Building Bridges





~ between school and home ~

Important Back to School!

September 2017

Important Dates:

9/4 Labor Day, School Closed

9/7 PTO Welcome Coffee (8:30-10:00am)

9/11 Patriot Parade (9:15am)

9/13 First Chapel (9:15am)

9/15 Fellowship Fridays begins (9:15-10:45)

9/21 PTO Mom's Night Out

10/05
Parent Workshop:
"Parenting for Kindness and Responsibility" (6:30-7:30 p.m.)

10/11
Parents' Night Out!

Notes from the Director

At long last our Little
Saints are back! We are so
happy to see their sweet
faces and hear their laughter. The beginning of
school is such a special
time. It is a time of new
experiences, fostering new
friendships and relationships, and spreading
wings. We are so proud of
how well our Little Saints
have transitioned into their
new classrooms (and our
parents are doing well too!)

We are excited to welcome a few new teachers to our staff this year. Ms. Cheryl Lumbert joins Ms. Peggie in the threes. Ms. Cheryl comes to us with over 19 years of early childhood teaching experience. She has her Bachelor's degree in education and is very happy to be playing with our little saints. Ms. Nichole Marsh has been substitute teaching here at All Saints and is now working as a Pre-K assistant teacher with Ms. Emory. Nichole has an Associate's Degree and is working on her Early Childhood Education degree at UCF. Ms. Arleen Valdes-Pages has over 10 years of early childhood

experience. The last four years she was a lead VPK teacher in Seminole Countv Public Schools. Ms. Arleen will be working with Ms. Gena in Pre-K. Ms. Sheila Aland is jumping into the early childhood realm after 15 years as an art and humanities professor. She has a Master's degree in Art History as well as a Master's in Fine Arts. Ms. Sheila will be teaching art to our 3's, Pre-K and Kindergartners. We are so pleased that her daughter will be joining us as a Kindergartener as well. Please take time to say hello to them and welcome them to our All Saints family!

Thank you so much to all of our families who were able to attend the Parent Meeting/Open House last week. It is truly beneficial to us to be able to communicate our routines and expectations to you right from the start. This really helps make an easier and smoother transition for your children. At the meeting I introduced our theme for the year which is Respect, Responsibility and Re-Centering.

This summer our staff attended several trainings to learn more about our theme. We are excited to apply what we have learned about fostering respect and responsibility in the classroom as well as ways to help children recenter when they are anxious or upset. We learned some great mindfulness techniques to share with our students and are looking forward to a very peaceful year. We will continue to share our findings with you as the year goes on. We have scheduled a parent education evening on October 5th. The workshop is titled: Parenting for Kindness and Responsibility and the speakers are wonderful. We hope you will all make plans to join us here at school that night.

Rosie and I have an open door policy and invite you to come and talk with us whenever you have questions or concerns. We appreciate our families so much and feel honored to be part of this important time in your child's life!

In Christ,

Kristin

Welcome Baby Saints

On June 20th Adam Malik (Ms. McKinley and Ms. Victoria's class) welcomed his precious baby sister Zara Summer Malik. Baby Zara weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Asher Eli Basarich and Ari Jude Basarich were born on July 28th. Big sister Daylin (Ms. Michelle and Ms. Nancy's Pre-K) and her little sister Riley are so excited to have not one but two baby brothers!

Joseph Jordan Seigel was born on August 22nd. Big brothers Ryder and Bobby Devoe (alumnae) are so excited that baby brother will be attending All Saints this fall!

Mary Kiely (Ms. Peggie and Ms. Cheryl's threes) is so excited to be a big sister Kaitlyn (alumna) welcomed Madeline Melissa Kiely into the world on August 23rd. Madeline weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

Alleluia Chapel

September 13

God created the world

September 20

Noah builds the ark September 27

Joseph

Chapel will begin on Wednesday, September 13th. Our older twos, threes, Pre-K ses attend chapel each week. Chapel begins at about 9:15 and the children enter singing wonderful reminder that we are entering a "sacred space." Our

acolytes (pre-K and Kindergarten children) will light the candle and carry the cross as we begin. Father Russell delights the children with his teachings from the Bible and Ms. Jennifer leads us in song. Rather than have "family chapel" once a month we

Father Russell leads us in prayer

would like to invite our families to join us anytime!

Blessings,

Fr. Russell, Ms. Jennifer, and Kristin



and Kindergarten clasquietly. The music is a

Teacher Birthdays

Julie D'Alessandro 8/18

9/13 Georgia Valkenburg



Back to School!

Whom should I contact?

Rosie Johnson-407-644-1737 ext. 108 rosiej@allsaintswp.com

Questions about registration, tuition, invoices, days child is registered (\$10 charge to change days).

Brittany Brown-407-644-1737 ext. 110 brittanyb@allsaintswp.com

Questions about children's personal files and immunizations, student contact information, the school directory, website and all PTO special

events.

Lori Pierce-407-644-1737 ext. 201 lorip@allsaintswp.com

Questions about curriculum and child assessments.

Kristin Millson-407-644-1737 ext. 109 <u>kristinm@allsaintswp.com</u>

"We are here for you!"

All Saints Welcomes New Staff



Arleen Valdes-Pages



Sheila Aland



Nichole March



Cheryl Lumbert

All Saints Church Children's Ministry

Backpack Blessing

Calling students and teachers of all ages! Please join us September 10th in the 9 AM service. Father Rob will help us start the new school year in the best way with a special blessing!



Grace Place Welcomes Children for a New Year September 10

Our pre-kkindergarten through-fifth-grade SundaySchool begins September 10. Grace Place is a wonderful opportunity for your children to grow in their knowledge of Christ surrounded by their peers and guided by our loving, dedicated shepherds.

Contact Dolly Dunnam at <u>dollyd@allsaintswp.com</u> for details.

Register today at <u>www.allsaintswp.com</u>.

Children's Chapel

Join us for a special children's chapel in the 9:00 a.m. family service on Sundays. Before the Gospel reading, children ages 4-8 process out of the service for the Alleluia Chapel homily. They return to the church

Parent Fellowship

Welcome Back Coffee

Join other All Saints parents for coffee and a light breakfast as we celebrate the new year. Learn about PTO events and volunteer opportunities. See attached flyer!

When: Thursday, September 7th at 8:30-10:00am Where: Mary Martha Parlor, All Saints Church



PTO Mom's Night Out



The PTO is hosting a Mom's night out. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see old friends and make new ones in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. Please respond YES to the evite and join us for a fun, moms-only evening!

When: Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm

Where: Parkview – 136 S. Park Avenue., Winter Park

Fellowship Fridays

Mark your calendars for Friday mornings beginning September 15th for a relaxing morning of fellowship and uplifting discussion with other All Saints parents (grandparents or other caregivers are also welcome). The weekly discussion will be guided by suggested readings and facilitated by All Saints parents, Julia Stewart and Liz Strong. Childcare is available upon request.. See attached flyer for details!

When: Fridays at 9:15am





Popsicles in the Park Event Saturday August 26,



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Calling all Room Parents!

While there are ample fellowship event opportunities for All Saints School parents and families, nothing compares to connecting with your children's classmates and their families as we share this journey together. Room parents can help make this happen! We strongly encourage room parent volunteers to think of ways to connect parents through informal playground meet-ups or other ways to connect. Contact Sandra Archer, PTO Vice President, for ideas or assistance (Sandra@eArcher.net).

PTO President's Message

Welcome to the PTO! It is my pleasure to serve as your 2017 -18 PTO President and my honor to introduce our exceptional Vice President, Sandra Archer. Together, we aim to continue the generous work of the PTO Boards who have come before us as we build community in support of our beloved teachers and staff.

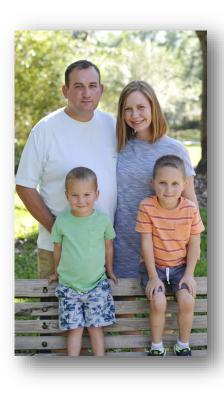
Approximately thirty board members oversee committees that engage and enrich our school community and nearly sixty-five classroom volunteers directly support our teachers as they focus on student needs. Key roles are still available for this new school year! Sign-up sheets detailing the needs of each class are prominently displayed in the classrooms and we invite you to learn more about our Board committees at our Welcome Coffee in the Mary Martha Parlor on September 7th where we will enjoy homemade breakfast and great conversation.

stem from the Building Bridges newsletter and On the Horizon emails distributed by our Classroom Volunteers. We will also reach out via online Sign Up Genius invitations as we seek support for upcoming events. Please save the date to join us for our Fall Moms' Night Out and Parents' Night Out events hosted to strengthen our connections as we enjoy our time together in this special chapter of our lives. We are most pleased to share that Fellowship Fridays returns this year for six mornings of conversation around the topics presented in the bestselling novel, For the Love, by Jen Hatmaker. We invite you to grab a friend and come along for the fun ride as we embark on this new school year together!

It was a joy to visit with so many of you at our Popsicles in the Park event. Your attendance allowed for a fun morning to celebrate the new school year and acquaint our children with their new classmates. I look forward to continuing the conversations this year and invite your feedback. You are welcome to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
Marlena Templet
All Saints School 2017-18 PTO
President

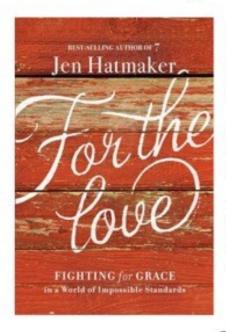
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Direct PTO communications



Fellowship Fridays: For The Love



Now in our fifth year, Fellowship Fridays is a super casual morning gathering at All Saints School. We meet on 6 Fridays throughout the fall — talking, laughing, connecting and building fellowship and friendships along the way.

Join us this Fall as we read and discuss Jen Hatmaker's For The Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards

This thoughtful, honest and hysterical book is an easy, reallife and faith-focused read that examines "how the squeeze of this life can make us competitive and judgmental, how we can lose love for others and then for ourselves."

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS OVERVIEW:

When: 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. on these Friday mornings:

Friday, September 15 Friday, September 29 Friday, October 6 Friday, October 20 Friday, November 3 Friday, December 1

Where: All Saints Church - Bride's Parlor in the Winderweedle Center

Cost: For the Love available on Amazon for \$13

Who: Open to All Saints School parents, grandparents & care-takers.

Coordinated by All Saints Parents Julia Stewart and Liz Strong.

Childcare: Free childcare provided by All Saints Church.

Babies who are not yet crawling are welcome in the study.

To Sign-up or Ask Questions: Contact Julia Stewart at jmontstewart@gmail.com or 407-310-4694.

PTO WELCOME BACK COFFEE

Join the All Saints Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for coffee and a homemade breakfast as we celebrate the new year.

Learn about PTO events and volunteer opportunities, catch up with friends and enter to win door prizes.

Thursday, September 7 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Stop in as it fits your schedule - after early drop off or regular drop off.

Mary Martha Parlor, All Saints Church



