



January 2010

Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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Dates to Remember

January 4
Teacher Work Day

January 5
Children Return to School

January 12
Family Chapel

January 14
Ident-A-Kid

January 15
Conferences for
VPK classes

January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
(school closed)

January 19 & 20
Tom Marshall
Photography (10:30)

January 20 – 22
Mid-Term Progress Reports

January 21
St. Jude's Trike-a-thon

January 25
Registration for Fall 2010
begins

Notes from the Director

Happy New Year! Each year I receive many beautiful Christmas cards from the school families. It is always a blessing to read the grateful feelings that parents express about the school and the teachers. Thank You! These messages were the best gift of all as they affirm the work that God is doing here. I know the New Year ahead will be no exception as we continue to hold very high the expectations we have placed on ourselves. Children are God's most precious gift and we are committed to nurturing each one of them.

One of our many blessings was the celebration of the Advent season with the children and their families. Our three and four year old 'little saints' were outstanding in the Christmas Pageant. Thank you to the Christmas Pageant committee for all your help. We love you and the PTO, and appreciate all you do!!!

It's hard to believe how quickly the school year is passing and how fast the children are growing and developing. The changes since August are amazing.

Mid-year progress reports will be sent home for our infants, ones, twos and threes at the end of the month. This report will let you know how your child is doing and if we have concerns. All parents of children in the VPK classes are scheduled to participate in a mid-year conference on Friday, January 15. Look for sign-up information to come from your child's teachers. Conferences should be completed before January registration begins so that you are equipped with all the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding next fall.

Another focus this month will be the registration process for our next school year (August 2010 – May 2011). Please read the article on registration very carefully so that you will not miss this opportunity.

My prayer is that your New Year will be blessed with happiness, health and prosperity.

Blessings,
Mary



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!

During the week of February 8th - 12th 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 our children. Sign up to volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift in the office. Contact Niki Tringas with any questions at 407.702.1863 or nicole_pennetringas@hotmail.com.

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

PTO Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break. The Christmas Pageant was such a success and a great way to celebrate the season. Didn't the children do a great job?! A big thanks to Rebecca Bench and Marie Stokes and all of their dedicated volunteers and bakers for all of their hard work. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for the hours of practice and the wonderful gifts you helped all the children make. We had an amazing turn out for the Pajama Program this year, thank you to everyone who participated.

The New Year brings many ways to get involved with the PTO. First off on January 21st we have the St. Jude's Trike-a-thon to look forward to. Denise Mackinnon and Sunshine Newsom will be getting ready for this fun event and would love any help you could give them. February brings us the Scholastic Book Fair on the 8th thru the 12th. Niki Tringas and Melissa Lee will be looking for some people to help out with this event, please contact them if you are interested. We will have our annual Art Festival on March 11th. If you have never attended this event before, you will not want to miss it! It is a special evening that showcases the children's wonderful artwork. The Art Festival committee is already working hard in preparation for the big night. There are many jobs to be done and many different ways you can participate. I know the Art Festival committee would welcome and appreciate all help! Please contact Amy Plank, Carly Burfield and Jacqueline Smalley if you are interested in lending a hand.

Have a great month!

Ann Stevens, PTO President
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Library News...

Thanks to Hannah Wohlever, Alex Campos, & Lilah Storch for the birthday books for the library. Birthday wishes to you all!

Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library forms are available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Chasser, 407-539-2990 or Natalie Storch, 407-622-6404.

Happy Reading!

Alleluia Chapel

'Mary and Joseph See the Angel' was our first Chapel for December. Father Russell explained to the children how an angel came to give the good news to Mary and Joseph that Jesus would be born. He also told them of how Mary and Joseph said, "Yes" to God and that they would do God's Will.

Chapel continued the second week with the story 'Baby Jesus is Born'. Father Russell told of the journey Mary and Joseph had to take. When they got to Bethlehem, there was no room at the Inn and they had to take shelter in a stable.

The final Chapel for the month was, "The Story of the Shepherds". Father Russell explained how an Angel came to the Shepherds to give them the Good News of the birth of the baby Jesus. So they went on their way to see the newborn Savior. In Chapel, Father Russell had the children take a journey to the Thomas Center where he placed the backdrop of the Nativity. He had the children sit down while he told the story of the Shepherds in dimmed lighting. Father Russell was dressed as a shepherd.

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Peace for the New Year.



January Chapel:

Jan. 6th - The Wise Men Find the Babe

Jan. 12th - Baby Jesus is Taken to the Temple Family Chapel

Jan. 20th - The Boy Jesus Teaches at the Temple

Jan. 21st - Trike-a-Thon - Prayer before the Event

Jan. 26th - John Baptizes Jesus

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

VPK PARENTS...

December Attendance Sheets will be ready for your signature on Monday, January 11. Check with your child's teacher. Thank You!

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH CENTER TRIKE-A-THON

THURSDAY, January 21st, 2010

The St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon is quickly approaching. You will soon receive a sponsor form for your child in their backpacks. The children who participate (ages 3 and older) will ride their tricycles around the school on a route that will be marked and staffed by parents and teachers. The children will bring their tricycles and helmets the morning of the event and will be able to decorate the tricycles in the Thomas Center prior to the ride. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. for the older two's class (104) and will be staggered for each age group as followed:

Older 2's (104): decorate 9:30-10:00 then ride 10:00-10:30
3's (103, 204 and 208): decorate 10:00-10:30 then ride 10:30 to 11:00
Pre-K (205, 206 and 207): decorate 11:00-11:30 then ride 11:30-12:00

Please note the following information regarding the event:

CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GO DOOR TO DOOR TO SOLICIT SPONSORS.

Sponsors do not need to pledge per lap but can make a pledge in a specific amount (\$5, \$10, etc.). Even if your child is not participating in the Trike-A-Thon, please feel free to sponsor another student or an entire class. Sponsor forms will be distributed to all children, weather or not they will be participating in the ride.

Sponsor forms, along with the money, will be due two weeks following the event (Thursday, February 4) and should be dropped off to Rosie in the office.

If your child is participating, volunteers are needed to help with decorating tricycles and shepherding the children around the route (to keep "traffic moving"). There will be a sign up sheet on the door of each classroom.

The morning of the event please drop off your child's tricycle and helmet, with their name on it, in the Thomas Center or car line.

For additional information on the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital please visit www.stjude.org.

Thank you so much for your excitement and participation in the Trike-A-Thon. We look forward to seeing you out for this fun event.

If you have any questions or need anything prior to January 21, please contact Sunshine Newom at (407) 643-1499 or sunshinenewsom@gmail.com.



Fall 2010 Registration

Procedure Explained – Please Read Carefully!!

On Monday, January 25th, each currently enrolled family will receive a Pre-Registration Card for each child in their family. On it will be listed all available classes and options for our next school year (August 2010 – May 2011). You will complete the form by filling in your 1st and 2nd choices for your child for next year.

Important: When making your selections please understand that each year there are teachers who change classroom assignments for a variety of reasons and next fall will be no exception. The class you choose may have a different teaching team next fall than the one in place now. Trust that we will provide a wonderful experience for your child. Teacher placements will not be announced until the end of the school year. In an effort to plan for your needs for the upcoming school year, we reserve the right to make any adjustments necessary in the makeup of our classrooms. If registration numbers exceed, or do not meet our requirements we may cancel or change as necessary.

You will be given from January 25 – January 29 to fill out your Pre-Registration cards and return them to the school office.

The cards must be returned to the office NO LATER THAN 2:15pm on Thursday, JANUARY 28. At that time the class lists will be compiled and Confirmation Cards will be prepared. These cards will tell you your child's placement and the deposit amount that is necessary to hold your child's spot until next Fall.

The Confirmation Cards will be ready at 2:00pm on Monday, February 1, and may be picked up anytime after that. You will have a full week to come into the office and pay your non-refundable deposit after receiving your card. This deposit is due NO LATER THAN 2:00pm on Friday, February 5 and it will secure your child's place in that class for next Fall. Beginning the next Monday, February 8 registration will be open to the parish for 2 days and then to the general public on February 10.

THEREFORE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE RECEIVE YOUR DEPOSIT ON TIME

(BY 2:00PM ON FEBRUARY 5th)

SO THAT YOU DO NOT LOOSE YOUR PLACEMENT.

Timeline

Monday, January 25

Receive Pre-Registration Cards

Thursday, January 28

All Pre-Registration Cards are due to the school office by 2:15pm

Monday, February 1

Confirmation Cards ready for pick-up at 2:00pm

Friday, February 5

All deposits & outstanding balances are due by 2:00pm

Monday, February 8

Parish Registration

Wednesday, February 10

Public Registration

Very Important Note:

All Pre-Registration Cards must be turned in to the school office directly!

DO NOT PLACE YOUR COMPLETED CARD IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK AND ASSUME THAT THE TEACHER WILL FIND IT AND TURN IT IN FOR YOU!

All registration materials
-forms and monies-
Must be turned in directly to the office.