

Building Bridges



All Saints School

nurturing the whole child through Christ winter park, florida



~ between school and home ~

Easter time is here!

April 2018

Important Dates:

4/2

Summer Camp registration for currently enrolled

4/4

Chapel (Easter)

4/11

Chapel (Ascension)

4/12 & 4/13

SCHOOL CLOSED—
Parent Teacher Conferences

4/18

Chapel (Pentecost and Baby Blessing)

4/19

Pre-K field trip

4/24

Coffee with Kristin
9:15–10:15 AM

4/25

Last Chapel of the year (The Church)

4/27

Kindergarten field trip

Notes from the Director

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a wonderful and rejuvenating spring break. It is hard to believe that we only have 7 full weeks of school left until summer. We begin our registration for our fantastic summer camp this week. As always we will offer two summer camp sessions this year. The June camp will be 6/4-6/22 and the July camp will be held from 7/9-7/27. Our hours remain the same (9:00-2:00) with early bird and after-care options available. Back by popular demand and a great many requests will be our camp offering for rising first graders! We can't wait to have our alumni back on campus. You do not need to be an All Saints School family to take advantage of our fun camp. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to register as well. Registration for the public begins on April 9th.

We recently welcomed a group of canine educators to our school as visitors. They were interested to see children learning in a play based environment. They were fascinated by the children's abilities to choose where to play, how to play and with whom to play all on their own. We explained that our learning environment is very purposefully set up to encourage the development of independence, self-confidence and self-regulation. They were wowed by how engaged, busy, and focused the children were as they were playing...but of course we know that play is the work of children. As Early Childhood Educators we love to see the play "work" at this time of the year. Friendships and classroom routines are established which leaves time and room for so much purposeful play. Rather than flitting around the classrooms from activity to activity we

see the children coming in with an agenda (work that needs to be done!) Their purposeful play fosters so much cognitive, social and emotional development. Spring is such a joyful and productive time for preschoolers!

In Christ,

Kristin



Baby Saints



Calling all of our new baby saints! We will have our spring baby blessing on April 18 at 9:15 during Chapel. Father Russell will bless each baby and present him/her with an All Saints "Baby Saint" blanket. The children love to see the babies and pray for them. Please let Kristin or Rosie know if you plan to attend so that we have enough blankets ready.



Adalyn Davis (Ms. Gena and Ms. Arleen's Pre-K) and her big brother Landon (alumnus) are so excited that baby sister Cameron Grace is here! Cameron was born on March 13, 2018 and weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Caden Fend (Ms. Peggie and Ms. Cheryl's threes) and older sister Maddie were super surprised by the early arrival of their sweet baby brother on March 19, 2018. His arrival was a bit early and we are all so thankful that he is safe and healthy!



Teacher Birthdays

4/5 Ms. Karen Cornelius (Yoga)
4/7 Ms. Caroline Kiely

4/15 Ms. Lori Pierce (Curriculum)
5/1 Ms. Jennifer Rodrigues (Music)



Stations of the Cross



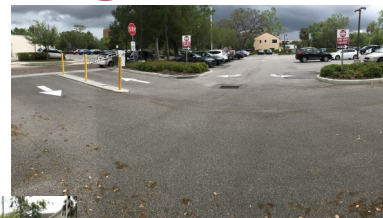
Easter Egg Hunting!



Our new, improved and safer parking lot!



In an effort to keep our children safer, the school parking lot is now a ONE WAY ONLY. Please take good care to look at the arrows and signs indicating the one way route. Thank you so much for putting our children's safety first.



The Mud Kitchen In Outdoor Classroom

As you know Ms. Carol has turned the Outdoor Classroom into a mud kitchen. The children love playing in the mud. It is dirty and squishy and often off limits but did you know that our bodies need dirt? Scientists have concluded that our antibacterial world is contributing to our massive rise in allergies. Much of the bacteria found in soil are good for us. Contact with soil (digging in it, breathing it in, and letting it touch our skin) provides a way for it to access our nasal passages and gastrointestinal tract. So the next time the rain run-off creates a muddy corner in your yard...let your little one put on some old clothes, grab some pots and pans and get busy with science discovery, sensory play, dramatic play, fine motor work and hand-eye coordination!

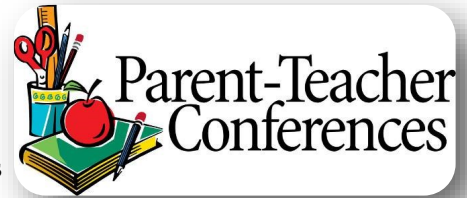


Art Fest a La Mode Fun!



Many thanks to our Art Fest volunteers and the co-chairs, Ashley Johnston & Shawna Owens, for making this special night possible!

Why Do We Need Parent Teacher Conferences in Preschool?



Why do I need to go to a conference for my young child?

I know that it may seem silly to some parents to have a conference in preschool but 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.

I remember my first parent teacher conference for my oldest child. He had just turned two and I had a Doctorate in Education...I figured there really wasn't anything those teachers could tell me about my child that I didn't already know. Boy was I wrong! They told me lots of nice things about him but they also shared that he couldn't pedal a small trike and that they were working on that with him. I loved all of the specific skills they had assessed. They had honed in on his strengths and helped me to see his weaknesses more clearly. Even the most well intentioned parents can be blind when it comes to our most precious loves. I found myself looking forward to conferences over the years as a time to both celebrate my children and also to have a re-set on my own goals for them. For the record, my oldest son Sam is 22, graduating from college in a month as an engineer and can pedal just fine!

Our spring conferences will be held on Thursday, April 12th and Friday, April 13th. Look for a sign-up Genius email from school in order to make your conference appointment. All classes will be closed those days. There will be childcare available in the Outdoor Classroom during your conference time. 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 spring!

Ms. Kristin, Director



Bash Totals!

This year's Big Saints Bash was a big hit, thanks to all who came out and had a great time! The night would not have happened if it were not for these two wonderful All Saints Parents: Anna Lohr and Danielle Holm Payne. They both poured their time, treasure, and talent into making this a special night of fellowship and fun for all. What a beautiful gift to our community! Not only that, the event raised nearly \$20K for our precious school. Congratulations ladies! Thank you to all the Bash volunteers for helping make this year's event a rousing success!



*Big Saints Bash Co-Chairs,
Anna Lohr & Danielle Holm Payne*

Thank You, Class Historians!

Emily Wells... Infants

Claire Houke... Young Ones

Kristin Pontius... Older Ones

Carlea Doster... Young Twos

Lindsay Moore... Older Twos

Leigh DeLorenzi... Threes

Gretchen Hale... Threes

Samantha Renfrow & Carey Rothschild... Threes

Lauren Clark... PreK

Sara Echeverria... PreK

Arleen Valdes-Pages... PreK

Mary Ashy... Kindergarten

PTO President's Message

Dear All Saints Family,

April ushers us into spring and signals the sweetest spot of the school year. Our connections are strong as we have weathered many seasons together. We are still a ways off from the inevitable "good-byes" that mark the close of May yet open the door to a summer of possibilities. It is just nice to be right here, right now. Let's enjoy!

It is my pleasure here in my last newsletter submission to shine the light on your next PTO President,

Sandra Archer. Serving alongside Sandra in her role as PTO Vice President this year has been my honor. Sandra radiates intellect, grace and warmth in all she does and I am confident she will enjoy this new role. I am humbled by all Sandra has done in support of our preschool from behind the scenes for years. I cannot wait to watch her leadership skills in action next year.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support of our PTO initiatives this year. Your

willingness to volunteer your time and talents is what makes our community strong. We appreciate your participation at the myriad events we offer to foster fellowship and support our teachers and staff. I am especially grateful to those of you who have stepped forward to accept leadership roles. Your dedication inspires us all!

Blessings,
Marlena Templet
2017-18 PTO President
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