



# Little Saints News



## October 2011 Calendar of Events

Monday & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> -- Picture Day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Parent Education Night

Wednesday & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> -- Prayer Service

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> -- Little Saints 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - No School/Staff Development

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Days

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> -- No School/ASWO Bazaar

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> - ASWO Bazaar

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - No School/Fall Conferences

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 3's and 4's Riding Toy Day

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Parade

### Show Your Little Saints Spirit

Spirit week is coming soon!

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

#### Spirit Day Dates

Oct 19/20

Nov 16/17

Dec 14/15

Jan 18/19

Feb 15/16

Mar 21/22

Apr 25/26

May 9/10



\*T-Shirt Orders are still being accepted!\*

## Director's Corner

We are really looking forward to a great party Saturday, October 8, celebrating 25 years of *Love, Laughter, and Learning* at Little Saints. Check out the details on page 4 and plan to join us for a great party. Please invite any former Little Saints families to join us. Everyone has been stopping to find their pictures in our Hall of Memories. Thanks again to Monique Schmidt for putting this together for us.

I added up the number of years our staff has been at Little Saints and came up with 107 years of experience here at Little Saints. I worked with a committee of mothers to put the program together starting in 1985, and was hired as Director in March, 1986. I had taught in other Child Development Programs and got involved because I wanted to see a good quality program for preschoolers in a Catholic setting. Our committee also thought it should be an outreach to our young families so we felt it was important to have the parents bring the children to the classrooms. This allows for daily teacher-parent communication and contact with the other parents. The first teacher I hired was Ms. Shirley and Ms. Pat started in 1988. She had been an advisor on our committee. This program has grown far beyond my vision. Thanks to the wonderful staff, who have worked with me, and the parents, who have shared their children, and their time and talent organizing the special events and fundraising to make it all possible. So please join me as I celebrate all of you and our Little Saints.

I think this Fall Fest was the best yet and appreciate all of your help manning our booths. The hair spray was a big hit. We raised \$791.

Plan to join us for our Parent Education Night. Our speaker, Monica Ashour, comes highly recommended to share her knowledge on how to talk to children about their bodies. She is the author of a Children's Book Series based on the Theology of the Body.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an important time for you to meet with your child's teacher to exchange information about your child. Since there will not be school on those days, you may want to arrange to trade off with another parent watching your children during the conferences. We will offer a day camp, however, spaces are limited. Information about this is on page 5.

The All Saints Women's Organization's Bazaar will be held on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, October 22. We always contribute baked goods and 50% of the sales are returned to Little Saints. We participate in appreciation of their support over the years. They raised money to build our playground and have often donated funds for tuition assistance. Last year they donated \$1500, which was used to purchase our new computers for our classrooms.

We will celebrate Halloween on Thursday, October 27, and Monday, October 31. The two, three and four year old classes may wear their costumes to school. We ask you to avoid scary costumes, masks, and weapons. Halloween can be a scary time for children, so we will be focusing on fun and safety. Ms. Nicte will lead us with some songs and I will do my Jesus pumpkin followed by a parade.

Stephanie Milliken

# Little Saints Parent Education Night

*"Theology of the Body"*

*Presented by Monica Ashour, MTS; M Hum*

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

**7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (child care provided)**

Ms. Ashour, a former campus minister at Texas A&M University, will give an overview of Pope John Paul's "Theology of the Body,"

as well as, educate parents on how to talk to their children about their own bodies.



## **RIDING TOY DAY IS COMING!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Please bring your child's favorite riding toy to school.

Only the 3 & 4 year old classes will participate.

(No scooters or motorized vehicles)

## **DON'T FORGET THE HELMETS!**

Dear Parents, thanks for volunteering and making September's Water Day such a wet and wonderful success for the children! Please make a note and plan on helping out at October's Fall Riding Toy Day.

See your teacher's for sign-up sheets.

**CONTACT YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS CO-CHAIRS FOR QUESTIONS**

M/W Surbhi Katdare at 860-834-1203

T/TH Susan Twilley at 469-358-7759.

Riding toys need to be dropped off along the north side of the playground and bring helmet to class.

**\*Please label each toy and helmet with your child's name and class color.\***

Join us for a  
**B-I-R-T-H-D-A-Y B-A-S-H**  
Celebrating Little Saints' 25th Year!!!



**Saturday, October 8th**

**10AM-12PM**

Live performance in the Fellowship Hall by  
Emmy-Award Winning Artist

**David Chicken**



Doors open at 10AM.

Show begins at 10:15AM and ends at 11AM.  
Then off to the Courtyard for FOOD and FUN.  
(Balloon artists, removable tattoos, and more)  
\*\*\*ASLS staff, students and families invited.

Alumni welcome.\*\*\*

For more information contact Mia Taraszki at  
214.755.0953 or [miataraszki@me.com](mailto:miataraszki@me.com).

# MUSIC NOTES WITH MRS. NICTE



I'm so excited to be back with you and your children this year!! And even more excited to be doing Spanish!!!!

If you're new here, a brief intro- My name is Nichte (knee-k-teh) Hunt. I was raised in El Paso and moved here for college (UTD) 15 years ago.

I'm a certified bilingual teacher and have my Kindermusik certification as well.

Amazing that it's already October. Hopefully your children have already come home and told you about music class. We have been working on "This little light of mine" for our first little singing "performance" at the end of the month! We hope you can make it!

On to a brief Spanish lesson...You know you've heard people add an "o" to the end of almost any English word in order to make it into a Spanish word. It doesn't always work that way, but it's not completely off.

Some words are very similar in both languages, and when they are they're called "cognates". I wanted to share a website with you:

<http://www.esdict.com/English-Spanish-Cognates.html>

The site above gives you some guidelines for cognates. There are those words that may look the same, but mean completely different things, and are called false cognates. An example: PIE (in Spanish meaning foot), or ARENA (in Spanish meaning sand) or CARPETA (in Spanish meaning folder).

Have a blessed month! Ms. Nichte

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*This October 24<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> we do not have school due to parent teacher conferences. Our fabulous Before and After Care teachers Ms. Debi and Ms. Roula will be available for a full day of camp. We will also have our usual extended hours available. I can only offer **15 spots** right now to the **2's, 3's, and 4's**. The cost is listed below. This will be a very fun camp. There will be crafts and activities. This would be a great opportunity for your children to get to know Ms. Debi and Ms. Roula if they haven't already. Please **RSVP** as soon as possible to make sure you have a spot. We must have your reservation by **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.*

*8:00- 9:30 Before care regular rate \$8 drop-in rate \$10*

*9:30-2:30 Regular school hours \$30 for that time period*

*2:30-3:30 After care regular rate \$5 and drop-in rate \$7*



## 5 Things You Don't Know About Me:

Pat Rohmer

Silver Class—T/Th-3 year olds

1. I enjoy hearing my son sing in a capella choir
2. I enjoy cooking classes (one of my goals is to be a Food Network star)
3. I enjoy being with family
4. My favorite song is Beat It-Michael Jackson
5. I believe in love and prayer

Brandi Tortorice

Silver Class—T/Th-3 year olds

1. To get my morning started I must have Starbucks! (tall nonfat peppermint white chocolate mocha)
2. I always try to make people laugh
3. I am secretly super competitive
4. I love to decorate and throw showers, kid's birthday parties
5. My favorite teaching memory was teaching my daughter to read. (I taught 3rd grade for 8 years)

Wish list...

Art drying rack

Circle time/Center/Weather/Math Chart

Vinyl shapes templates



## VOLUNTEER UPDATE

We'd like to give a very special thanks to all the Little Saints families who have contributed their time and effort towards the successful start of a new school year! Your generosity is valuable and essential to our program.

We are very grateful to all those who worked hard to plan and organize our Teachers' Luncheon, Innisbrook Fundraiser, Shirt Sales, Boo Hoo/Yahoo Parties, New Kids on the Block Picnic, and Orientation among many more. The success of these events has been possible because of your individual and collective contributions.

Very big congratulations to Monique Schmitz for logging in 57 volunteer hours during the months of August and September. A BIG THANK-YOU to Monique Schmitz for doing such a fabulous job with Innisbrook. She took on the whole position by herself since Marie Gill was on bed rest. Great job Monique!!

Thank you for all your dedication and hard work! We'd also like to congratulate the winner of our Volunteer of the Month drawing, Trish Holley. We appreciate all you do for Little Saints! Finally, we'd like to recognize all of our wonderful volunteers this month. We cannot thank you enough!!

### 1-5 Hours

Colleen Hill  
Trish Holley  
Blair Miller  
Dana Jaime  
Heather Garrett  
Kristine Schwope  
Annick Gravel

### 5+ Hours

John Yaeger  
Marissa Walton  
Elizabeth Dominguez  
Anne Howard  
Michelle McGoldrick  
Carrie Long

### 10+ Hours

Robyn Cate

### 20+ Hours

Mayra Yaeger-Hernandez  
Monique Schmitz

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### FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS-PATRON SAINT OF ANIMALS

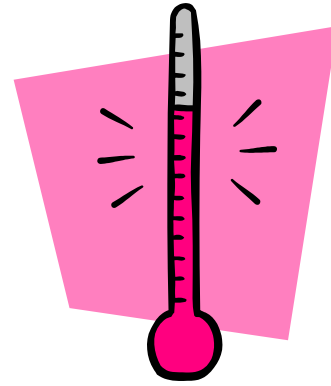
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Please join us for a special blessing for pets in the courtyard after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Large or frisky animals should be on a leash or in a cage.



# LITTLE SAINTS FUNDRAISING...



We'll have several opportunities for you to support Little Saints as we reach to meet our goal of \$8,000 for this year which will provide funds for special education opportunities, supplement teacher bonuses and projects. Wondering what you can do?

**SHOP...** Shop at the October 1 Campbell Green Rec Center (located at the corner of Coit and Campbell) Garage Sale (or donate items for Little Saints to sell) from 8 am- 1 pm

**BAKE...** Contribute baked goods to the ASWO Bazaar and buy yummys, too, on October 21 & 22— we received \$1,500 from our delicious treats last year!



**DON'T COOK...** Consider purchasing an easy and tasty

casserole from Take Away Chef. Tasting samples will be available on Monday, October 31 at the table in front of the Fellowship Hall right before and after the Halloween parade and on Tuesday, November 1 right after drop off. These premium home casseroles range in portion sizes of 2, 4 or 6 and prices from \$12 up. You won't want to miss favorites like Chicken Spaghetti, Pecan Chicken or even the side dishes like whole green beans and hot apple crisp!

**GIVE...** If you'd rather just write a check and not worry about sales or casseroles, any donation is greatly welcomed. Simply write a check (suggestion is \$100 per family) to Little Saints and turn it into the office. We will post your name on a recognition board in the main entry.

Contact Kristine Schwope at [kschwope@hotmail.com](mailto:kschwope@hotmail.com) or 214-734-2281 with any questions, suggestions or ideas--- your help is needed!

# **Pumpkin Sale**

**Small**

**\$5.00 each**

**Medium**

**\$8.00 each**

**Large**

**\$10.00 each**



## **Little Saints Playground Rules**

- ☺ An adult must supervise children at all times.
  - ☺ No climbing on the fence, on top of play equipment or on the trees.
- ☺ Tire swing is to be played with properly. Do not push high.
  - ☺ Limit sand to sand area. Do not let sand build up around the play house.
- ☺ The tall slide is for ages 3 years + and should be supervised. Children should slide down feet first. Sand or gravel should not be poured down slide.
  - ☺ Clean up area after use.
- ☺ Report anything that needs repair to the Little Saints office

***Using the equipment properly helps to avoid accidents.***

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Stephanie Milliken

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**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** We are collecting new or lightly used baby items to be donated to local crisis pregnancy centers (Birth Choice and White Rose) on October 2<sup>nd</sup> after all Masses. Donations can be dropped off in the conference room in the narthex of the church.

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**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

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Our guidance  
Their future



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