



ALL SAINTS'

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Day School Mission

The mission of All Saints' Episcopal School is to encourage spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development in children through a nurturing and guiding relationship with teachers and family, and to provide a developmentally balanced curriculum that fosters a love of learning and the teaching of Christian values and traditions.

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Bread & Honey Drama Presentation

HEADLINES...

My favorite proverbs from *The Soul Would Have No Rainbow If the Eyes Had No Tears and Other Native American Proverbs* by Guy A. Zona are, "Every fire is the same size when it starts (Seneca)," and "One finger cannot lift a pebble (Hopi)." Both remind me now that although the work on our projects this year began with just a couple of parents volunteering to accept the responsibility for guiding the work, great things were accomplished because so many were willing to contribute personal time and talent.

In *Now Is the Time, 170 Ways to Seize the Moment* by Patrick Lindsay, he says, "We each have a unique album of personal memories: mental snapshots of the key moments in our lives. Every so often, look through your album. Relive them. Learn from them." When I open the album for this school year, I will see the faces of 42 students and the faces of their parents and of our Faculty. But my focus will be on the interlocking hands and on the commitment of each to do what was best for this community of faith known as All Saints' Episcopal Day School.

All of us who work at the Day School try hard to know your children well enough to be able to read their thoughts through their body language or by the looks in their eyes. So although we are looking forward to summer vacation, we also are dreading the day that we have to say good-bye to our students. It is hard to let go of those we have come to know well and love. I continue to give thanks to God for having the power to bring together the perfect combination of people for All Saints' Episcopal Day School this year. We may never completely know why He chose us, but we can be certain that He believed that each of us was the answer to the prayer of someone else who was also here.

Cindy LaPorte
Head

UPCOMING EVENTS

All-School End of Year Party
Thursday, May 18th

Closing Chapel Reception
May 19th - 10:15 a.m.
in BIG Church
in UT Student Center
(11:30 dismissal for all classes)

Summer Camp
May 30th - June 23rd
Weekdays 9 a.m. - 2p.m.

BOARD CORNER - MAY 2017

It has been a great gift to join the All Saints' Episcopal Day School Board of Trustees this semester. There are no words to express my gratitude for the rich, foundational formation, in mind, body and spirit, received by my own two girls in their time at our special school (Amelia, '16 and Mary Ellen, Green Room). I believe our Faculty (for it always ends and begins with people), under the gifted leadership of Cindy, our Head of School, is among the most talented Early Education professionals in our community (and beyond). Though a season of transition is among us, I trust that change is often God's means for positive transformation. For the life of formation and faith is always about growing, never static, always a diagonal advance toward being and becoming.

This month I am personally beginning a sabbatical after nine years of planting an Episcopal church called, St. Julian of Norwich, for the Diocese of Texas. The focus is refreshment and reconnecting with those I love, but, along the way, I have a personal project of writing poetry, which has always been a desire of mine. To this end, I have written a poem about our shared work and ministry among our children. Perhaps something that expresses what I perceive as most fundamental to that work of faithful formation. I hope you enjoy it, and I am grateful for our shared life at All Saints'.

I-F-S (for our beloved)

Imagination, faith, song.

Three gifts to nurture.

I say nurture for each is already present at birth.

In born, primordial, archetypal, DNA-ish, gut level sort of stuff.

Imbued by the Originator.

The Beautiful Mind behind all that is.

Her gift to each of us from the beginning.

Thus, we but nurture these three in those who pour forth from us.

Imagination that sees all things possible in the play-scape before them.

A pirate ship,

A space ship,

A vessel of discovery reaching worlds unseen.

The place where dreams become reality,

As real as you or I.

A world turned on its head with love on top.

More true than anything we creatures can perceive.

Faith that is unafraid to ask for what is needed.

Unafraid of the answers we may discover.

Healing,

Relationship,

Safety.

Trust in others and the Other to receive what we desire most.

Past simple pleasure and on to deep meaning.

Found in the ones in which our faith is placed.

Song bursting forth from soul's deepest longings.

Sometimes a solo,

That speaks of the beauty and giftedness within.

Sometimes a duet,

That speaks of the power of a shared creativity to remake even matter.

Song that leads us out of the darkness and into the light.

Thus, we offer nothing more lovely, one to another, than song.

Imagination, faith, song.

Three things, eternal, we nurture in the ones that come from us.

Our sacred trust,

And in doing so each are born afresh in us.

Such it is the Economy of God.

Eternally remaining beneficiaries of our own generosity.

Such it is in the Kingdom of God.

Three gifts hard written on our hearts and bones,

Each with the power to make all things new.

Imagination, faith, song.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Miles Brandon

Board of Trustees



We are snacking our way into summer! First we read *Fancy Nancy* and made french toast with baguettes. Next, we went bananas and read *Curious George* and made bite-size snacks, dipping bananas into different toppings. Last we read *Pete's A Pizza* and made pizza rolls. A tasty time was had by all!

Ms. JAMIE



A round of applause for our fabulous play! Thanks to all the parents who helped make *Bread and Honey* a success with their participation in painting faces, helping with costumes, and supervision and entertainment for the students while we got ready for our big show! It's been a wonderful semester and the students have worked very hard to bring this beloved story to life. We celebrated the show's success by having a cast party where we watched our recorded performance, had a fun dessert and played all of our favorite drama games. Thank you for a wonderful semester!

Ms. MO



Bubble, Pop, Fizz! This month our students chose topics they wanted to learn more about. We made a mini model of the solar system to find out about the unique qualities of each planet and how they orbit the sun. We explored surface tension when we made "magic milk". By mixing baking soda and vinegar to make volcanoes in the sand box, we observed a chemical reaction. Lastly, we made paper flowers that expand and unfold to understand how flowers drink water. We had so much fun learning about science this year.

Ms. GIGI



Another great year in the Library, filled with stories, laughter, singing, acting, and learning, is slowly winding down. Please return any outstanding books that you may have and if you truly believe that a book has been lost, please see Mrs. La Porte or Ms. Dawn about replacing it. We look forward to seeing returning students next year, and we're excited to begin the year with students who already have a strong foundation in library skills. We wish those of you who are going on to new places all the best, and a future filled with reading and books!

Ms. GIGI



What a wonderful semester we've had and what a tremendous art show! From watercolor to tempera paints, we've explored all different forms of media and used our imaginations to create wonderful works of art!

Ms. MO



Yoga is fun! We finished the year by exploring some playful aspects of yoga. First, we had a day of Yoga Olympics where we explored several yoga games. These included *I Am a Magical Yogi* where each student took a turn transforming the class into different poses, and *Musical Yoga Mats* where each friend hid a pose card under their mat, and when we landed on that mat, we did that pose. To celebrate all that we have learned about exercising our bodies and brains, for our last class, we had a yoga dance party and made a glitter *Mind Jar*.

Ms. GIGI



BLUE ROOM & RED ROOM

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"Time flies when you're having FUN"! It's hard to believe the end of the school year is rapidly approaching! We began the month with a study of Sea Life. Students sorted sea animals, observed shells, and enjoyed fishing in the sensory table for sea creatures as well as many art projects. We will end the year with a study of wild animals and celebrate our time together with an all-school party. Thank you for trusting us with your precious children. We hope our Blue/Red Room family has instilled a love of learning and compassion for others in your children. God Bless and have a safe and fun summer!



GREEN ROOM

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"We are the dinosaurs. What do you think of that?" The month started with children who were delighted to act like dinosaurs and learn all about them. We made salt dough fossils, explored rocks and shells, and made dinosaurs out of play dough, pattern blocks, and paper plates. The culminating event was a visit to the Texas Memorial Museum to see their collection of dinosaur bones and fossils. The year will end with an exploration of space. Making constellations and drawing a map of the solar system will be part of the fun. As the year winds down, the bittersweet feelings of moving on are upon us. We are spending time talking about changes and how to handle them. It has been an amazing year, and we wish everyone a safe and happy summer.



YELLOW ROOM

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I can't believe it's the end of the year already! We have had such a wonderful time together and are sad it's coming to a close. The last week of April, we were campers exploring the great outdoors, sleeping in a tent, reading maps and hunting for treasure. Then we turned our focus to planes, trains, automobiles and things that go as we discussed transportation from place to place. We even had a flight attendant from Southwest Airlines give us a demo of an in-flight experience. To finish out the year, we discussed all things summer and started planning for the months ahead of swimming, trips, beaches and more! Thank you for an amazing year!



ORANGE ROOM

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We traveled to space this month and learned about the different planets. Our families received postcards with a picture and facts about one of the planets we visited. In math, we learned all about measurement, capacity and weight. It is hard to believe the year is almost over. We've had a wonderful time, and all the students have grown so much in their reading, writing, and math skills. We wish all of our students the best of luck in their future school career and feel confident in their preparedness to move on to new experiences. As the great Dr. Seuss would say, "Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!"

ASAP ALL SAINTS' ASSOCIATION of PARENTS

All Saints' Association of Parents (ASAP) is active throughout the school year. Through volunteering in the classroom and behind the scenes, the Parents' Association helps the Teachers and Staff with a multitude of tasks from party planning and fieldtrips to educational lecture series and fund-raising. Having a large pool of active parents will help create the loving, child-centered atmosphere of the Day School.

It is hard to believe we are in the last few weeks of school! Spring has been full, and we have been busy at All Saints! The spring fundraiser was a grand success, and we are so grateful to **Brandi Johnson** for leading the charge and planning a wonderful event. Extra kudos go to **Stewart Terry** for conceiving of the **Trivia Challenge** party theme, and many thanks to all of the parents who helped make the party both fun and a financial success for the School.

And now we find ourselves on the eve of summer, and for my family, the end of our time at All Saints' Episcopal Day School. There are so many joys we encounter in early parenthood. Some may be expected--first birthdays, first words--but I could not have predicted the immense joy that PRESCHOOL would bring to our family. I am thankful to All Saints' for the love, care, attention, and education they have given my children. But, I am equally grateful for the early *parenthood* education, community, and home that we have found both at the Day School and in the Church. Funny thing is, we weren't looking! All Saints' has this contagious energy, joy, spirit, curiosity, and comfort. We found a superlative early education experience for our children, but we also found new friends, laughter, and a spiritual home.

For those of you who get to stick around, we are jealous! We hope you'll participate in the wonderful summer camps on offer. We know that we'll be back for visits as much as possible – this place is impossible to resist!

Rosemary Stewart

ASAP Co-Chair

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The Fabulous Art Show



Celebrating Linda Hatch's 25 years of service to All Saints' Episcopal Day School



Wacky Wednesday
Week of the Young Child

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