



November 2009

# Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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## Dates to Remember

November 4  
Chapel, 9:15am

November 9  
Mr. Mitchell, Storyteller

November 10  
Operation Christmas Child  
Last Day for Drop Off

November 10  
Family Chapel, 9:15am

November 13  
Christmas Wreath  
Order Deadline

November 18  
Chapel, 9:15am  
Christmas Boxes Blessed

November 19  
Thanksgiving Feast  
11:45am

November 23-27  
Thanksgiving Holiday,  
No School

November 28  
Christmas Wreath Delivery

## Teachers Birthdays

Peggy Miller 11/11  
Sarah Schein 11/17

## Notes from the Director

*Can you believe the holiday season is here already?! I love the autumn, but I do wish the weather were cooler so it would feel more festive. Even though these days are very full, it is a joyful time and a time to recall our blessings... especially the gifts of our 'little saints', and to reflect on all that God gives us each and every day. He provides all we need, we just need to ask and have faith.*

*It is easy for young children to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner without any concept of thanksgiving. At their age, they are unlikely to reflect on what they are fortunate to have and they are not likely to have much understanding. If you use the month of November to introduce the idea of being thankful the actual holiday will be more meaningful and this will begin to help children become appreciative. We can also help children to appreciate as they experience things like the rain, sunshine and flowers, and help them to see these are from God and we need to thank Him for His gifts. It is our responsibility*

*to teach children to express their thanks to God for their many blessings. This will also help plant the seeds of faith..*



*Think of all the things you provide for your child-love, security, food, clothes, shelter, toys, medicine when they are sick, comfort when they are afraid, unconditional love and so much more. As your child grows and feels secure in knowing all his or her needs are met, he or she will have a basis for understanding that God is the ultimate loving provider.*

*I look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with you and the All Saints Family on Thursday, November 19, around noon, in the Thomas Center. Our three and four year olds will be singing Thanksgiving songs. Bring your camera! Please fill in your Reservation Form found in this Newsletter and return it ASAP to the school office.*

*Blessings,  
Mary*

## Thanksgiving Feast



Wow! It's time for our annual Thanksgiving Feast on **Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** in the Thomas Center. The festivities will **begin at 11:45a.m.** with our 3's and Pre-K classes performing Thanksgiving songs. After the performances, the children will sit with their parents to gobble up a tempting turkey meal. Our yummy feast will be catered again by O'Boys.

**Reservations are a MUST.**

Everyone is invited to the meal even if your child isn't performing. If your child is

age 2 and under, they are also welcome to attend, but cannot be returned to their classrooms after the feast because their friends will be napping.

Look for the reservation flyer in this month's Building Bridges. Reservations must be returned to the All Saints School Office by Thursday, November 12th. We are looking forward to sharing this All Saints School tradition with your family! Gobble-Gobble!

I need help with setup, serving and clean-up. Please contact, **Melissa Johnson** at 407-310-6941 (cell), 407-681-4393(home) or [matt4mei@yahoo.com](mailto:matt4mei@yahoo.com).

## PTO Corner

Happy November! It is the start of a busy season for all of us, and I hope it is a blessed time for you as well. We have had many exciting activities going on with the PTO, and many more to come! Our cookie and cheesecake fundraiser was a huge success, raising more than \$1,600! Many thanks to Laura Jones for organizing this fundraiser, and especially to all of you for your participation in its success! I hope you are enjoying your tasty treats!

I want to thank all of our families who have contributed to our classrooms by donating an item on the apple tree. It is a wonderful opportunity to give tangible items to our classrooms that directly impact our students.

The wreath sale is still going on and if you haven't placed your order yet you have until Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to get those in. If you haven't seen these wreaths before, they are well worth the \$25. They are extremely fragrant, lush and come with mini pinecones clusters and a large red bow. Again this year, you can place orders to be shipped to other parts of the country! What a great gift for Grandma and Grandpa!

Finally, the Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. It is such a nice time of fellowship, not to mention delicious food and wonderful program; you will not want to miss it. If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, or serving please contact Melissa Johnson. I know she would appreciate your helping hands! And speaking of Thanksgiving let me not forget to thank all of you for your continued participation in our school! It helps make All Saint's School the special place it is. Please feel free to contact me at 407-647-6417 or sas32789@cfl.rr.com.

*Ann Stevens, PTO President*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*The deadline for all items for the Christmas Boxes is Monday, November 9th, as the children will be assembling the Boxes during this week. On November 18 the Boxes will be brought into Chapel, counted, blessed and loaded for drop-off.*

*'So the poor have hope...' Job 5:16*



## All Saints Christmas Pageant December 17, 2009 7:00 pm

You and your family are invited to share in the joy of the Christmas season. Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, All Saints School proudly presents our annual Christmas Pageant. The Pre-K and Three's will perform the age-old tale of how our savior was born. It is truly a delight to behold!

### **Donate some comfort!**

This year, in conjunction with the Christmas Pageant, we will be collecting donations for the Pajama Program. This organization collects new pajamas and books for children ages 0 to 17. We will be accepting donations for children ages 0 to 5. The donations are then distributed to children living in adoption centers, group homes, and shelters across the state and country. This program is a wonderful way to give children in need the simple comforts of warm pajamas and a good story. For more info go to [www.pajamaprogram.org](http://www.pajamaprogram.org).

### **Instructions for the children in the pageant**

Please bring your child to his/her classroom on the night of the pageant at 6:30 pm

### **Costumes**

Please plan to dress your child in his/her Sunday best. Your child's teacher will fill you in on any specifics.

### **Baking Help Needed!**

Here's a chance to put to use all the cookie dough you purchased! Please make a batch of cookies and drop them off in the carline on the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup>. After the pageant, families can enjoy fellowship and the delicious cookies. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a success!

## Christmas Wreaths

Can you believe it's that time of year already? Our annual Christmas wreath sale is under way! This is a great way to get some early Christmas shopping done while benefiting All Saints School! The wreaths are a beautiful Balsam Fir from our vendor in Maine. They are 24" and include a red bow and pine cone clusters with berries that you assemble as you please. Also included are a hanger and instructions on caring for your wreath. They look beautiful both on your door and as a centerpiece. They make great gifts too!



Wreaths are scheduled to be delivered to All Saints on Saturday, November 28th, and will be available for pick up at the school. You can also have wreaths shipped directly to your recipients. This option includes an individually boxed, decorated wreath and a gift card per your instructions.

**Price of Wreath – Pick up at All Saints \$25**

**Price of Wreath – Ship Anywhere in the U.S. \$40**

Order forms can be found in the school office and will also be coming home with your child. Payment is due at the time of ordering. **Orders must be received by NOVEMBER 13, 2009.**

If you have any questions or would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Megan Baptist at (407) 539-1928 or megbaptist@embarqmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

## Art Fest '10 is GOING GREEN!

Do you know of a business that is Green and would be willing to auction a good or service for the 2010 Art Fest?

It is never too early to prepare for All Saints School's Largest Fundraising event of the year.

Please contact Amy Plank at ryan\_plank@earthlink.net with any ideas or suggestions.

One of the pieces of art your child makes this year will be reused, renewed or recycled! Be there to make this year's Art Fest the Best EVER!



## 'A Gift Affair'

*Sponsored by All Saints Church on November 12 & 13 from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M./4:00 P.M. in the Thomas Center. An evening Affair is also planned on November 12 from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. These events will provide shopping for those special occasions. Tickets are \$5.00 for one day or \$15.00 for both days and are available at the church or school.*



## Baby Saints

John Camacho (three's) is a big brother! James Alexander was born on October 22. Congratulations to the proud parents, Laurie and Gabriel.

## ATTENTION

**\*\* VPK PARENTS \*\***



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR OCTOBER ATTENDANCE FORMS IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE MONTHLY AFTER THE THIRD OF THE MONTH.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE AN 'EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM' IF YOUR CHILD

IS ABSENT MORE THAN THREE DAYS DURING THE MONTH (FORMS ARE IN THE OFFICE).

## "Stuff Your Stocking"

All Saints MOPS (Mother's of Preschoolers) will be doing a "Stuff Your Stocking" in cooperation with A Gift Affair. MOPS vendors will be set up the same days (Nov. 12 & 13) in the Mary Martha Parlor with vendors selling smaller items to help you to "Stuff Your Stockings". "Stuff Your Stocking" will feature: various amazing vendors, a bake sale, All Saints MOPS cookbook sale, gifts from the heart, a silent auction and a Kids' Shop. The "Kid's Shop" will be a place where children can purchase small items for a very small cost (\$1 or so).





## HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS...

### What to do for 'Acting Out'

#### **Suggested Approaches:**

Stay calm. Have compassion for the child. Be patient when the child struggles, hits, bites, kicks, cries, yells, tries to destroy property or has tantrums. Be sure to protect yourself and other children while you attempt to calm the child. Try to find acceptable outlets for the child's feelings. Try redirection by encouraging the child to get involved with open-ended materials like sand, water, watercolor paints or playdough. These materials have a calming affect on children.

#### **Effective Words:**

To the child who acted out: "You are certainly upset, but I can't let you hurt yourself or others. Can you tell me what is upsetting you?"

#### **Never, Never:**

Punish the child who is acting out. The child is sending you a message for help.

#### **Prevention:**

Listen when children talk about their feelings. Keep open communication with school. Relay problems or changes occurring at home.

#### **Possible Cause:**

Children may not understand the nature of their unhappy feelings. They may be over-whelmed by their feelings and exhibit inappropriate behavior to express themselves.

#### **Some Thoughts:**

Young children often do not understand why certain things happen in their lives, so they find it difficult to know what is bothering them. They lack the vocabulary to identify and communicate their feelings.

## Alleluia Chapel

The first Chapel for this month was Moses in the Basket., Father Russell told the story of how the Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the river, after his mother let him go there to be safe. She picked him up and cared for him.

Next Father Russell told the story of how God told Moses to ask Pharaoh to let his people go free. After being set free, they had a long journey. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses raised his staff and parted the Red Sea (a blue cloth draped over two benches). When the children left chapel, they got to walk through the parted sea.

The next story Mary P. told of how Hannah wanted a baby. Soon she had Samuel and Hannah promised to bring him to live in the house of the Lord. As Samuel grew up, he gave service to God. Mary then explained how we should help others through our Samaritan Purse (the outreach program - Christmas boxes).

Our last Chapel story was David Crowned King. God sent Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem to choose one of his sons to be king. After passing by six of his sons, God chose David the youngest son to be king.

November Chapel:

Nov. 4th - Heroes in God's Service (Daniel and Esther)

Nov. 10th - David and Goliath - *Family Chapel*

Nov. 18th - Thanksgiving to God - Advent

November 23-27th - School closed for Thanksgiving



Blessings,

Fr. Russell, Mary P. & Mary H.

## Teacher Appreciation

The Teacher Appreciation committee would like to send a big "thank you" to the many families who participated in the "Fall is Here" luncheon for the teachers. The soup, salad and dessert lunch took place on the Thursday of the conference break. The teachers were able to stop by the office for a yummy bite to eat during their busy day of meeting with the parents. A gracious thank you goes to the many parents for their delicious contributions. The teachers were so appreciative and enjoyed the special occasion. Thank you for helping us show them how much we treasure the love and support they show our children every day.