



Little Saints News

December 2011 & January 2012 Calendar of Events



December

Sunday 4th
St. Nick's Christmas Party
1:00-3:00pm Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th
Prayer Service

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th
Christmas Program
10:00 am-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th
Spirit Days

Christmas Break
Monday Dec 19th -Tuesday Jan. 3rd

January

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th
Classes Resume & Prayer Service

Friday 13th & Monday 16th
No School Both Days
In Service
MLK Holiday

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th
Spirit Days

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th
Texas Rodeo Day

Monday 30th
6:30-7:30 Pre-Registration
Classroom 12/14

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

November seemed to go so quickly. Thanks to all of our parents who helped with the Riding Toy Day, the Vision and Hearing Tests, and the Thanksgiving Feasts. Your participation is so important to us and to your children.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving vacation. Last Sunday we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. The first week reminds us that we are waiting for the coming of Jesus. What can we do to prepare for Him? The second week reminds us to bring hope to those around us. The third week is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas. The fourth week is a time to rejoice and to welcome Jesus with a peaceful and joyful heart. I am sending home some information about the Advent wreath. We will be using the Advent wreath with our threes and fours and invite you to follow this beautiful tradition at home.

St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6th. We will celebrate at Little Saints with the children putting their shoes out in the hall in anticipation of his visit. You might want to take your children to the St. Nicholas Party, Sunday, December 4th. Another tradition we have at All Saints is our Caring Tree. You can select one or more cards from the tree listing a need of clients from one of 18 non-profit agencies. Purchase the item, and return it unwrapped with the Caring Tree card attached. Check the date of return listed as some of the schools need to distribute their gifts prior to release for the holidays. This is a wonderful way to teach your children that Christmas is a time of sharing and caring for others.

Plan to join us for our Nativity Program on December 12th and the 13th. The four year old classes will perform the Nativity Play and our Little Saints will be singing the joyful praises of this wonderful event-the birth of Jesus.

Little Saints will close for the holidays after classes on Friday, December 16 and reopen on Wednesday, January 4.

Our Little Saints Staff wishes all of you a very blessed Christmas.

Stephanie Milliken
Director

International Night

International Night is coming

Friday, December 2nd from 6-8pm at All Saints Catholic School

Everyone will be there! We are one people throughout the earth!

Bring a dish that represents your heritage or just come and share the flavor of the various countries. For more info or to volunteer contact Lupita Vega at ludeve@live.com.



ST. NICK'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 4, 2011

All Saints Fellowship Hall

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Admission: New unwrapped toy to benefit the under privileged child at the Marillac Center

We hope families will join us for an afternoon of fun. There will be delicious treats, memories and a Celebration of the Spirit of Christmas. Have your child's digital photo taken with the original St Nicholas - \$5.00; Enjoy a book at the Cozy Story Corner; Watch "The Birth of Jesus Puppet Show" (sponsored by the Men's Club); Join us at the craft table for fun activities and crafts, Watch the video "Nicholas, the boy Who Became Santa".

Contact Marie Tilden 972/713-7632 for more information.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

GREEN CLASS

AJ MILLER

GREG & BLAIR

EMAIL CORRECTION: gregandblair@att.net

*All Saints
Catholic School
Christmas Program*

December 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas is coming and so is the annual Christmas Program for students in K-4! This is such a fun time every year when we all can come together and be reminded of what Christmas is all about. The children are dressed in costume and perform the story of the nativity with song and music. Please come join us at the All Saints Catholic Church and celebrate the Christmas Story with us.

Show Your Little Saints Spirit

Please have your child wear His/Hers spirit t-shirt
or a Red Shirt to show Little Saint Spirit!

Upcoming Spirit Day Dates



Dec 14/15
Jan 18/19
Feb 15/16
Mar 21/22
Apr 25/26
May 9/10



Get your yard sign today!



New
Arrival

Mason Anthony Gill

September 23, 2011
7lbs. & 19"

Parents: Dan and Marie
Siblings: Ethan in the
Yellow Class and Alex

New
Arrival

Rowan Paul McGoldrick

November 16, 2011
7lbs. 5oz. & 20 3/4"

Parents: James and
Michelle
Siblings: Simon in the
Brown Class, Jack and
Macie

New
Arrival

Zoe Fish

November 23, 2011
7lbs. 5oz. & 19"

Parents: Stephen & Cheryl
Siblings: Zachary in the
Blue Class



Get a FRONT ROW view of your Christmas cutie!

Bid on one of 9 seats on the front row in Fellowship Hall before the heartwarming Christmas programs are held on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 13. Contact Kristine Schwope at kschwope@hotmail.com or 214-734-2281 to put your name in. Bids start at \$25 and once there are more than 9 parents who've asked for seat, all will be notified and the price will increase in \$10 increments always giving people a chance to stop. All bidding will close as of pick up time on Thursday, December 8 and winners will be alerted that evening of their seats. You can bid on up to 4 seats FYI. This makes for a FABULOUS gift for grandparents who want to attend the program and ensures the best pictures. PLUS, the other 9 seats on the front row will be given to lucky volunteers whose name will be drawn. Those volunteers will be alerted that they've won a spot by Thursday, December 8. If you happen to win a seat AND buy a seat through the auction we'll ensure they're together. Best of luck and let the bidding BEGIN!



DONUTS WITH DAD—February 1st and 2nd

Dad will look like a super hero! Donuts with Dad's Day is a special opportunity for Dad to have fun with the kiddos at school in the morning but it's also the perfect chance to let Dad buy a small bouquet to be delivered at our May Mother's Day Program for only \$10. Fliers will be sent for those who can't make that morning but he won't want to miss getting lovely flowers that your child can deliver to Mommy after the concert. Keep an eye out for a flier in early January. Contact Kristine Schwope at kschwope@hotmail.com or 214-734-2281 with any questions.

Set Sail for Success

All Saints Catholic School is having a Casino Night with the focus on casino games rather than an auction. The date of the Casino Night is **March 24, 2012**; the theme is **Set Sail for Success**. There will be a live and silent auction with a limited number of items to mainly include the class parties/teacher items and school items (Principal for the day, parking spots, etc) with a few bigger ticket items for the live auction. Please mark your calendars for **March 24, 2012** and join us at the Big School for a Casino Night!



A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner

Well our first field trip for the four year olds was a big success. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for helping us make this happen. Our kiddos got to see what life is like in kindergarten courtesy of big school, ASCS. They did music, art, and even got to sit in kindergarten classroom for a quick lesson. The library was a tour favorite for the children. Sister Denise and Mrs. Tanner gave a prayer service in the chapel for our Little Saints. I want to thank our Little Saints for being so well mannered and participating in our first visit to All Saints Catholic School.

Big News in the 18 month old class

We are opening Fridays in our 18month old class. We have limited openings available. Please email sdeker@allsaintsdallas.org as soon as possible if you are interested.

RODEO DAY



Wednesday, Jan 25th
& Thursday, Jan 26th

Dress your darling up in Cowboy duds and let's kick up our heels.

We need help! Please bring stick horses
or Rocking Horses with your name on them on Rodeo Day and leave in
gym behind the atrium.

Wine Gala



Tickets are on sale!!! If you are interested in purchasing tickets for our 25 year anniversary Mardi Gras themed Wine Gala, please email Hala at halasnyder@hotmail.com or Sandra at sseaman@hntb.com. Each ticket is \$70 and we are planning on selling out by the end of this year. This is on a first come first serve basis and you will have the best seats the sooner you purchase your tickets.

Teacher sponsoring - parents are sponsoring teachers so they will be able to attend the gala as well. We would like 100% attendance for this very special year. If you would like to sponsor a teacher, the tickets are only \$35 per teacher.

MUSIC NOTES WITH MRS. NICTE



Hello! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next planned programs (Christmas program, and Dad's day). Mostly I want you to see what we've been working on, because the kids have been working so hard. Hopefully you're getting a glimpse of our Christmas program from your child's need to sing:) One song that we've been practicing is "We wish you a Merry Christmas" in English and Spanish. We changed the last line- to accommodate the Spanish. (Make sense?)

We wish you a Merry Christmas We wish you a Merry Christmas We wish you a Merry Christmas To everyone here	Feliz Navidad a todos Feliz Navidad a todos Feliz Navidad a todos a todos aqui
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See you all then, and bring your singing voices!! :)

I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May they bring many wonderful memories for years to come. God Bless, Nichte Hunt.

Reminder

Inclement Weather

School Closing

"Inclement weather closings of Richardson Independent School District (RISD) will be followed. Closings are announced on local radio and TV stations." (Page 9 of All Saints Little Saints Parent Handbook)

WWW.RISD.ORG or
469-593-7669 (SNOW)

Please always leave a good phone number on the arrival/departure sheets so that we can easily reach each parent in the event of an early closing.

Thank you



5 Things You Don't Know About Me:

Amy Gutierrez-Peach Class

I am a news junkie.

I am also a professional photographer.

I like to start my day with coffee and a prayer.

I am a **BIG** sports fan.

I have two kids 5 and 6 years.

Victoria Arroyo-Peach and Gold Class

I believe in the children desire to learn.

I have twin boys and a 6 year old girl.

My favorite way to relax is walking my dog.

I love teas.

One of my goals is to teach respect for one another.

Our class room wish list... a circle time rug, a computer desk and an air cleaner!

Jennifer Elliot-Gold Class

I went to Texas Tech and love Tech football. Huge Tech fan!!

My family is the most important thing in my life! I love them!

I have a dimple in my nose that flexes every time I blink.

I am a huge Mavs fan! I love basketball & actually used to be a pretty good player.

My 3 kids are my greatest accomplishment. They are amazing!

Our classroom wish list...a drying rack for art work!

Nicte Hunt (Music teacher)

I sew or do something crafty to relax.

I own an adult tricycle.

I got married here at All Saints 7 years ago.

I've never traveled out of North America.

I always try to find the good in situations.

My music wish list...new musical scarves for the kids!



VOLUNTEER UPDATE

November was another fun and rewarding month for our Little Saints! We are very grateful for all the parents and family members who contributed their time so generously towards this month's events.

We'd like to give a very special thanks to all the families who contributed towards this year's Thanksgiving Feast. Thank you for all the donated food items and thank you to every individual who helped set up, serve and clean up! It was truly an enjoyable and learning experience for our children. All which would not have been possible without each and every one of your helping hands.

Another very special thanks to Susan Twilley and Surbhi Katdare and all the parent volunteers for organizing our Riding Toy Day! The children had a great time with their favorite riding toys, a pretend gas station and repair station, and even a lemonade stand! Without your efforts, memorable events like these would not be possible.

A big congratulation goes out to Monique Schmitz for logging in 28 volunteer hours this month. We truly appreciate all your dedication and hard work towards making this year's fundraising a big success!

We'd also like to congratulate the winner of our Volunteer of the Month drawing, Marissa Padillo!

Finally, we'd like to recognize all of our wonderful volunteers this month. We can't thank you enough!

1-5 hours

Robyn Cate
Marissa Padillo
Cathy Mergen
Tricia Boughton
Heather Garrett
Norah Randles
Carolyn Lazar
Dana Jaime
Lindsey Dailey

Cheryl Fish
Blair Miller
Christine Berry
Lauren Stewart
Princella Navarro
Payel Dal
Tina Collins
Leah Fleitas
Amy Helming
Marie Gill

Hala Snyder
Nichol Everett
Linda LeBlanc
5+ hours
Marissa Walton
Annick Gravel
Carrie Long
Kristine Schwope
Colleen Hill

Susan Twilley

10+ hours

Elizabeth Dominguez

15+ hours

Mayra Yaeger-
Hernandez
Monique Schmitz

Please don't forget to log in your hours every time you volunteer. We don't want to leave anyone out. Be sure you also print your names neatly to ensure we don't misspell your names. Thank you.

2012-2013 School Year

Dear Little Saints Parents,

Your stewardship contribution is so important to the daily operation of our parish. All Saints heavily subsidizes the Little Saints program by providing the classrooms, facilities, and play areas including utilities, maintenance, and janitorial services that are essential to a vibrant and successful preschool program. All of our contributing parishioners make this program affordable through their generosity.

Our handbook defines a contributing parishioner as a person registered at All Saints and tithing at least \$260 (a minimum of \$5.00 a week). **If this criteria is not met by December 31, 2011, you will be billed at the non-parishioner rate retroactive to September 2011 and revert to non-parishioner status.** Please remember that tithing and parishioner status are two of the criteria used to determine placement at registration.

These are requirements that need to be met every year. If you have not met these qualifications, please update your records by December 31st and prior to the 2012-2013 pre-registration. You may submit your contribution to Mary Marchand in the All Saints parish office, who will provide us with the update. Payment should be paid by check or in envelope with your name. You may discuss any hardships making it difficult for you to fulfill your stewardship obligation with Susan Holmes, All Saints Business Manager or with me.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Milliken
Director

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All Saints Catholic Community Celebrating 35 Years

OPEN HOUSES:

Oct. 16, 2011 12:00pm—2:00pm

Nov. 13, 2011 12:00pm—2:00pm

Jan. 8, 2012 12:00pm—2:00pm

Jan. 18, 2012 6:30pm—8:00pm

All Saints Catholic School

Your vision
Our guidance
Their future



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