

Palm Sunday was our last story for the month. Mary P. told the story of how Jesus told the disciples to get a donkey from the town. As Jesus road the donkey into town, the people put palm branches on the ground and waved them like flags. We had our own procession with Jesus, (sitting in a wagon with a big picture of donkeys on both side) and the children lined up along the walkway singing the song, "Hosanna".

April Chapel

April 8th – Last Supper
 April 14th – Resurrection/ Easter
 (Family Chapel)
 April 22nd – Ascension
 April 28th – Pentecost and the Disciples Begin the Church



God bless,
 Mary P. & Mary H.

Summer Program

All Saints School offers a summer program. There will be two sessions, the first session runs from June 8th through June 26th. The second session will begin on July 6th through July 24th. We will offer a program for infants (age 6 weeks) through age 5. There will be choice of two days (Tuesday & Thursday), three days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) or five days. The curriculum will be very hands on, messy, wet and fun, fun, fun!

Registration will begin on April 7th & 8th for currently enrolled students. Information will come home via backpacks prior to this date. Registration for parish members will begin on April 9th and open registration for new families will begin on April 14th.

Come and join the fun!!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our annual spring parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 23rd & 24th. The school will be closed. Parent-teacher conferences are being held for all classes, infants through Pre-k. Childcare will be provided during your conference.

These conferences are so valuable. The teachers have been observing the children and making notes about their developmental milestones. This gives the teachers the opportunity to share their observations with you as well as how your child is developing according to the Florida State Standards. This is also a good time for you to contribute feedback to the teachers. Parents and teachers working together as a team in children's development is a priority for us and we thank you for your support.

Baby Saint

Taylor Hannigan (Young 1's) welcomes a new baby sister, Brooke Caroline, born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. She was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 1/2 in. long. Christina and Scott are the proud new parents. Congratulations to all!!



It's that time of year again!!!

Teachers Out To Lunch Days! **Tuesday and Wednesday,** **May 5th and 6th**

*Please join us in showing our teachers
how much we care:*

We need **volunteers** from 11:00 -1:30 each day to help in the classrooms

As we send our teachers out to lunch **ON US!**

If you can work a shift in one of our classrooms for either of these 2 days, please contact Natalie Storch 407.622.6404 or njstorch@yahoo.com.

Be on the look out for sign up sheets outside your child's classroom door and in the office. You do not have to necessarily volunteer in your child's classroom. This will take many volunteers, so PLEASE check your calendars!

We also need your help to make this all possible! Just a few dollars from our parents will give your teachers a fun lunch out. So skip your latte for the week and let our fabulous teachers have a break. They deserve it! An envelope will be available for contributions in the office and each classroom.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is NCAPM, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. Research shows five important factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are: nurturing and attachment; knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development; parental resilience; social connections, and concrete supports for parents. For further information go to www.childwelfare.gov.

Thank you to all of the generous families, businesses and community organizations that helped make All Saints School Art Festival FABULOUS! This year we raised \$8500!

Our festival can truly be counted as a community success, and once again the staff, teachers, parents and students at All Saints have shown how much can be done when we work together for our children, with God's grace.

We were blessed to receive many items donated by local businesses and wish to acknowledge their contributions. Please remember these businesses as you shop, dine, work and play!

Aiguille Rock Climbing Center	Gary Lambert Salon
Aloma Bowl	E/O Optics
Albin Polasek Museum	Euro Day Spa
Antonio's Restaurant	Firehouse Subs
Apple Blossom Florist	The Golden Rabbit
Bok Tower Gardens	Gurtzenberry
Chamberlin's Market	Gym Buddies
Dr. William Barnard	Ironman Martial Arts
Brown's Gymnastics	Jen Adams Photography
Café de France	Kennedy Space Center
Cascades Med Spa	Keyboard Kapers
The Cheesecake Factory	Kinderdance of Orlando
Chic Fil A	Lee James Florist
Congo River Golf	Lil 500
Devanes	LuluBelle Baby Boutique
The Maile School	The Mellow Mushroom
Market Street Gallery	Salon Ciseau
Michael Forester Photography	Scott Laurent Gallery
My Gym of Lake Mary	Sleuths Mystery Dinner Shows
The Morse Museum	Jacqueline Smalley
Orange County National Golf	Storch Entertainment Systems
Orlando Regional History Center	Super Slow Zone
Orlando Ballet Company	The Tap Room at Dubsread
Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra	Timothy's Gallery
Orlando Repertory Theatre	Tolla's Restaurant
Panera Bread	Andrew J. Tringas, Orthodontics
Pia Esthetics	Victor Bokas
Priceless Dry Cleaners	Watkins Paint
RDV Sportsplex	Wayne King (personal trainer)
Safe Start of Winter Park	Wet n Wild
Sak Comedy Lab	White Lyon Designs
Sam Snead's	Wholesome Tummies
	Wonder Works
	YMCA of Winter Park

The following families contributed items to our silent auction and we wish to thank them for their generosity:

The Acevedo Family	The Mathis Family
The Brown Family	The Rhoades Family
The Coatoam Family	The Tringas Family
The Crick Family	The Welker Family