



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

Building Bridges



~ between school and home ~

Easter time is here!

April 2019

Important Dates:

- 4/1
Summer Camp registration
for currently enrolled
- 4/2
Petting Farm comes to All
Saints School
- 4/3
Chapel (the Lost Sheep)
- 4/10
Chapel (Jesus Feeds 5,000)
- 4/13
Green School Grant Award in
the Park! (11:00 a.m.)
- 4/14
Palm Sunday
- 4/15
Pre-K field trip to the zoo
- 4/17
Chapel (The Last Supper)
- 4/19
SCHOOL CLOSED (Good Friday)
- 4/19
Children's Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. at Parish Hall
- 4/21
Easter! 9:00 a.m. children's
service in the Thomas Cen-
ter (gym)
- 4/24
Chapel (The Empty Tomb
and Baby Blessing)
- 4/29 and 4/30
SCHOOL CLOSED for
parent/teacher conferences

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 6/10-6/28 and the July camp will be held from 7/8-7/26. 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 8th.

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. We look forward to sharing our observations and anecdotes about your children's progress and development this year at our spring parent/teacher conferences (April 29 & 30). 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 24th 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.



Fisher Beeson (Ms. Cindy and Ms. Jamie's Young Ones) is beyond excited about his bouncing, baby brother! Ford Mark Beeson was born on March 3, 2019 weighing in at 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Fisher can't wait until Ford can run around All Saints playground with him.



Teacher Birthdays

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| 4/5 | Ms. Karen Cornelius (Yoga) | 4/15 | Ms. Lori Pierce (Curriculum) |
| 4/7 | Ms. Caroline Kiely | 5/1 | Ms. Jennifer Rodrigues (Music) |
| 4/14 | Ms. Jamie Blucher | | |

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, hand-eye coordination and immunity building!



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 23, graduated from college last year as an engineer and can pedal just fine!

Our spring conferences will be held on Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th. 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

Art Fest a La Mode!



Many thanks to our Art Fest volunteers and the co-chairs, **Lori Wurtzel** and **Kendall Wayland** for making this special night possible!

PTO President's Message

Dear All Saints Families,

A huge thank you to **Elizabeth Nordquist** for handling all the logistics for the teacher lunch-in event! This event allowed the teachers to have lunch together (they rarely get to do this!) while our parent volunteers helped out in the classrooms. It is such a nice way for us to treat our teachers to a well-deserved yummy lunch, feel our appreciation, and also serves as an important team-building time for our teachers.

I would also like to thank **Lori Wurtzel** and **Kendall Wayland** for co-chairing the Art Fest a la Mode event. They lovingly hung all the children's artwork, planned, decorated, scooped ice cream, and cleaned up after the event. All their hard work ensured a fun and memorable time for all! Thank you also to **Caitlin Yarborough** for chairing the Winter Park Art Festival parking lot fundraiser the very next day to help raise money for our school.

Finally, I would like to shine a light on some of our behind-the-scenes PTO members who have taken significant roles this year: **Ali & Drew Lanenga** and **Mary Louise Aten** have maintained the All Saints library for several years in a row, ensuring the library of books for classroom use is organized and ready for the teachers to find and access books aligned with their

lesson plans. **Melanie Haddock** and **Amanda Castino** have co-chaired to lead the memory book effort this year, by coordinating class historians and ensuring all classroom memory books are created and printed. Their efforts will have a long-lasting effect as our children's memory books will be treasured for years to come. **Blaire Lynch** has worked all year to ensure our teachers feel special on their birthday. Teachers get a break from brown-bagging their lunch on their birthday with a to-go lunch order hand-delivered by Blaire! **Catherine Long** has made sure our staff and specials teachers are also recognized with a gift on their birthdays. **Jamie Blucher** has lent her talents in numerous ways including helping us create the PTO bulletin board. Finally, you would not be reading this if it were not for **Priscilla Kunkel** crafting the Building Bridges newsletter every month. Hunting down pictures, articles, creating the document, and proofreading is a time-consuming and ongoing task and we appreciate your dedication to a job very well done!

Thank you to all volunteers this year – those of you who showed up to help with classroom parties, scoop ice cream, decorate a trunk, build a memory book, participate in fundraising



events, cheer on trike-a-thon, help our teachers feel appreciated, and build fellowship among our families. Your time and energy is in high demand during these pre-school years, and your carving out some of it to give back to our little community is what makes it such a special place for our children.

Last but not least, thank you to **Kristen Pontius** for serving as PTO Vice-President this year. This amazing mama brings so much to the All Saints PTO with her rallying spirit and contagious positive energy. Next year will only be that much better with her in the lead. It has been my pleasure serving alongside you Kristen!

The year has really flown by and honestly being PTO president was a whole lot easier than I thought it would be... and it is 100% because of all the fantastic parents who have stepped up and followed through on volunteering!

Thank you for everything,

Sandra Archer (Sean's mom)
PTO President 2018-19
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A photograph of two young children participating in an Easter egg hunt. The child on the left is a boy with blonde hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and dark shorts, looking down at a white paper bag he is holding. The child on the right is a girl with brown hair, wearing a pink polo shirt, reaching into a garden bed to find an egg. The garden has green grass, some blue flowers, and a concrete wall in the background. The text 'Easter at All Saints Church' is overlaid in large white font.

Easter at All Saints Church

April 19, 5:30 p.m. Good Friday
Children's Stations of the Cross

April 21, 9:00 a.m.

Family Easter Service-Thomas Center
Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service