

Building Bridges



All Saints School

nurturing the whole child through Christ winter park, florida



~ between school and home ~

Merry Christmas

December 2018

Important Dates:

December 12- Baby Blessing Chapel (9:15 a.m.)

December 19- Nativity Pageant (6:30 p.m.)

December 20- January 6- Christmas break

January 7th - First Day Back to School

Notes from the Director

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus! It is such a blessing to work here surrounded by little ones. Their enthusiasm and sense of joy are contagious. Our older classrooms will be focused on the season of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the most important birth in the history of the world. The children will learn all about the characters in the nativity story and how they must have been feeling on that very special night.

Each classroom in our school will have an Advent wreath. We

make them from fresh evergreens. The greens symbolize new and everlasting life brought to us by the birth of Jesus. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God's love has no beginning or end. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of his son. This year Advent begins on December 2nd.

On Wednesday, December 19th we will gather together as a school family to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our Nativity Pageant. The three year olds, PreK, and Kindergarten classes will be

performing but all are welcome to attend. The Pageant will begin at 6:30 p.m. this year.

We will be closed for the Christmas holiday from December 20-January 6th. When we return on January 7th we will be very busy with Tom Marshall black and white photos (January 8th & 9th), Fall registration (January 14th) and St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon (January 23rd.) Whew! Enjoy your break and please know how much we appreciate your kindness, support, and generosity. We have wonderful families at All Saints School!

In Christ,

Kristin



Father Russell teaching the story of Daniel in the lion's den during chapel.



Thanksgiving Feast performance

Baby Blessing

Calling all new babies and their families. We will have a special baby Family Chapel on December 12th. Father Russell will bless our new babies (any babies born since last spring) and we will give them their All Saints prayer blankets. Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we can be sure to have enough blankets!



Baby Saints

Charlotte Pontius (Ms. McKinley and Ms. Victoria's Older Twos) is helping her parents take good care of her new baby brother. David Miller Pontius was born on November 26 weighing 9 pounds!



Teacher Birthdays

12/12 Rosie Johnson

12/24 Carol Astacio

12/12 Joanna Pickering
(Speech teacher)

1/1 Cindy Lowney



Christmas Pageant

You and your family are invited to share in the joy of the Christmas season. On Wednesday, December 19th, All Saints School proudly presents our annual Christmas Nativity pageant! The Threes, Pre-K and Kindergarteners will perform the age old tale of how our Savior was born. It is a truly special event and the children are so proud of the work that they put into it!



When: Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 pm (Please drop off performers @ 6pm in their classroom)

Where: Thomas Center

Please help us celebrate by dropping off homemade cookies or store bought baked goods in the carline on the morning of December 19th. We will have a short reception after the show.

Choosing Toys of Value

As Christmas comes closer, we wanted to give you some ideas about choosing new toys for your children. The following guidelines are reprinted from TruceTeachers.org

Toys have high play value when they...

- Can be used in many ways
- Allow children to be in charge of the play
- Appeal to children at more than one age or level of development
- Are not linked to video games, computers, TV, or movies
- Can be used with other toys for new and more complex play
- Promote respectful, non-stereotyped, non-violent interactions among children
- Can be used by children to play alone, as well as with others
- Can be enjoyed by all children, regardless of gender



TRIKE-A-THON™



Save the date for the St. Jude's Trikeathon!

Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 9:30am-12:00pm

This is a fun and exciting event where children in older 2's, 3's, Pre-K and K will ride their bikes/scooters on a closed and safe route on the All Saints campus, all while learning to give back to other kids in need.

Fun Around All Saints

Looking Ahead

Tom Marshall Photos: January 8-9, 2019

Fall Pre-Registration: January 14, 2019

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon: January 23, 2019



Love Wins Christmas Outreach

For our Christmas Outreach this year we are going to provide some Christmas goodies for local families who are in need. All Saints Church has a food outreach program called "Love Wins." Once a month we deliver boxes of food to about 80 local families whose children attend Lakemont, Brookshire, and Killarney Elementary Schools. Our school is going to go above and beyond that for four families in need. Our Church Youth group, Grace Place (Sunday School) and church families will also be sponsoring families.

Soon you will receive a specific list of items needed such as canned goods, Walmart gift certificates, children's toys (specific requests), and toiletries. Please consider providing a few things from the list. Many of the items can be purchased at the dollar store or grocery store. Make sure to include your little saint as you shop for the recipient family. It is so important that our children have the opportunity to give to others whose needs are so great. It helps our children develop emotionally as they step away from themselves and see the world through the eyes of another. Taking the perspective of others is a key component to healthy emotional development.

We are so excited to serve our local children in need and to give our little saints the opportunity to experience the joy of giving to other children. Look for a Sign-Up Genius email soon which will have specific items to donate! Thank you.

Thank you letter from a previous year's recipient

"I'm not sure how to explain my feelings right now. I was sponsored by your church today and what I received, I can't believe! The gifts inside a green Rubbermaid container which are meant for my daughter and I are absolutely the sign prayer and asking for help is real.

The life I wanted for my daughter hasn't been a dream. We have had to live with family, share a room and go without for so long. She wouldn't know any different, but I do. I am glad and thankful not to be in an abusive household any longer, yet am frustrated by my current path. Renting a room and searching for a better career instead of enjoying life has been every day. Opening that green box was exactly every prayer I've had for my daughter! Never would I be able to take her to Disney and buy her a gift. Never would I be able to afford anything more than what you all have given us. Your gifts are so special. You really have no idea. I need you to hear me because I've felt too ashamed to ask for help and when I did you answered! So for a little girl and a mother on Christmas day, you all have blessed and even though she has no idea what awaits her I will tell you, she will be the happiest girl and me the happiest mommy!

Merry Christmas! Thank you the most sincere, true, wonderful and heartfelt thank you anyone could say. This is the best Christmas my daughter will have had!"

PTO President's Message

Seasons Greetings, dear All Saints Community!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around All Saints! I love how our precious little school adds to the anticipation and magic of the Christmas season through transformed learning spaces, advent celebrations, chapel lessons, and little reminders of the nativity throughout the school. All of this learning culminates with the Christmas pageant, the sweetest All Saints tradition of them all. Our 3's, Pre-K's, and K's will perform and cookies will be served. Please make sure to mark your calendar for December 19th, and be on the look-out for an email sign-up to assist with the event!

The fall has been busy for the PTO, but also so much fun!

A huge thank you to **Leigh DeLorenzi** and **Becky Drake** for co-chairing the Thanksgiving Feast. These busy moms spent over a month preparing for this special event by creating communications, taking orders, decorating, and coordinating volunteers. Not only that, they rallied a small army of dedicated parents who turned up the day of the event to set up, serve, and clean up. What a wonderful example of so many parents pulling together to make this a very special day for all of our Little Saints and their families. Your selfless giving of your time is greatly appreciated by all.

*Thanksgiving Feast Co-Chairs
Becky Drake and Leigh Delorenzi*

Our Big Saints Bash committee is hard at work. Our date is set, our venue is booked, and planning for the menu and other event details is underway! Contact our co-chairs Lauren Gascoigne and Anna Lohr (labrunoart@gmail.com, annalohr@comcast.net) if you would like to contribute your time, talent, or treasure to this worthwhile event. All proceeds raised by the event will go directly back to our precious school, and will be used for classroom equipment, teacher training, and security upgrades.

I hope your Christmas season is merry and bright,
Sandra Archer (Sean's mom)
PTO President

A message from the Big Saints Bash Committee:

The Big Saints Bash is All Saints' largest annual fundraiser to benefit our amazing school and its educational programs. This year's Committee is hard at work planning the fun, adults-only, evening event for Friday, February 22nd at the Winter Park Farmers' Market which will include festive foods, adult beverages, a silent auction, fellowship and fun! In order for this event to be a success we need YOU! Please participate in the following ways:

- 1) Please join us and bring a guest.
- 2) Sponsor the event. Provide a sponsorship for the event and be recognized for your contribution to our precious school.
- 3) Procure a silent auction item. Do you own or frequent a favorite business that might be willing to donate an item or service?

All proceeds benefit the All Saints School. Our goal this year is to raise funds for the preschool to provide hardship tuition funds, purchase classroom equipment, and upgrade security.

Email AllSaintsSchool.PTO@gmail.com -or- Call 407.644.1737
for further details on Sponsorship or Donation Opportunities

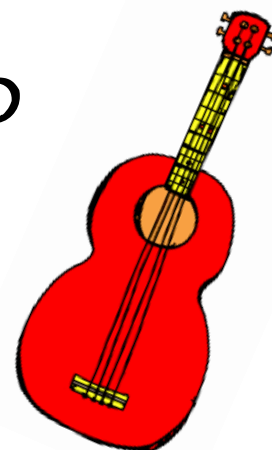
Groovy Cats Ukulele Studio

With Ms. Jennifer

Thursdays 2:10pm—2:40pm

For Pre-K and Kindergarten

Semester Fee \$300



Children will learn the basics of playing the ukulele in an age-appropriate learning environment. We will learn the parts of the ukulele, how to properly care for our instrument, tuning, strumming, and introduce chords and simple songs. Ukuleles will be provided for classroom use.

Dates

January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28,
March 7, 14, April 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2 (Parent Showcase)

Questions? Contact

Jennifer Rodrigues
(407)451-5355
jennrodrigues@gmail.com

Please complete the bottom and return to the office with payment prior to the start date. Space is limited.
Make checks payable to Jennifer Rodrigues or Venmo @JenniferRodrigues77.

Child's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Liability Waiver: By signing this form, you agree to give your consent for your child to participate in music classes taught by Jennifer Rodrigues, and you absolve and release Jennifer Rodrigues from any and all liability for any injury that may be incurred by your child in music activities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



LET'S DANCE!

After School Dance Class

Ms. Beth Ann Bayhi will teach a variety of dance styles and techniques. The environment will be fun and conducive to building self-esteem, self-confidence, and creativity!

Dates: Tuesdays

January 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 5, 12, 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23

Thursdays

January 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

March 7, 14, 28

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Please complete the bottom and return along with your payment to the office prior to the start date. Make checks payable to Elizabeth Bayhi or Venmo @BethAnn-Bayhi

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Parent's Name _____ Tuesday or Thursday (Circle)

Email _____ Cell _____

Liability Waiver: By signing the form you agree to give your consent for your child to participate in dance classes taught by Beth Ann Bayhi and you absolve and release Beth Ann Bayhi from any and all liability for any injury that may be incurred by your child in dance activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
2:00-2:45pm

Semester Cost:
\$210

Open to all
boys & girls
Older 2s - Kindergarten
(must be potty trained)

Ballet
Hip-Hop
Creative Dance
Praise

Beth Ann Bayhi
407-421-4740
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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.

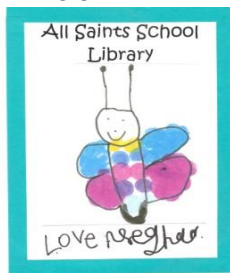
To participate in the Birthday Book Club, please fill out the form that will go home with your child or you can print off the attached document. Copies can also be found year-round in the school office, online and in our monthly newsletter. Please return it with ten dollars to your child's teacher or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