



Patriot Passages

... a newsletter for parents and friends

February 17, 2010

"All Saints Episcopal School is committed to providing a classical education for the whole child, recognizing that each has different gifts, talents, and abilities, while challenging the mind and body and nurturing the spirit."

All children who come to us will develop a foundation of academic skills, spiritual awareness, and self-worth that enables them to become intellectual and social contributors to the world."

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BASKETBALL TEAMS!

A HUGE Congratulations to our 8th grade Boys Basketball team on their recent WTCAA DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP WIN! The boys first clinched the South Division. The championship win, in overtime, against a previously undefeated Amarillo San Jacinto Patriot team capped off a great season by our Patriot team. Congratulations, Patriot Boys Basketball - District Champions!



Congratulations also to our 8th grade Girls Basketball team on their recent WTCAA District 2nd Place finish. The girls won the South Division, and made it all the way to the District Championship game, losing by only 4 points to a tough Amarillo San Jacinto team. The girls had a wonderful season, and we are proud of them!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., Feb. 18	8:30 am 3:30-4:30 pm	Special Spirit Shirt Day on Thursday Golf Parent/Student interest meeting, Jones Gym 5th grade Young Astronauts, Mrs. Franklin's room
Fri., Feb. 19	9:00 am	Progress Reports Mailed Home 2nd Grade Hall of Presidents
Sat., Feb. 20		Tennis tournament in Andrews
Mon., Feb. 22	after 5:30 pm	Dine out Fundraiser for Blue Sky Restaurant (4416 98th Street)
Tues., Feb. 23	3:30-4:30 pm 3:45 pm	After School Art 9th grade Parents Meeting, Dr. Davis' room
Wed., Feb. 24		Wednesday Spirit Shirt Day 9th grade to visit the Byron Martin ATC
Thurs., Feb. 25	3:30-4:30 pm	Track Meet in Plains 5th grade Young Astronauts, Mrs. Franklin's room
Fri., Feb. 26	2:45 pm	National Pig Day Celebration (see article) U-Can-Share-Food Drive Civilian Day for students who brought 15 cans Student-Faculty Boys Basketball game/2nd grade TOT Program
Sat., Feb. 27		PSIA District Competition, hosted at Lubbock Christ the King School Tennis Match vs. Dumas, played at Monterey HS courts
Mon., Mar. 1		6th grade Young Astronauts leave for Florida Track meet in Sundown
Tues., Mar. 2	3:30-4:30 pm	After School Art Tennis Match vs. Lubbock Trinity at Tennis Center
Wed., Mar. 3		Wednesday Spirit Shirt Day
Thurs., Mar. 4		TAPPS 9th grade academic District Competitions in Amarillo Track Meet in Artesia NM (with 9th grade)
Fri., Mar. 5		1st grade (Imaginary) Trip to Washington, DC 5th grade Parents VA trip meeting, Mrs. Montoya's room
Sat., Mar. 6		TAPPS 9th grade art District Competition in Plainview

4th grade visits the South Plains Food Bank on Wednesdays. See your homebase for your child's schedule.

3rd grade visits the Adult Day Center on Fridays. See your homebase for your child's schedule.

2nd grade visits the Ronald McDonald on Wednesdays. See your homebase for your child's schedule.

Kindergarten - 4th grade Drama meets Mondays or Wednesdays on the Jones Gym stage from 12:20-1pm.

1st-9th grade Chess Club meets Mondays through Thursdays, during lunch in the Library.

Please note: When a game is listed as "vs." it is a home game. When listed as "at" it is an away game.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 10	Tennis Match vs. Atkins MS at Tennis Center; 6th grade Biography presentations, Jones Gym
March 12	SCHOOL DISMISSES at NOON for Spring Break (<i>daycare is available</i>)
March 15-19	SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION (<i>daycare is not available</i>)
March 23	Track meet in Springlake-Earth; Tennis Match at Midland Trinity
March 26	9th grade Track meet in Sundown
March 29	Tennis Match at MacKenzie MS
April 2	SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION for Good Friday
April 5	SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION for Easter Monday
April 6	EASTER EUCHARIST, DRESS UNIFORM
April 6-10	8th grade trip to Washington, DC
April 8	Track Meet at Midland Trinity
April 10	Booster Club Garage Sale
April 13-15	CTBS testing
April 15-16	District Golf Tournament
April 17	WTCAA District Track Meet; Levelland Tennis Tournament; PSIA One Act Play Competition
April 25-30	5th grade trip to Virginia
April 27	Patriot Night
April 30	PS-PK Tricycle Rodeo
May 6	Fine Arts Night
May 7	PS/PK Mother's Tea; 4th grade Mother's Tea

CHAPEL PARTICIPANTS

	Feb. 18 (Thurs)	Feb. 19 (Fri)	Feb. 22 (Mon)	Feb. 23 (Tues)	Feb. 24 (Wed)
Lesson	Jack Wilkinson	Jacob Clements	Stephanie Zias	Nikhil Dihenia	Timothy Martinelli
Psalm	Haylee Castagna	Madison Hales	Timothy Martinelli	Zoe Dorsett	Paul D’Cunha
Acolytes	Caitlyn Patterson Maci Read TBA TBA	TBD	Kareem Khater Noura Malki Chase Rodriguez Yash Mittal	Laura Forbes Layne Dorrington Kate Henderson Ash Bumstead	Jaycee Rhoads Kate Henderson Madison Smith Evan Schedler
	Feb. 25 (Thurs)	Feb. 26 (Fri)	March 1 (Mon)	March 2 (Tues)	March 3 (Wed)
Lesson	Matthew Levine	Jack Walter	Lisa Haney	Matthew Levine	Nikhil Dihenia
Psalm	Avery Williams	Lily Blue	Madison Hales	Connor Abernathie	Avery Williams
Acolytes	Laura Forbes Noura Malki Jaycee Rhoads Ash Bumstead	Kareem Khater Layne Dorrington Yash Mittal Chase Rodriguez	Evan Schedler Madison Smith Alex Bilodeau Erin Crawford	Kylie Edwards Lukas Hinshaw Aiden Johnson Presley Mills	Vincent Paone Ethan Petitt Charlie Robinson Preston Schmid
<i>Please remember, if your student is scheduled to acolyte, he or she needs to be in the music room no later than 7:45 a.m. on the morning in which he/she is scheduled to serve. After 7:45 a.m., we find replacements as needed, in order to provide time to practice.</i>					

CHAPEL NEWS

We are now in the midst of Lent. Today is Ash Wednesday, and we began our day with the imposition of ashes and a Holy Eucharist. I encourage us all to consider using the 40 day period of Lent as a time to grow closer to God. In fact, the Rev. Kara Wischmeyer, who celebrated the Eucharist with us today, spoke to those present about “GC2G” or Grow Closer to God. The reminders of how this Lenten time is different will be apparent to the students: we will sing the Kyrie instead of the First Song of Isaiah. We will recite the Lord’s Prayer in Spanish, which is a tradition for many and a new experience for some. For some, the hardest change is remembering not to say the “Alleluias” that in other church seasons we offer so exuberantly. It is hoped that these changes to our routine might make us a little uncomfortable - a little off kilter. And in that state, maybe we can be drawn to the ONE calming force in the midst of any chaos.

GC2G - Chaplain Paige+

ART NEWS

The Student Artist of the Week for the week of Feb. 8 was **Madison Smith, (1)**. The Student Artist of the Week for the week of February 16 is **Ben Betts, (5)**. Congratulations to these two fine Patriot artists!

The **After School Art** form for the month of March is now available in the office or on ParentsWeb > Resource Documents. Get your forms in soon!

Wanted: Used Tennis Balls

We are collecting used tennis balls for the art rooms. If you would like to contribute, please drop them off in the art building.

FEBRUARY DINE OUT OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, February 22 bring your family and friends and DINE OUT for All Saints at the new BLUE SKY Restaurant! Blue Sky is located on 98th St. just off of Quaker Ave. No coupon needed, just let your server know that you want a portion of your bill to go to All Saints. See you Monday after 5:30 pm!

STUDENT NEWS

Neloy Shome (5) will represent All Saints in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 6. Good luck, Neloy!

LIBRARY NEWS

Birthday donations have been received for *Isha Parupudi (3)* and *Sami Sharif (1)*. Thank you!

Library Reader Schedule

PS Easton: Feb. 22—Susannah Mercer; March 1—Ali Johnson

PS Stevens: March 1—Kathryn Potocki

PS Bridgford: Feb. 22—Patty D'Alise; March 1—Caroline Janes

PK Dorrington: Feb. 17—Lama Shoukfeh; Feb. 24—Debbie Bayouth

PK Oatman: March 3—Dee Paone

PK Zouzalik: Feb. 17—Nicole Corn; Feb. 24—Petra Clary; March 3—Katerina Vermillion

K Sawyer: Feb. 16—Jill Blue; March 2—Caroline Janes

K Watson: Feb. 16—Susannah Mercer; Feb. 23—Mary Burke; March 2—Cindy Taylor

K Denny: Feb. 18—Cindy Streit; Feb. 25—Ali Johnson; March 4—Patty Latour

Thanks for all you do!

NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

On Tuesday, February 23 at 3:45, there will be a meeting for all 9th grade students and their parents in Dr. Davis's classroom to discuss transitioning to high school. Topics to be covered will include high school curriculum, academic credit, All Saints transcripts, and grade point average. Please make plans to attend this informational session. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Davis.

SECOND GRADE THANK YOU

Second Grade would like to thank all the wonderful parents who drove us to the Fortune Cookie Restaurant, and helped us with the dragon parade to celebrate Chinese New Year.

COACHES' CORNER

Congratulations Patriot Basketball! Our 8th grade boys team captured first prize in the WTCAA championship and also took first in the south bracket. Our girls team put forth great effort and received 2nd place in the WTCAA district and first place for the south bracket. We are so proud of all of our basketball players. The WTCAA conference is a very competitive conference we are so proud of all the sacrifices that were made for these players by their parents and coaches, from manning the concession stand, to keeping the gate, or stepping in for books or clock.

Tennis is off and running with Sheri Mann. The first practice was on Tuesday, February 16 at The Falls. The team will go to Andrews for a tournament this Saturday. Please contact Coach Mann if you are able to transport players to and from Andrews.

Track has also started Coach Elbert, Coach Tatum, and Coach Addington will be taking our competitors to Plains on February 25.

Golf will have a parent meeting on Thursday, February 18 at 8:30am following chapel and announcements. Please come to Hanslik gym for the meeting and meet Coach Van Rensburg. Golf will practice two days a week on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 4-5:30ish. Practice end times could vary due to course usage at Stone Gate. Also, we will need parent volunteers to take players to Stone Gate after school.

During this time of year it becomes necessary to invoke bad weather plans for the spring. For track on bad weather days they will be in Jones Gym. The coaches will email parents if there are any other changes. For golf practice will be here in Hanslik gym. Parent notification will go out as soon as possible.

Booster Club Meeting

The next Booster Club meeting
is scheduled for noon on March 10 in the Board room.

See you there!

Parents,

Thank you for helping support the Office of Institutional Advancement in our Annual Fund. The mission of the Office of Institutional Advancement is to promote and support All Saints Episcopal School and all programs therein. That means we support you! Below are some quick questions and answers that may help you when questions arise about the Annual Fund. Should you want additional information, please let us know.

What should you say if a parent asks what the Annual Fund does for the school or asks why contributing is vital?

The Annual Fund directly and immediately contributes to the annual budget allowing for competitive salaries, technology advancements, enhanced learning materials, financial aid, arts and humanities, and athletics.

What did the Annual Fund do last year?

Last year, almost \$100,000 of the budget was met through the Annual Fund. After, tuition, there is a 20% gap in the budget, therefore community building events like Legacy and the Annual Fund are in place to help meet the budget.

What is my fair share?

Some of our parents are familiar with terms like “fair share” in regards to charitable giving. We stress that the Annual Fund is about participation and that all gifts are needed and appreciated. If parents want to know what their “fair share” is, please ask them to talk to the IA office.

Why your support is crucial!

Your gift can help the IA office leverage grant gifts. We also ask that you support the Annual Fund in your classrooms. Talk about philanthropy with your students and be excited about the Annual Fund.

Class Participation

Every level (Patriot Learning Center, Lower School, Upper School) is competing. For example, the first class in lower school to reach 100% participation will have those students names put into a drawing. One student from that class will win one of the three prizes (MP3 player, etc). Every class that has 100% participation will win a civilian day. However, if you want to work with your “Grade Captain” to plan an additional treat, (some teachers have talked about pizza parties, etc.) please do! For a list of Grade Captains please see Megan Cunningham. Let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Megan Graham

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Always, what we see is just the surface, unless we probe beyond and below to discover more of the truth. ***Dr. Jan-ice Whittington***, sixth and ninth grade All Saints teacher, is recognized as an outstanding English scholar, teacher, and student motivator. Likewise, she is a colleague, advisor, proofreader, and supporter for the school.

The above traits generally are known to students, parents, and fellow teachers. However, on closer inspection, Dr. Whittington is also well known as a published and recognized author. Among her works include the following:

- 1999, *Into a Thousand Months*, is a book of poetry containing 44 poems divided into 5 categories and winning the Walt McDonald First Book Competition in Poetry.
- 2007, *Texas Quilts and Quilters*, is coauthored by Dr. Whittington “... to help make these stories sing.” This is a beautiful book of history, stories, and pictures - for sale among many other places in the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History in Austin.
- 2009, Walt McDonald’s American West in the Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center publication, *Ranch Record* has Dr. Whittington introducing a selection of Walt McDonald poems.

Without exception, students who complete Dr. Whittington’s ninth grade class exemplify composition skills within the highest levels among their high school counterparts. We are fortunate to have outstanding teachers at All Saints, and Dr. Whittington is recognized as one such remarkable educator.



National Pig Day

What is Pig Day and why do we celebrate it?

National Pig Day (officially March 1st) was started by Mrs. Ellen Stanley (former All Saints art teacher) in 1972. Mrs. Stanley recognized the intelligence of domesticated pigs and sought for everyone to spend the day being thankful for them.

All Saints has a long tradition of celebrating National Pig Day. We have the always fun Pig Races. In the past, we've had a visit from a group of piglets and a pig ice sculpture.

*We will celebrate Pig Day on Friday, February 26.

Activities will include:

- *Cutest Pig Tails Contest
- *Pig Scavenger Hunt
- *"Pig"nics at snack times
- *Pig Races on Friday at 12:45 in Jones Gym
- *Pig Art Contest



Pig Races are the biggest and best part of Pig Day at All Saints. Students may enter a mechanical pig to race against other pigs. Pigs can be found online or at some local toy stores.

Details and entry forms for all activities will be sent home this week!

Please see Mrs. Long if you have any suggestions or would like to help!