

Building Bridges



All Saints School
nurturing the whole child through Christ winter park, florida



~ between school and home ~

Fall is in the air!

October 2018

Important Dates:

10/2
PTO Board Meeting (all invited) 9:15 a.m.
(Mary Martha Parlor)

10/15
Parent Conferences—
School Closed (Infant Room Open)

10/18
Parent Education Evening: A Roadmap for Wellness and Anxiety Relief for Ourselves and Our Children
6:30–7:30 p.m.

10/25
Fall Festival
5:30–7:30 p.m.

10/26
Parent Conferences—
School Closed (Infant Room Open)

10/31
PreKindergarten
Costume Parade
10:00 a.m.

Notes from the Director

It is officially Fall now... at least in the rest of the country! Here the weather is still hot and humid but the children have finally settled into a comfortable school routine. Children arrive and eagerly greet each other with smiles and hugs. You may have noticed that your child now has a favorite activity or area in the classroom and is comfortable separating from you in the morning. Life is good.

The teachers spent September building trusting relationships with the children and setting the rules and routines for the year. That month of getting to know the way things work around

here is vital to a smooth running and successful year where learning can take place in an optimum environment. It is well worth the time and effort to establish expectations clearly from the beginning of the year.

Now we are on to the good stuff. As you will see in the upcoming dates and various articles, we have a variety of activities this month. Our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 15th and two weeks later on October 26th. **All classes in the school will be closed those days except for the Infant room which will be open both days.** We will have childcare

available during your conference so please make every effort to participate. On Thursday, October 25th we will have our Fall Festival. We will have dinner, play carnival games, and go "Trunk or Treating!"

I have enjoyed getting to know our new families and look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming fall events!

In Christ,

Kristin





Communication is Key

Good communication between home and school is crucial for a positive school experience. Our teachers are looking forward to sharing their observations with you and are equally interested in hearing from you about your child. The teachers have been observing the children, making anecdotal notes, and collecting a few items for individual portfolios. They will also fill out an assessment which will help them to focus their instruction and identify areas for development.

The fall conferences will be held on Monday, October 15th and Friday, October 26th. Look for a Sign-Up Genius email from school in order to make your conference appointment. There will be childcare available in the Outdoor Classroom from 8:30-2:30. We hope that this will make it easier for you to attend the conferences. Please be courteous and pick up your child(ren) as soon as your conference is over so that there is room in the Outdoor Classroom and enough supervision for the next families. Thank you for making every effort to attend a conference this fall!

***The infant room will remain open for class on both days as the parents touch base with the teachers every day.**

Ms. Kristin, Director and Ms. Lori, Curriculum Resource Teacher

Meghan Joyce Friends of the Library Birthday Book Club

You are invited to participate in 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! *Please see attached flyer for details.*



Remembering our precious Lil' Saint Meghan and her love of learning

Little Saints



Keeping Cool



Teacher Birthdays

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| 10/1 | Kristin Millson | 10/27 | Jill Eastman |
| 10/10 | Tracy Reinke | 11/1 | Peggy Miller |
| 10/18 | Gena Dehner | | |



Father Russell wrote this poem for our first chapel of the year. We wanted to share it with you in case your children talked about it. Enjoy!



Creation

On Day Number ONE
It may have begun
with God wanting to have fun.

It was so dark
as dark as the night
When suddenly...with a word..
there was light.

On Day Number TWO
I think that it may be true
God decided on blue.

He looked up on high
and with a great cry
He made the beautiful sky.

On Day Number THREE
God said with much glee
let's make the land and the sea.

It was so grand
when God made the land
and then He planted a tree.

On Day Number FOUR
there was so much more

that God had in store.

He said, "I'm not done."
Then He made the sun,
along with the moon, the stars
and the planets.

On Day Number FIVE
God wanted all to thrive
so He made more things alive.

He said it's my wish
for a sea full of fish
and birds to fly in the sky.

On Day Number SIX
God added to the mix
if you can really believe it.

He made a big bear
with lots of white hair
and also the triumphant elephant.

He looked at it all
things big and small
and was happy with what He saw.

But God was not done.

Yes it is true.
He had one more thing to do.

He had to make me
and He had to make you
to take care of all that He created.

On Day Number SEVEN
The angels in heaven
saw what God did and
began clapping.

But God said it's best
for me to stop and rest
so He spent that day napping.

Today's story has ended
but I have one more thing to share
that is splendid

Remember today
the next thing that I will say.
This one thing will always be true.
God loves me and God loves you.

Pumpkins needed!

Please donate a pumpkin - any shape or size - for use in the outdoor class room. Drop off in the shopping cart at carline.



Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting

All are welcome to join Sandra Archer and Kristen Pontius, PTO President and Vice President and other PTO event chairs for our once-annual (and informal) meeting! You will hear about the planning for PTO events for the year and learn about how you can get involved.

When: Tuesday, October 2 at 9:15 a.m.

Where: Mary Martha parlor (note, this location changed!)

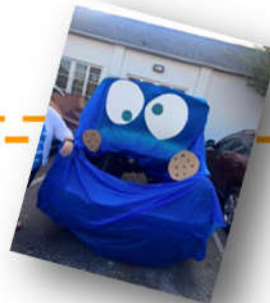


Parent Education Evening: A Roadmap for Wellness and Anxiety Relief for Ourselves and Our Children

Join us for an introduction to understanding and shaping our children in ways that support lifelong skill development. Guest speaker: Flora M. Torra, Ed. S., Licensed School Psychologist, Sandplay Practitioner, Somatic Therapy. Babysitting available upon request, please email Kristin at kristinm@allsaintswp.com to reserve a spot.

When: Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Where: All Saints School, Parish Hall



Fall Festival

Please join us for the annual All Saints School Fall Festival! Come out for trunk-or-treating, games, food, and fun for the entire family! Dress up your little saints in their favorite costumes and join us for a family-friendly fall celebration!

When: Thursday, October 25th at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: All Saints School – in and around the Thomas Center

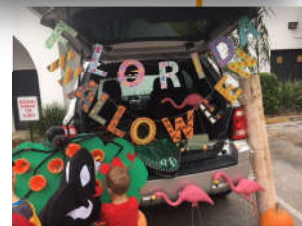
-Trunk-or-Treat spaces are going fast! A sign-up genius is coming soon to host a trunk, reserve your spot NOW!

-Dinner order forms will be sent home soon (also attached at the end of this newsletter). Please take your payment (cash or check only) and order form to the office ASAP!

-We need donated candy or treats to pass out during Trunk-or-Treat! Please drop your bag in the carpool line or breezeway beginning October 1.

-Questions? Contact Catherine Long at catherinelong45@gmail.com or Stephanie Senft at ssenft722@aol.com

**See attached flyer for details.



Other events this month. All parents are welcome!

Fellowship Fridays, October 12 and October 19 from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. in the Winderweeple Center

Alleluia Chapel, Wednesday October 3, October 10, October 17 at 9:15am—all are welcome!

PTO President's Message

Ah, the beginning of a new season! The pumpkin spice fragrances and flavors at every turn remind us that fun times are right around the bend.

This is such a great time to be a parent of preschoolers when we get to relive our own childhoods by playing dress-up, staying up after dark, and collecting treats! Don't miss the All Saints Fall Festival (Thurs, Oct 25th, 5:30pm)! This will include children's games, trunk-or-treating in the back parking lot, and a kid-friendly dinner in the Thomas Center (gym). If you are feeling creative, please consider signing up to host a decorated car and help pass out goodies to our little

trick-or-treaters. A school-wide Sign-Up Genius email will be coming to your inbox sometime soon to volunteer to help out with the event. It takes lots of volunteers to make this event run smoothly, and it is always such a fun event!

All are welcome to our Annual PTO Board Meeting on (Tues, Oct 2nd, 9:15am) in the Martha Mary Parlor. (Please note this location change.) Here, you will hear more details about planning for all of the PTO events for the year and find out how you can get involved!

A special thank you to Julia Stewart who chaired our fan-

tastic PTO welcome breakfast, as well as several other PTO volunteers who also contributed food items. Thank you to all who stopped by to enjoy a delicious breakfast and helped us welcome back families in the new school year together.

Finally, thank you to all parents who signed up to be room parents, room helpers, and class historians! Room parents are often the glue that helps connect other parents in the classroom, and so much is gained when All Saints School families get to know each other. I remember being new to All Saints, and it was a classroom playdate that gave me my first opportunity to get to know other parents in my child's class and I was so grateful for that! Thank you for all you do!

Thank you for volunteering room parents!

Amanda Castino (Infants-Ms. Peggy and Ms. Emily)
 Celina Bolen and Maggie Rhine (Young Ones-Ms. Cindy and Ms. Georgia)
 Mandy Miller and Nicole Turman (Older Ones-Ms. Julie and Ms. Jill)
 Jamie Robinson and Jamie Blucher (Young Twos-Ms. Courtney and Ms. Lori B.)
 Danielle Francis and Leigh Ann Bailes (Older Twos-Ms. McKinley and Ms. Victoria)
 Stephanie Senft (Threes-Ms. Caroline and Ms. Amanda)
 Hannah Miller and Sarah Tuassig (Threes-Ms. Natalie and Ms. Laura)
 Blaire Lynch (Threes-Ms. Peggie and Ms. Cheryl)
 Jenn Rodrigues and Ashley Roe (Pre-K-Ms. Lynne and Ms. Nancy)
 Jamie Blucher and Mindy Laverghetta (Pre-K-Ms. Emory and Ms. Gena)
 Lori Wells and Becky Drake (Pre-K-Ms. Tracy and Ms. Arleen)
 Blaire Lynch and Jenn Cathcart (Kindergarten-Ms. Colleen and Ms. Christy)

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

Join us for the Fall Festival

October 25, 2018



A Roadmap for Wellness and Anxiety Relief for Ourselves and Our Children

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018

Childcare available by request (email kristinm@allsaintswp.com)

By Flora M. Torra, Ed. S.

Lic. School Psychologist, Sandplay Practitioner, Somatic Therapy



With the “overwhelm” of information, social media, and our busy lives, we may be feeling disconnected and our children may need to learn simple ways to self-regulate and settle themselves.

My presentation will introduce and define concepts such as parental attunement, attachment and trauma with its implications to ourselves and our children.

With this foundation we will explore how anxiety presents in children and how we can assist in practical ways. Mindfulness activities will be discussed as a way of assisting with anxiety.

Experiential activities and resources will be provided to begin to integrate some of these practices into our lives.

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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.

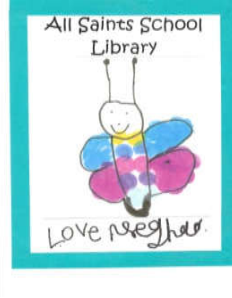
To participate in the Birthday Book Club, please fill out the form that will go home with your child or you can print off the attached document. Copies can also be found year-round in the school office, online and in our monthly newsletter. Please return it with ten dollars to your child's teacher or to the box in the front office 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 _____
**FOR LIBRARY USE ONLY

OCTOBER 25, 2018

All Saints

FALL FESTIVAL



Bring Your Little Princesses, Pumpkins, and Pirates for an Evening of Fall Fun!

The annual All Saints School Fall Festival features Trunk-or-Treating, games, food, and fun for the entire family. Dress up your little saints in their favorite costumes and join us for a family-friendly fall celebration!

ALL THE DETAILS!

When: Thursday, October 25, 2018

Where: All Saints School - Thomas Center and Church Grounds

Time: 5:30-7:30

Who: All Saints School Families & All Saints Church Families with Young Children

Dinner: Chicken tenders & sides, Pulled Pork/Chicken Sandwich & sides, and drinks will be provided by Colts Pig Stand & Golden Corral for \$5 per person with 100% of all proceeds donated to All Saints School

Dinner sign-up coming soon.

NOTES:

Trunk-or-Treat

Sign up now to decorate your trunk and hand out treats during Trunk-or-Treat by e-mailing Kristen Pontius at Kristen.stefani@gmail.com or look out for the sign-up genius.

Candy & Treat

Donations:

Donations for Trunk-or-Treat are needed! Drop off a few bags of your favorite treats in the carpool line or school office from October 1st - 24th.



OCTOBER 25, 2018

All Saints Fall Festival Dinner Order Form



Cost: \$5 per meal

100% of proceeds donated to All Saints School,
courtesy of Golden Corral & Colts Pig Stand!



Please complete below, and return form with payment

by Monday, October 15th

Name: _____

Email: _____

Payment (Circle One): Cash or Check (*Drop payment in the school office or in car line*)

Please indicate how many of each below:

Kids meal (chicken tenders, mac n cheese, fresh veg/fruit): _____ @ \$5.00 each

Adult meal (pulled pork/chicken sandwich, beans, greens): _____ @ \$5.00 each

Total: \$ _____