



October 2009

Building Bridges

“between school and home”

All Saints School

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Dates to Remember

October 7
Chapel - 9:15am

October 6 and 7
Individual Portraits

October 13
Family Chapel - 9:15 am

October 15
School Commission Meeting

October 20
Cookie Dough Delivery
1:30-2:30 pm
Pick up in breezeway or carline

October 21
Chapel - 9:15am

October 22 and 23
Fall Conferences
(No school, except Infants)

October 27
Chapel - 9:15am

October 30
Fall Festival
6:30 pm

Teachers Birthdays

Gena Dehner 10/18
Tammy Hyatt 10/22
Jill Owens 10/27

Notes from the Director

Happy Autumn! This is my favorite time of year and I can't wait for the cooler weather. I love visiting all the classrooms and smelling the good smells of fall.

We had a wonderful turn out for our Open House last month. Thank you for all coming to learn about the purpose behind our daily activities at school. Our program is play based, this teaches children the skills they need to know while interacting with others and interacting with an environment rich in appropriate activities.

As October begins we find ourselves well under way to another great school year. The first month is always so busy and hectic with never enough hours in the day. It feels so good to be 'settled in' again.

As always, fall finds us quite busy with field trips and activities. If you would like to be a field trip chaperone, just let us know. This is a great way to help your child's teachers and also participate in their educational activities. The gift of time is such a blessing to your child – they will be thrilled and parent participation is an indicator of future success for children.

It is easy to prepare to be a chaperone. Come into the office and sign an Affidavit of Good Moral Character, pick up a fingerprint card and take it to one of the law enforcement agencies (list in office) for the

fingerprinting. The card then gets returned to the school with a money order in the amount of \$38.25.

Our parent teacher conferences are scheduled for the end of the month (October 22 & 23). These conferences are a wonderful opportunity to have a one on one conversation with your child's teachers about one of your and our favorite topics- your child! The teachers have been collecting work samples, taking photos and making observations of your child since they started in August. I'm sure the teachers will have some questions to ask you. We are looking forward to meeting with each of you at the end of the month. Look for the article later in this issue on this upcoming event.

Mark your calendars for the end of the month (October 30) Fall Festival. This will be a new event for the school. The Pre-K children will be square dancing along with games, food and fellowship. More information to follow!

God's blessings,
Mary



Cookie Fundraiser

Cookies and cheesecakes are on their way! Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 20th from 1:30 – 2:30** to pick up your goodies. Since they arrive frozen, it is very important that they be picked up on this date - **even if you do not have a child in school that day.** We will have a table set up in the breezeway by the carline for drive-thru service delivery. If your kids aren't in school that day, you may still

use the carline – come at 1:30 to avoid traffic. Several volunteers are needed to help distribute the cookies from 1:00 – 2:30. Please sign up in the office or contact Laura Jones at ljones23@earthlink.net to help.



PTO Corner

Thank you so much to all of you who attended the Welcome Back Coffee. It was wonderful to have so many new people there excited about getting involved at All Saints. A huge thank you goes out to Jane Maihan and Kellie Rogers for putting together such a delightful event. Congrats to all of you who won the fun door prizes!!!

I hope everyone is settling into their school routines and feeling like a part of the All Saints Family. I would like to thank the many of you who have volunteered to assist the PTO in so many different ways. If you still haven't had a chance to sign up for a committee, please feel free to contact me (407-647-6417 or sas32789@cfl.rr.com) any time for ways to get involved. I know that there are a few committees who still could use some helping hands. You can also refer to the monthly Building Bridges articles to see who needs help in upcoming events.

Speaking of upcoming events there are a lot this month. The Cookie and Cheesecake fundraiser has come to a close. These delicious treats will be delivered on Tuesday, October 20th from 1:30 to 2:30pm. They come frozen, so please plan to pick up your order during this time, even if you do not have a child in school that day (you may still use the carline—come at 1:30 and avoid the traffic!) If you would like to help us distribute these items during carpool, please contact Laura Jones at 407-539-0782 or ljones23@earthlink.net. Another great fundraising opportunity will get going at the end of the month, Christmas Wreaths. Yes, Christmas wreaths in October. Megan Baptist (407-539-1928 or megbaptist@embarqmail.com) will be working on this and would appreciate anyone that could help. Lastly, a new event is in the works. It is called Fall Festival. This will take place on October 30th and will be a team effort with the church. The Pre-K classes will do their wonderful square dance and there will be other fun activities like trick-or-treating and games. We will keep you posted on this new and exciting event as it develops. Have a fabulous October!

Ann Stevens, PTO President

Spring Art Festival

This year All Saints will hold the Art Festival on the evening of March 11, 2010. This festival is the school's largest fundraiser. The children's artwork and silent auctions items will be for sale that evening. It's never too early to start thinking about silent auction items. These items can be goods and services donated by you or someone you know in the community. We will also need help with classroom art projects so please think about being a class liaison. More detailed information will be sent home as we get closer to the event.

Contact Amy Plank (407-671-2596, ryan_plank@earthlink.net), Carly Burfield (407-849-3725, carly1427@aol.com), or Jacqueline Smalley (407-622-2244, jvecker@yahoo.com) for more info!



Christmas Wreaths

Our annual Christmas Wreath sale is under way!!

Order your beautiful, double-sided Maine Balsam Fir wreath again this year. The price for the 24" Balsam Fir wreaths is \$25.00. Wreaths can also be drop shipped to another address for \$40.00. Order forms can be found in the school office and will be coming home with your child.

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

**The deadline for orders is
Friday, November 13th.**

The Pumpkin Prayer



Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Open my mind so I can learn about You;

(Clean out the inside)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the bad things I do.

(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.

(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near.

(Place a candle inside and light it)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen

"Let my mouth be filled with your praise

And with Your glory all the day."

Psalm 71:8

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our school will participate once again in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful project to help children all over the world receive Christmas presents and it is a concrete way for our children to learn to help other children that are less fortunate. The Christmas Child receives a shoebox filled with school supplies, toys, hygiene items, hard candy and a personal note along with a book in their own language that shares the gospel of Christ's love for them. Operation Christmas Child then continues with discipleship programs, hot meals, and clothing, providing for the spiritual; and physical needs of children.

The Christmas Children will be included in our weekly Chapel program which will teach our children about outreach and the love of Jesus. The boxes will be brought into Chapel and blessed before they are delivered to Northland Community Church, the drop-off site in this area (the week of November 16).

Flyers from Operation Christmas Child will be sent home at the end of the month. These will include instructions. A reminder will be in the November newsletter.



Save the date for our annual Thanksgiving Feast



Thursday,
November 19 at Noon

Volunteers needed for :
set up, food serving, or clean up
Contact: Melissa Johnson at 407-681-4393 or
matt4mel@yahoo.com.



Teacher Appreciation

Calling All Cooks!!!!

The Teacher Appreciation Committee is planning an Italian lunch for our wonderful teachers on Thursday, October 22.

We would love your help in creating a salad, bread, entrée, dessert or drink for this special lunch. The lunch will be held during one of our upcoming conference days.

If you would like to share an item, please let Kristin Pilgrim know at 407-599-7762 or kmpilgrim@earthlink.net.

Thank you so much for your help!

School Library

The gift that keeps on giving ... books. Many thanks to the King Family for their large donation of books to the All Saints Library!

In celebration of Jason's birthday, guests were asked to bring a book for donation in lieu of a toy. Wow, what a fantastic idea!

By now, you should have received a Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library Birthday Book form. Thanks to those who have returned those forms. Birthday wishes to Cole Maihan, Ben Rosenstock and Chloe Gluckman!

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities in the library, please contact Cathy Chasser, tchasser@hotmail.com, 407-539-2990, or Natalie Storch, njstorch@mac.com, 407-622-6404.



Harvest Fest

This year All Saints Church and School are planning a Harvest Fest for all the children in All Saints School on Friday, October 30th at 6:30pm. Children and their families in All Saints Church's Grace Place, Pre-K4 and 3's, will be invited to join us this year.

There will be dance performances by the children in the VPK classes and in Kinderdance. These performances will be followed by food, games and activities. Children will be able to wear "Friendly Character Costumes", and games will be age appropriate.

We are still in the planning stages of the event and will keep you posted. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful event with our families and the church.



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.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Here at All Saints we focus on open, two-way, communication with our families. A NAEYC article regarding parent-teacher relationships stated that, “studies show that when families are involved in their children’s education in positive ways, the children have better attendance at school and demonstrate more positive attitudes and behaviors.” Additionally, “families who receive frequent and positive messages from teachers tend to become more involved in their children’s education than do parents who do not receive this kind of communication. The foundation for good parent-teacher relationships is frequent and open communication, mutual respect and a clear understanding of what is best for each individual child.”

Our teachers are excited about the opportunity to share what they have learned about your child with you at two parent-teacher conferences during this school year. They are also looking forward to learning about your child from you. We have planned conferences (this fall) for all classes except the infants. The infant teachers’ conference daily with their parents. Conferences will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23. A sign up schedule will be posted outside your child’s classroom. The school will be closed on these days, except for the infant classes. Child care will be provided for your children during the conferences. We hope this will make it easier for you to meet with us. January conferences will only be for the parents of our four year olds. We want to make sure you are well informed regarding our recommendations for kindergarten. January conferences for pre-k are scheduled for Friday, January 15. Spring conferences are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23 for all classes. Thank you in advance for meeting with us. It will help us to meet your child’s needs for growth and development.



Our screening tool, which will be discussed at the conferences, is the same as last year. In keeping with the requirements of our NAEYC accreditation we are required to use a standardized screening tool. It is not very different than the one used in previous years, the main difference is that it is standardized and has been tested for reliability. We will be using ‘Creative Curriculum’ Developmental Assessment which follows along with our curriculum, ‘Creative Curriculum’.

Alleluia Chapel

Alleluia Chapel began on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. The first story from the bible was the story of “Creation”. Father Russell told the children about all the things that God created and he saw, “It was Good”. To enhance the bible story he hung a sun, a moon and stars from the ceiling. Father Russell has brought a friend to help tell the bible stories. He is Rocky Raccoon. I am sure the children will look forward to seeing Rocky each week.

The next story was Noah’s Ark. Father Russell told the story of the Ark by having an ark made of paper and the children wore masks to represent the animals and they went into the ark. What a great presentation. I am sure they will remember this story.

Four babies were blessed and made part of the All Saints family at Family Chapel.

The last chapel of this month was the story about Abraham and Sarah, how God wanted them to have a special place to live and how Abraham would have descendents that would be more than the stars in the sky. Abraham loved the Lord and was obedient. He was blessed with wealth and a son, Isaac.

October’s chapel

- October 7th – Moses in the Basket
- October 13th – Moses’ Journey Out of Egypt –
Family Chapel (Baby blessings)
- October 21st – Samuel’s Service in the Temple
- October 27th – David Crowned King

Blessings,
Fr. Russell, Ms. Mary P. & Ms. Mary H.

