

Building Bridges



All Saints School

nurturing the whole child through Christ winter park, florida



~ between school and home ~

Fall is in the air!

October 2017

Important Dates:

10/3

PTO Board Meeting
@9:15 p.m. (Mary
Martha Parlor)

10/5

Parent Education
Evening "Parenting
for Kindness and
Responsibility"
@6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Childcare available)

10/11

Parents' Night Out!
@7:00 p.m.—The
Porch

10/16 & 10/27

Parent Conferences—
School Closed (Infant
Room & Kindergarten
open 10/16;
Infant Room Only
Open 10/27)

10/26

Fall Festival @5:30–
7:30 p.m.

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, and we are still cleaning up from Hurricane Irma. Even with our stutter start 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 16th and two weeks later on October 27th. **All classes in the school will be closed those days except for the Kindergarten room which will be open on the 16th and 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 26th 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 16th and Friday, October 27th. 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.**

****The Kindergarten class will remain open for school on 10/16 and will only have conferences on 10/27.**

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



Teacher Birthdays

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

Welcome Baby Saints

Wellsley Wayland (Ms. Natalie and Ms. Laura's class) was so excited to welcome her baby brother John Thatcher Wayland to the world on September 5th. He weighed in at 8 pounds and 1 ounce. She is a great helper to mommy and daddy!



Hurricane Make-Up Days

As a service to our families we have decided to be open on 2 extra days this school year. We will now be open on Wednesday, December 20th and Monday, January 15th. We understand if your family already has plans to be out of town on those days but if not and if it is your child's regular class day, please send them to school! We will be so happy to spend the day together.

Website Update

You may have noticed that our website has been out of commission since Hurricane Harvey. It turns out that the main server for the program we used was in Houston and is underwater! We are rebuilding a new website from scratch and should have it up and running soon. Thank you for your patience.

www.allsaintsschoolwp.com,

<https://www.facebook.com/All-Saints-School-Winter-Park-390745517661466/>

Busy Little Saints



Walk, Roll, and Stroll Rescheduled

We have decided to reschedule Walk, Roll and Stroll for the spring semester. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 28th. There is currently too much debris on our sidewalks for safe rolling and strolling!

Fellowship Events

Parents' Night Out

Call your baby sitter, tuck in your Lil' Saint, and come out for a relaxing evening of fun and adult conversation. This is a great opportunity to introduce your spouse to your new All Saints friends!

When: Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00pm

Where: The Porch (643 North Orange Ave., Winter Park)



Parent Education Evening: "Parenting With Kindness and Responsibility"

Join us for an introduction to understanding and shaping our children in ways that support lifelong skill development. Guest speakers: Rhonda Battaglia, LMHC and Kristen Kutudis, LCSW. Babysitting available upon request, please email Kristin at kristinm@allsaintswp.com to reserve a spot.

When: Thursday, October 5 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 26th at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

- Trunk-or-Treat spaces are going fast. Volunteer to host a trunk NOW!
- Dinner order forms will be sent home soon. Please take your payment (cash or check only) and order form into the office ASAP!
- We need donated candy and non-candy treats, such as goldfish, raisins, or mini treasures (pencils, erasers, etc) to pass out during Trunk-or-Treat! Please drop your bag in the carpool line or breezeway beginning October 2.
- Contact Sara Echeverria (sarasetzler@gmail.com) or Stephanie Senft (ssenft722@aol.com) with any questions or to volunteer!

**See attached flyer for details.



Other events this month. All parents are welcome!

Fellowship Fridays, Oct 6th and Oct 20th from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the Winderweedle Center
Alleluia Chapel, Every Wednesday at 9:15am—all are welcome!

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PTO President's Message

Happy Fall, Y'all! Taking our cues from our children, let us be present together and take time to celebrate the season.

All are welcome to our Annual **PTO Board Meeting** on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 9:15 a.m. in the Mary Martha Parlor. Join us for an overview of PTO programming and receive pertinent instructions on event planning and execution. Enjoy a cup of coffee as you learn more about how we support you, your children and our beloved teachers and staff.

Join us for **Parents' Night Out** at The Porch on Wednesday, October 11th, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and yours for an evening in the company of your fellow All Saints parents. Enjoy a spread of great appetizers in a re-

laxed, social environment. Save the date, book a sitter or come alone...but please do leave the children at home for this adult only event.

The highlight of October is our very own **Fall Festival**. Make plans to join us in and around the All Saints Thomas Center on Thursday, October 26th, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for the most family-friendly fall fest of them all. Trunk-or-Treating is a perennial favorite of both kids and parents alike. It is captivating to watch our children in their adorable costumes gawking and giggling at the creative trunk displays. Whether simple to clever-beyond-compare, each and every aspect of the experience only exists because of the families who

Thank you for volunteering room parents!

Emily Elliot & Lori Wurtzel (Infants - Ms. Peggy & Ms. Emily)

Arita Jakubs & Kimberly Rios (Young Ones - Ms. Cindy & Ms. Georgia)

Catherine Long & Julia Stewart (Older Ones - Ms. Julie & Ms. Jill)

Danielle Payne, Dulcy Reck, & Amanda Skurla, Dalena Taylor (Young Twos - Ms. Courtney & Ms. Molly)

Jennifer Dehne & Kimberly Lummus (Older Twos - Ms. McKinley & Ms. Victoria)

Erin Caneza & Mindy Laverghetta (Threes - Ms. Lori & Ms. Caroline)

Lucy Littler (Threes - Ms. Natalie & Ms. Laura)

Jennifer Rodrigues & Lori Wells (Threes - Ms. Peggie & Ms. Cheryl)

Jenn Cathcart (PreK - Ms. Michelle & Ms. Nancy)

Sara Echeverria & Blaire Lynch (PreK - Ms. Emory & Ms. Nichole)

Jaime Robinson & Lisa Waddington (PreK - Ms. Gena & Ms. Arleen)

Sheila Aland (K - Ms. Colleen & Ms. Tracy)

Mom's Night Out!



come together to make the event possible. Keep a watchful eye on your email for the first school-wide PTO Sign Up Genius announcing details and recruiting volunteers.

We are grateful for your high level of participation in our most recent events. Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive reception of our Welcome Coffee coordinated by Julia Stewart. We enjoyed a beautiful homemade breakfast that fostered great fellowship for the many in attendance. Our fun Moms' Night Out was filled with lots of conversations around the common denominator of our All Saints School experience. We are humbled by your collective interest in enriching the experience of our beautiful community.

Thank you,

Marlena Templet

All Saints School 2017-18 PTO President

marlenatemplet@me.com



PTO Welcome
Coffee



Join us for the Fall Festival

October 26, 2017

OCTOBER 26, 2017

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!

Volunteers Needed!

Trunk-or-Treat

Sign up now to decorate your trunk and hand out treats during Trunk-or-Treat by emailing Stephanie Senft ssenft722@aol.com

Candy Donations

Drop off a few bags of your favorite treats for Trunk-or-Treating in the carpool line or office from October 2nd - 26th

When: Thursday, October 26th,
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: All Saints School –
Thomas Center and
Church Grounds

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

Dinner: Chick-Fil-A meals will be
offered for \$5. Order form
coming soon.





Means "I love you" in dinosaur

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All Saints School
Parish Hall

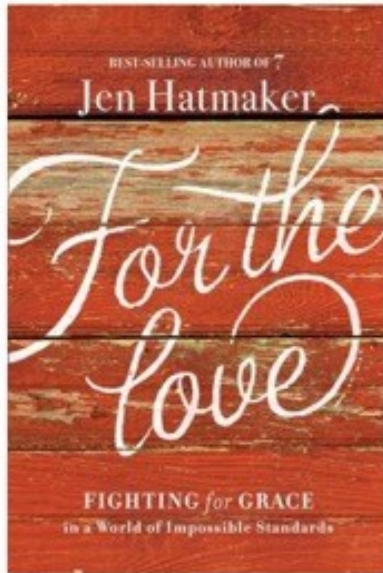
Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Babysitting available upon request.

Please email Kristin at kristinm@allsaintswp.com to reserve a babysitting spot.



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, real-life 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.

**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." Your child will get to select a brand new book to be kept in the library in his/her name. They will receive an honorary birthday crown and have their picture taken to proudly display alongside Meghan's photograph. The book will be sent home with your child during their birthday week so it can be enjoyed at home before returning it to the library. If your child has a summer birthday, please feel free to celebrate their half birthday or indicate on the form if you'd prefer April or May. Your child's name, birthday and dedication will be placed inside the book. Once returned, it can 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