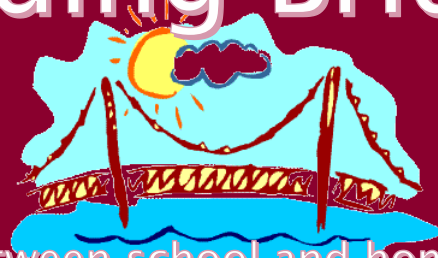


# Building Bridges



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



~ between school and home ~

Love is in the air!

February 2019

## Important Dates:

2/1

Kindergarten Play-  
"The Mitten" (10:00AM)

2/4-2/8

Literacy Week

2/5

Books and Burgers  
(Writer's Block and Burger  
Fi- 4:00-7:00 PM)

2/6

Café con Libros (9:00-9:45  
AM in classrooms)

2/18

School Closed for Presi-  
dent's Day

2/22

Big Saints Bash

2/27

Pet Blessing Chapel

2/28

Rare Disease Day

## Notes from the Director



Love is in the air! February is a wonderful time to let our FRIENDS and families know how much we love and appreciate them. In our classrooms we will be talking about showing love and sharing God's love with the people and PETS around us. Our whole school will be focusing on a pet theme for the month as the children explore pets, pet care (including veterinary and grooming) and showing pets our love!

The children enjoy getting and giving Valentine cards. It makes everyone feel so good and is a perfect opportunity to practice our early literacy skills. Writing cards to the whole class may be overwhelming for a 4 or 5 year old, but signing his/her own name might be fun. Looking at the first letter of friends' names on the class list and guessing whose name starts with that sound is fun too!

We also love BOOKS! Literacy Week is the week of February 4-8

and we have so many fun activities planned. Please make sure to read the flyer thoroughly so you don't miss anything.

We love our FAMILIES! We truly have the most wonderful families around. Many thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who came out to our Trike-a-thon to cheer the riders. It is a special thing to watch the parents come together to help create a festive activity for our children. Thanks to Trike-a-thon Chairpeople Carey and Tyler Rothschild and Nicole Turman for such a fantastic event.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not boastful. Love is not rude. Love doesn't insist upon it's own way. Love is not irritable. Love rejoices in the right. Love never ends. 1 Corinthians 13

In Christ,

*Kristin*



## Teacher Birthdays

- 2/3 Emily Wells
- 2/12 Nancy Cavett
- 2/18 Emory Messeroff



## Valentine's Day Parties

We love to celebrate Valentine's Day in our classrooms. Please remember to respect our Healthy Food policy even on party day. Get creative with the colors pink and red and remember that we can have fun without lots of sugar. How about strawberry cream cheese on mini bagels and slices of bright red apples? Children love Strawberry smoothies! If you are preparing "goodie bags" to hand out, please fill them with items other than candy such as stickers, tiny toys, erasers, etc. Ask your teacher for ideas. Finally, please remember that an early childhood classroom is not the place for balloons of any sort. Even though they are festive they present a serious choking hazard for children. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Trike-a-thon Fun!



**Many thanks to all who participated in and volunteered for the St. Jude's Trike-a-thon!**

**Our children and families raised almost \$3,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Way to go!**

# Upcoming Events

## February Chapel Dates

- 2/6 (No Chapel- Café con Libros)
- 2/13 Jesus' Baptism
- 2/20 The Good Samaritan
- 2/27 Pet Blessing



## Pet Blessing

Please make plans to bring your (well-behaved) pet for a blessing by Fr. Russell. We will celebrate our pets at a special chapel service on Wednesday, February 27 in the Thomas Center. This is a lovely event that you won't want to miss. Last year Fr. Russell blessed fish, guinea pigs, dogs, bunnies, gerbils and more!



# BIG SAINTS BASH

**When:** Friday February 22, 2019

**Where:** Winter Park Farmers' Market

**\*TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!**

## ATTENTION!

THIS AUCTION IS USING MOBILE BIDDING

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**OPEN THE APP**, tap **GET STARTED** and **SIGNUP** for an Account.

SEARCH for



**Big Saints Bash 2019**

in the list of Auctions to get started

## NOT ATTENDING? NO PROBLEM

We will miss your presence, but you can bid from home!

# Celebrate Rare Disease Day with All Saints School

Hello fellow All Saints families!

For those of you that do not know me, I'm the mom of Camden (Pre-k, Ms. Emory and Ms. Gena) and Brooks (Young 2's, Ms. Courtney and Ms. Lori). I'm also an Assistant Teacher with Ms. Cindy in the Young 1's. Fun fact number three, up until earlier this month my favorite National "holiday" was National Donut Day. Because, well, donuts! And, unlike other unique National days, there are two donut days. That's right, two. (June 7th and November 5th, for my fellow lovers of nutritionally bankrupt, fried-doughy goodness). As fun as having an excuse to eat donuts or wear pajamas to work is though, January put a new spin on my admiration of obscure holidays.

You see, in January we came to the end of a two year search for a diagnosis for our little guy Brooks. While many people look at Brooks and see an average 2 1/2 year old, Brooks actually has an abnormally small cerebellum with scarring throughout. He also has ataxia, hypotonia, and dysmetria. All of this we learned after setting out when Brooks was about six months old to determine why he was suddenly floppy and not keeping pace developmentally with his peers. Those findings, however, were only symptoms. What they were symptoms of eluded us and his physicians.

With the help of the genetics team at Arnold Palmer Hospital, early in January we finally obtained his diagnosis. Brooks has NUBPL, mitochondrial complex 1 deficiency, a progressive neurodegenerative disease that causes atrophy of the cerebellum, killing off cells daily.

The NUBPL mutation affecting Brooks is extremely rare. It was only discovered in 2010 and there are no FDA approved treatments. Because NUBPL affects such an incredibly small patient population, the impetus and funding for research is severely limited.

And, that is how Donut Day lost its glory to February 28th, Rare Disease Day. While the idea that a disease is rare implies few people are impacted, the reality is that 1 in 20 people will live with a rare disease at some point in their life. Despite this, there is no cure for the majority of rare diseases, including Brooks', and many go undiagnosed.

We'd love to share Rare Disease Day with our All Saints family and do something small to increase knowledge of rare diseases. In doing so, we'd also like to highlight NUBPL and raise some money toward funding for research of the disease. Every dollar donated to the NUBPL Foundation is filled with hope. Help us keep hope alive.

Jamie

**When:** Thursday, February 28

Have your child **wear** the Rare Disease Day colors: **purple**, **pink**, **blue** and **green**.

Send your child to school with a **\$1 to have his/her face painted!** All of the money raised will go to the NUBPL Foundation.



# PTO President's Message

Dear All Saints Family,

What a great way to kick off the new year with a fun Mom's night out! We had a great turn-out, so thanks to all who attended! We now have some great momentum as we roll right into Bash planning season! It takes lots of volunteers to make this a night to remember, so please let me know if you would like to join in the planning fun. I hope you will come out for this once-a-year adult-only fundraising event. On Feb 22 at the Winter Park Farmers market, there will be great food, adult beverages, music, a silent auction, and of course a great chance to connect with others in the All Saints community. All proceeds go directly back to our school, and many of the funds raised this year are already slated for school security upgrades and teacher training. This year we will be using the Handbid app to purchase tickets and bid on auction items, so download the app from the Play Store or AppStore today!

A huge thank you to **Nicole Turman** and **Carey & Tyler Rothschild** for everything they did for the St. Jude's Trike-a-thon and the parents who turned out to help and cheer on our little racers! This event would not have happened without you all!

This month our little saints will have a week full of events to promote their love of reading during Literacy Week! I hope to see you at two events: **Books and Burgers the evening of 2/5** will be a fun way to see teachers outside of school and then treat your family to a fun dinner out with all of our All Saints friends, and **Café con Libros the morning of 2/6** invites special family members to come read with children in the classrooms.

I hope to see you soon at all of our upcoming events!

Sandra Archer (Sean's mom)  
PTO President  
[sandra@earcher.net](mailto:sandra@earcher.net)



PTO President and Vice President at Mom's Night Out!



Nicole Turman and Tyler Rothschild, Trike-a-thon chairpeople

# All Saints School Literacy Week-February 4-8, 2019



## Book Donation and Swap

We are asking each of our little saints to bring two gently used books to donate on Monday and/or Tuesday. On Wednesday and/or Thursday each child will have the opportunity to choose one book to take home as his/her own. The surplus books will be donated to a local preschool that has more needs.

## Monday Mystery Readers

Every classroom will have a surprise Mystery Reader!

## Tuesday Night-Books and Burgers

Please see the attached flyer. Join us at our local book store, The Writer's Block (right across from the Grove and Cocina on Welbourne Avenue) for story time with some of your favorite teachers and to browse the book selection. There are even lots of great books for older siblings and grown-ups too! After you have visited The Writer's Block, head over to Burger Fi to eat dinner with our friends. Make sure to put your receipts at Burger Fi into the bucket at the register and tell them you are from All Saints School. We will receive a portion of the sales at both The Writer's Block and Burger Fi.

## Wednesday-Café con Libros

We are inviting special people (parent, grandparent, Godparent, special neighbor...) to come to every classroom from 9:00-9:45 for a continental breakfast and coffee and juice and a special opportunity to snuggle up with their favorite preschooler to read. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate reading, books and special relationships!

## Throw Back Thursday

Our teachers will share their favorite books from childhood with their classes.

## Free Read Friday

The children will bring in their favorite books to read throughout the day with their friends and teachers!



**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.

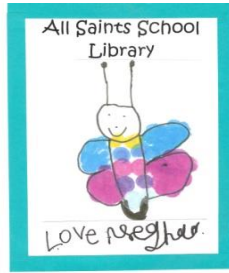
To participate in the Birthday Book Club, please fill out the form that will go home with your child or you can print off the attached document. Copies can also be found year-round in the school office, online and in our monthly newsletter. Please return it with ten dollars to your child's teacher or 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](mailto:monica-blandon@hotmail.com) or Lori Wells at [jwells8@cfl.rr.com](mailto: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)\*\*\*\*\*

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