



All Saints' Day School

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Returning Families' Registration Packets for Fall 2023 Have Arrived!

January 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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The Registration Packets for the 2023-2024 School year have been released to returning families.

Registration opens to the Public on January 2nd.

After School Explorations will continue to be offered several days a week, enabling you to provide your children with an additional hour of "Learning Through Play" as desired or needed. As in past years, we are giving our current students' families both the opportunity to register in advance of new students, as well as a discounted registration/materials fee of \$210 (per child) when submitted by January 2, 2023.

Santa's Secret Holiday Gift Shop



One of the sweetest traditions at our school is our Annual Santa's Secret Holiday Gift Shop. This year our families sent in some awesome gifts for our students to "shop" for! Thank you all so much for your donations of presents, gift wrapping, and time! This couldn't be accomplished without you and Santa's best elves who assisted the children in their shopping and wrapping. Jenni and Jess did a great job of organizing this event and were assisted by Stephanie Hechtkopf, Kathryn Sharp, Lindsay Johnson, Jane Ortiz, Brittany Tovissi, Samantha Myers, Becky Smith, and Jessica Hoover. I hope I got everyone! There were so many wonderful helpers that my list kept changing and growing!

Director Dianne

December 13th Holiday Program

Our Christmas show was held to a packed house! Over 200 grandparents, parents, siblings, and friends attended! The children worked so hard to learn their songs and spoken pieces, and they did a phenomenal job! I am so proud of each and every one of them. Of course, this couldn't have been achieved without our amazing music teacher, Claudia, and the rest of our incredible staff helping them to practice and memorize their pieces. I hope all of you were able to enjoy the show as much as I did.

Director Dianne



Meet Recyclia!

The church has an interesting critter in the Community Corner. It's a "shark" that our Day School students have come to love. This sea critter (designed by parishioner, Rick Joy, to be a blue fin tuna) was named Recyclia following a naming contest held by the church. Its purpose is to remind us of how dangerous plastics, in particular, are to our seas and sea life. The idea is to stuff Recyclia with plastic bags. As he gets full, the bags are transferred to a large box which is sitting next to him. As reflected in the picture below, the box indicates which kinds of plastic are acceptable. We are asking our Day School families to support the church in collecting clean and dry plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, packaging... [see the "poster" below for what NexTrex® accepts through this program.](#) If we collect 500 pounds by May 31st, we will receive a bench for our garden that has been made from Earth's nemesis: SINGLE USE PLASTICS! The church already has 20 pounds of credit with NexTrex®, but we need your help if we are to earn the bench!



Plastic bags were invented in 1965.

3,527,033,628,532 - number of plastic bags produced worldwide this year as of 9/15/22.

That is 160,000 per second, or over 700 a year for every single person on the planet.

On average a plastic shopping bag is used for just 12 minutes. Less than 1% are recycled.

It takes 12 million barrels of oil to produce the amount of plastic bags America uses every year.

An estimated 300 million plastic bags end up in the Atlantic Ocean every year.

By 2050, the world's oceans could contain more plastic than fish by weight.



What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags



January Birthdays for the following students will be celebrated in Chapel when the entire school can sing "Happy Birthday" to: Teacher Beth, Kylie, Leia, Cecelia, Braven, Palmer H, Ella, and Cam S. May your next trip around the sun be a wonderful one!



From The Classrooms



Teachers Stephanie & Leslie

December flew by for the Sea Otters! We learned the letter E, learned about Christmas traditions from around the world and made crafts for each one. This study included: the Canadian moose, the English "Cracker," Pere Noel from France, German Nutcrackers, and Italy's Dominic the Donkey. We made special gifts for our families and enjoyed "shopping" for our parents at Santa's Secret Shop. The most special thing we did was prepare for the Christmas Pageant. The kids worked so hard and did an amazing job with their performance! We look forward to learning more and having lots of fun in 2023!



Teachers Susan & Madison

December went by quickly for the Stingrays. We had so much fun creating gifts for our parents. We hope everyone loves them! We learned the letters Mm and Gg. Our sight words were "me" and "go". The last week in December we reviewed all of our learned letters and numbers.

Our kids did a great job in The Christmas Program! We are so proud of them! We watched "The Polar Express" in our jam-jams and ate popcorn! That was a really fun day! We also celebrated the season with ornament relay races! Thanks to everybody who brought in supplies for our successful Christmas Party! We will see y'all back in 2023!



Teachers Sandra, Beth & Terry

Starfish students were busy spreading holiday cheer throughout the halls of ASDS during the month of December. The Gingerbread Man visited us each day during the first week of the month. Every day he arrived at our door with treats for the students. He brought candy canes, kisses, cookies and a new book for the classroom. The children were thrilled when they heard a knock on the door. They knew the Gingerbread Man had arrived.

Timmy, our elf, arrived the second week of the month with a note each day telling the children how they could spread holiday cheer throughout the school. They delivered candy canes to the other classes while singing *Jingle Bells*, and used polite words each day.

The children were busy in the Starfish Christmas Workshop each day making presents for their parents. They made a Christmas tree using watercolors, and two ornaments. One had a ribbon in it that measured the height of each of the students and the other one was made with paint that was swirled inside the ornament. Another Christmas tree was made using a paper plate and we made Gingerbread Men. A snowman ornament was created using the children's fingerprints. The last week of school we popped popcorn, baked cookies and watched our favorite Christmas movie, *Stickman*. The students wore their pajamas, so they were super comfy during the movie.

The Christmas show was amazing! Starfish students were reindeer and played musical instruments and danced to three songs about Christmas.

On the last day of school before break, we had our Christmas party. The children decorated sugar cookies and ate all kinds of snacks.

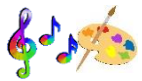
The month of December was short, but we managed to introduce letters K and L, numbers 7 and 8, and the star shape. We are looking forward to seeing what the second half of the school year brings to the Starfish classroom.



Teachers Karen, Devin & Patsy



The month of December was short but busy for the Sea Turtles. We were busy creating artwork for our families to enjoy. We continued working on triangles by creating Triangle Christmas trees. The kids loved the different painting processes we did this month. We used the salad spinner, painted with gum balls that had fallen from a tree, and used a small foam roller. The main focus for December was the Christmas program. We spent a lot of time practicing and it all paid off! The Sea Turtles did a fantastic job with their part of the show! We are so proud of them! Thank you, Teacher Claudia for creating such a wonderful program this year! We ended the month by planting potatoes in the garden in hopes of a spring harvest. Hoping you enjoyed spending time with your families during the holidays! Merry Christmas!



Teacher Claudia of the Music and Art Studio

December was a whirlwind of preparing for our Christmas program and looking forward to the best time of the year! The children worked very hard to put together this wonderful program and nothing makes me happier than knowing that everyone participated joyfully and with confidence. It was pure delight! Thank you for your support by attending and sharing the joy!



For some people Christmas is not the same without listening and/or experiencing 'The Nutcracker' by Tchaikovsky. In my opinion, it's one of those pieces of classical music that every child should be able to identify. So for the two December weeks of the school year I like to introduce 'The Nutcracker' to all children with the music, stories, dances, and creative movement activities that go along with it. There are a lot of ways to incorporate learning about this classic Christmas story that go beyond just listening. The children really enjoyed exploring actual Nutcrackers.



I am looking forward to a bright New Year. Here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold so dear. Wishing you and yours a happy and healthy New Year!

Always, Teacher Claudia



Coach Jess of KidFit®






We finished out 2022 with our very own version of reindeer games! Every Tuesday we played reindeer tag, launched some reindeer out of our parachutes and made them fly and had reindeer relay races. I had a stocking filled with different games and activities and the children got to pick out of my stocking to see what games we would play next! We used our hula hoops to make our very own version of the Polar Express and marched around the field. I have loved spending Tuesday mornings with your little ones! Excited for a new year with new fun games and adventures!

In Health, Coach Jess





For the Fridge...

January 1 st Sunday		Happy New Year!	May 2023 be Happy and Healthy for All!
January 2 nd Monday		Welcome Back!	ASDS Re-Opens!
January 16 th Monday		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	ASDS is CLOSED
February 14 th Tuesday		Valentines' Day	May your day be filled with L♥VE!
February 20 th Monday		Presidents' Day	ASDS is CLOSED

