


Building Bridges



All Saints School

nurturing the whole child through Christ  winter park, florida



~ between school and home ~

Back to School!

September 2018

Important

Dates:

- 9/3
Labor Day, School
Closed
- 9/6
PTO Welcome Coffee
(8:30 am)
- 9/11
Patriot Parade
(9:15am)
- 9/12
First Chapel (9:15am)
- 9/12
PTO Room Parent
Meeting
- 9/14
Fellowship Fridays
begins (9:15-10:45
am)
- 10/02
PTO Meeting (9:15
am)

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. Amanda Castino is joining Ms. Caroline in our three day threes class. Ms. Amanda comes to us from Rollins College where she has worked for the last 10 years in communications and alumni relations. Before beginning at Rollins, Ms. Amanda worked for a small stint here at All Saints School as a substitute teacher! She is returning to early childhood which is her heart's desire. She is also the mother of Sophia (Pre-K) and Ella (infants)! Ms. Christy Barbosa taught toddlers for several years and most recently has been a lead VPK

teacher. We are so excited to have Ms. Christy join Ms. Colleen in Kindergarten. Ms. Christy's youngest son Caden will be joining our little saints in Pre-K! 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 Anxiety.

This summer our staff attended several trainings to learn more about our theme. We are excited to apply what we have learned about children and anxiety. We have looked at causes and signs of anxiety as well as strategies for helping children cope with and handle anxiety. Some of our children have mild and normal fears and concerns while others find

themselves more affected by their worries. Sometimes a nervous system response can cause symptoms in a child who isn't really even aware of what triggered the response. Our staff is encouraged about new ways to help any anxious little saints!

We will continue to share our findings with you as the year goes on. We have scheduled a parent education evening on October 18th. The workshop will be geared towards parents and families. The speaker is Dr. Flora Torra. She is a child psychologist who specializes in play therapy, sand therapy and anxiety. She presented a workshop to our staff and we learned so much from her. 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 April 29, 2018 sweet baby Robert Hensley Eastman was born. His parents Ms. Jill (Older Ones teacher) and Robert were overjoyed. Big brothers Mason and Trystin can't get enough of him!

Colt Payne (Ms. Caroline and Ms. Amanda's class) is over the moon about the birth of his baby brother. Walker Ford Payne was born on August 20, 2018.

Sadie (Ms. Caroline and Ms. Amanda's threes) and Mia (alumna) are big sisters! They were so happy to hold baby brother Jax Parker Juras. Jax was born on August 22, 2018 and weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. The girls are in love!

Welcome to all of our new baby saints!



September 12

God created the world

September 19

Noah builds the ark

Alleluia Chapel

Chapel will begin on Wednesday, September 12th. Our older twos, threes, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes attend chapel each week. Chapel begins at about 9:15 and the children enter singing quietly. The music is a 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

would like to invite our families to join us anytime!

Blessings,

Fr. Russell, Ms. Jennifer, and Kristin

Father Russell leads us in prayer



Patriot Parade

Each school year we begin September with a fun Patriot Parade on Interlachen Avenue. All of our classes sit along the Avenue in front of the church to wave to and give thanks to our first responders of Winter Park. The children are delighted to watch the Police and Fire Fighters and their vehicles go by. Please have your child wear Red, white and blue on September 11th to celebrate our first responders. Parents are welcome to join as well.



Who should I call/contact?

Rosie Johnson-407-644-1737 ext. 108

rosiej@allsaintswp.com

Questions about tuition, invoices, days child is registered (\$10 charge to change), children's personal files and immunizations, student contact information, the school directory and all PTO special events.

Lori Pierce-407-644-1737 ext. 201

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Questions about curriculum and child assessments.

Emory Messeroff- emorym@allsaintswp.com

Questions about the website or Facebook posts

Kristin Millson-407-644-1737 ext. 109

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Questions about developmental concerns, classroom placement, any other concerns.

"We are here for you!"



Teacher Birthdays



- 8/13 Amanda Castino
- 8/18 Julie D'Alessandro
- 9/04 Lynne Crowley
- 9/13 Georgia Valkenburg



Looking Ahead

- 10/15 Parent Teacher conferences
- 10/18 Parent Education Evening (6:30-7:30)
- 10/22 Pre-K Fieldtrip
- 10/25 Fall Festival
- 10/26 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/31 Pre-K Costume Parade

All Saints Welcomes New Staff



Ms. Christy Barbosa



Ms. Amanda Castino



First Days of School at All Saints

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 6th at 8:30-10:00am

Where: Mary Martha Parlor, All Saints Church



Fellowship Fridays

Mark your calendars for Friday mornings beginning September 14th 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 Catherine Long. Childcare is available upon request. See attached flyer for details!

When: Select Fridays at 9:15am

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

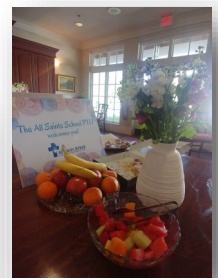


Scenes from Back-to-School Events



Parent Meeting/ Open House

Parents' Night Out at Cocina 214



PTO sponsored teacher appreciation breakfast for pre-planning week!



Popsicles In the Park 2018





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 Kristen Pontius, PTO Vice President, for ideas or assistance (kristen.stefani@gmail.com).

PTO President's Message

Welcome to the new school year! I hope the first day and week was a smooth transition for your "Little Saint" and your family is settling in nicely to your new routine. The All Saints PTO has already been busy -- welcoming back teachers, staff, and families.

A big thanks to Melanie Haddock, Alex Baumgartner, Priscilla Kunkel, and Kristen Pontius for their help in hosting a welcome breakfast for teachers and staff as they kicked off their planning week. Throughout the year, the PTO will host a few other activities to make sure our teachers receive back all the love they shower on our littles every day!

Thanks to all of you who came out for very fun back-to-back welcoming events: Parents' Night out and Pop-

sicles in the Playground. What a fun way to kick off the school year! I hope you can also stop by the PTO Welcome Coffee on Sept. 6th in the Mary Martha Parlor after drop-off, where we will enjoy homemade breakfast and a chance to say hello.

The PTO organizes several events throughout the year, and planning is already underway! To learn more about how you can become involved, please attend the PTO meeting on Oct. 2nd after drop off in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

This school means so much to my family. This is our seventh year here and being involved and connecting with members of this community has enriched our lives during these challenging and exhilarating preschool years. I look

forward to getting to know you as we work together to support our classrooms and teachers, create beloved preschool traditions through fun family events, fundraise to support our school -- all the things that makes All Saints School the special place that it is -- and have fun while doing it!

Yours truly,
Sandra Archer
aka Mom to Sean (PreK) and Kitson & Camden (All Saints Alumni)

All Saints School 2018-19
PTO President

Sandra@eArcher.net

L to R, Kristen Pontius (PTO VP), Sandra Archer (PTO President), and Marlena Templet (PTO Past President) welcome parents at the All Saints "Parents' Night Out"



Fellowship Fridays: Present Over Perfect



Fellowship Fridays is a *super casual morning gathering at All Saints School. We meet on 7 Fridays throughout the Fall – talking, laughing, connecting and building fellowship, friendships and faith along the way.*

Join us this Fall as we read and discuss *Present Over Perfect.*

About the Book:

Present Over Perfect focuses on the important transformation in modern life: leaving behind busyness and frantic living and rediscovering the person you were made to be. Present Over Perfect is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS OVERVIEW:

When:

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. on these Friday mornings:*

- Friday, Sept 14
- Friday, Sept 28
- Friday, Oct 12
- Friday, Oct 19
- Friday, Nov 2
- Friday, Nov 9
- Friday, Nov 30

**Please note, attendance of all days is not mandatory. Please come as you can.*

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

Book: The *Present Over Perfect Book and Workbook* are available on Amazon.com

Who: Open to All Saints School parents, grandparents & care-takers.
Coordinated by All Saints Parents Catherine Long and Julia Stewart

Childcare: Free childcare provided by All Saints Church

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, and catch up with friends new and old.


Thursday, September 6
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



All Saints School

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Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library
Birthday Book Club
Give your little Saint the birthday gift that keeps on giving!

Dear All Saints School Families,

We wanted to inform you of a very important fund set up in honor of a very important, loving, smart and beautifully blessed little girl, Meghan Mary Joyce.

Meghan was a student at All Saints School several years ago and she was called home at the tender young age of seven. Meghan courageously battled cancer and her little body had to endure surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. Through it all, she and her family remained prayerfully determined & faithful to live each day sharing with others the goodness of God's love, grace and mercy. Her little life ended so early but her legacy continues to live on here at All Saints School. The angel statue on our playground is in honor of Meghan and the beautiful life she so loved living. It is a reminder of all the wonderful memories her family made with their daughter at All Saints School and a symbol of God's love and care for our children as they enjoy the innocence of childhood.

To celebrate Meghan's life and her spirit, All Saints School set up the Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library fund. It is a beautiful birthday tradition – contribute ten dollars to the **Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library** fund and a book will be donated to the All Saints School Library in your child's name for other little Saints to enjoy for years to come! It is through your generosity that our school's library continues to grow. Each day our teachers share stories with our children that bring them joy and foster a love of learning, just as it did for Meghan.

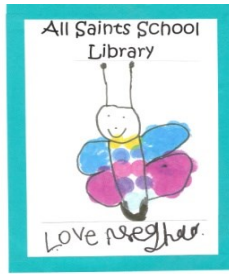
To participate in the Birthday Book Club, please fill out the form that will go home with your child or you can print off the attached document. Copies can also be found year-round in the school office, online and in our monthly newsletter. Please return it with ten dollars to your child's teacher or to the box in the front of-ice marked "Friends of the Library." A brand new book will be selected to be kept in the library in your child's name. The book will be sent home with your child during their birthday week (or any week you choose), so it can be enjoyed at home before returning it to the library. If your child has a summer birthday, please feel free to choose another day to celebrate. Please indicate on the form the date you would like the book to be sent home. Your child's name, birthday and dedication will be placed inside the book. Once returned, it will be used by our teachers to share in their classrooms.

As we celebrate the lives of our treasured little ones, we will continue to graciously remember the life of dear Meghan Joyce. Thank you for supporting our library by giving to the Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library fund. For more information, please contact Monica Bressler at monica-blandon@hotmail.com or Lori Wells at jwells8@cfl.rr.com

Warmest Regards,

Monica and Lori

MEGHAN JOYCE
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Give the birthday gift that keeps on giving!

Contribute \$10 to the MEGHAN JOYCE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUND, and a book will be donated in your child's name to the All Saints School Library.

Selections are made of various high-quality titles.

If you are interested in participating in the Friends of the Library Birthday Book Club, please fill out the form below and return it to the office in the box marked "Friends of the Library." Once you return the form and a check for \$10, a book will be chosen to be kept in the library in his/her name. Your child's name, birthday, and any dedication you wish to include will be placed in the book. The book will be sent home with your child for one week, so he/she can read it at home before it is returned to the library. After that, it can be checked out by the teachers to be used in their classrooms.



NAME: _____

TEACHER/ROOM: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

My child has a summer/holiday birthday.
Please send our special book home on _____

TO: _____

FROM: _____

DEDICATION: _____

*****Checks for \$10 should be made payable to All Saints School (no cash, please)*****

____ Paid (Check # _____)
____ Label
____ Book Selected (Title _____)
Date to be returned to library _____

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