



# All Saints' Day School

Learning Through Play Since 1969

## Back-To-School 2021

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### Welcome to ASDS!



We are thrilled that our state feels it is safe to conduct classes in person! It continues to be a long haul for all of us. We are proud of our teachers and the myriad creative ways in which they conducted virtual learning during our shut-down in the spring of 2020, and their ability to return to the classroom in 2020-2021 for in person programming despite the raft of COVID precautions necessary. Our staff got us through the year safely and without any need to close our doors! YEA TEAM! In person learning makes all of the difference in the world! Because of this success, we are delighted to welcome back our returning students and families and excited about welcoming new children and families to All Saints' Day

School. We look forward to a fun and productive year as we share your longing that what we have come to refer to as "the new normal" will soon be able to shed some of its restrictions. We're all in this together, and together we will make this a wonderful year for you and your children. Thank you for entrusting your little ones to our care! Director Dianne

### Challenging Times = Challenging Responses



The presence of COVID-19, and its virulent Delta variant, have brought a wide variety of challenges to our Day School. Our Director, Dianne, serves on a team of three School Directors in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia who have collaborated on the safest way to continue serving the children who attend their church-housed schools. She also is working closely with a group of local Preschool Directors who were in our cohort when she and our Day School Commission Chair participated in a year-long 2015-2016 course of study for early childhood educators entitled Grow Smart, sponsored by

the Hampton Roads Small Business Development Center and Virginia Beach Grow Smart. Through this involvement at the policy setting level, Dianne has spent well over a year immersed in the recommendations and directives from the CDC, Commonwealth of Virginia, and World Health Organization. We are fortunate to have the best possible person in charge of our little school!

This year you will, once again, want to read your Parent Handbook more than once! Everything in red references something that has been put in place as result of restrictions related to COVID-19. All of these policies and practices have been designed to keep us from having to go back to the virtual programming model we had in the spring of 2020. These practices enabled us to stay open ALL of 2020-2021, and we are counting on them (and you) to enable us to stay open for ALL of 2021-2022! As stated in this newsletter's opening paragraph, "we are all in this together". We cannot afford a weak link on our chain, and we are counting on you to take this as seriously as we are for the safety and protection of all of us: the children, the staff, and the family members to whom each of us returns home each night.

Some practices brought forward from our successful 2020-2021 School Year include, but are not limited to:

- Parents are not permitted in the building except for scheduled appointments
- Masks for all adults (parents and staff)

- Adult social distancing
- Daily temperature checks required for student admission
- Staggered opening times
- No co-mingling of classes
- Bathroom schedules
- Playground schedules
- No after-school playground use
- Heightened sanitation of spaces throughout the day, and industrial sanitizing each evening

## Meet the Teacher!



COVID-19 is in charge of this one too! As with last year, we are neither hosting our traditional Wednesday evening “Parents’ Night” nor our Thursday morning “Meet-The-Teacher” for our children this year. COVID-19 restrictions have impacted our freedom to gather in these ways. Instead, our teachers will be scheduling individual meetings with parents who will bring their children to explore the classroom and meet their new teachers. As you will hear often, “It worked last year, and we are counting on it to work again this year!”

## Changes in Staffing for 2020-2021

We have been successful in securing just the right folks to fill the shoes of ASDS staff members who did not be return this fall.

- Teachers Cathy Cronquist (Dolphins Lead), Teresa Jones (Dolphins Assistant), Katie Parker (Sea Otters Lead), Joanna Washburn, (Sea Turtles Lead), and Dana Henning (Music) are not returning.
- Because we no longer need a Kindergarten, now that John B. Dey has a full day K program, Teachers Cathy and Teresa have not been replaced.



## Staff Assignments for 2020-2021

Here’s the lay of the land for 2021-2022! We hope the table below helps you put everyone in her place.

Class	Position	2021-2022 Staff
Sea Turtles	Lead Teacher	Stefanie Jimenez
Sea Turtles	Assistant	Patsy Johnson
Starfish	Lead Teacher	Sandra Bucklew
Starfish	Assistant (MWF)	Beth Schubert
Starfish	Assistant (T/Th)	Terry Sherman
Stingrays	Lead Teacher	Susan Lambert
Stingrays	Assistant	Devin White
Sea Otters	Lead Teacher	Stephanie Smith
Sea Otters	Assistant	Leslie Drehoff
Librarian	Teacher	Sandra Bucklew
Music, Art + Chapel	Teacher	Claudia Moorad
Spanish	Teacher	Mercedes Pham
KidFit	Teacher	Jess Glenn

## Introducing Our New Staff



**Stephanie Jimenez**

We welcome Stefanie Jimenez, the new teacher for the Sea Turtles. Stefanie grew up right here in Virginia Beach and attended school locally. She started at Windsor Oaks Elementary and finished at Old Dominion University in 1986. Stefanie and her husband, Julio, have been married since 1998. They have four children together and are expecting their 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild at the end of September. She has over 35 years of experience working with young children with certifications in Better Child Care. In Stefanie's words, "I enjoy watching children grow, learn, and re-introduce us grownups to wonder and curiosity. I am looking forward to seeing your little ones blossom!"

**Stephanie Smith**



We welcome Stephanie Smith who comes to us having worked in the education field for sixteen years. She was a self-proclaimed "Military Brat" as her father was a Marine who landed in Virginia Beach many years ago. Stephanie has been married for 24+ years and has two kids. Her son, Reese, is a rising junior at James Madison University and her daughter, Elaine, is a rising freshman at Michigan State University. Stephanie began teaching preschool at Parish Day School while her daughter attended there, and then followed both of them to Baylake Pines School where she wore a variety of hats. When the school closed, she continued teaching in both nursery (ages 3 and 4) and preschool (ages 4 and 5) classes at Sunnybrook Day School. In her own words, "I enjoy working in play-based programs and believe wholeheartedly that it is the best way for children to learn. I am so

excited to continue my journey here at All Saints' as lead teacher of the Sea Otters!"

**Claudia Moorad**



We welcome Claudia Moorad as our new Music and Art Teacher! She is German-born; bringing to ASDS formal education and a rich background as a teacher and leader of music. Claudia has more than three decades of teaching and accompanying experience in churches, schools, and community programs. She also is a specialist and respected clinician in the area of Early Childhood Music and Art. Currently, she serves as Music Director at Foundry United Methodist Church and also operates a home-based piano studio. Claudia's hobbies include, textile art (especially knitting). She also likes to travel and visit with family and friends in Germany.

## Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up Schedules

The COVID-19 restrictions require the staggered arrival of students. As reflected herein.



### Glass Doors

8:20 Sea Turtles

8:30 Starfish

### ASDS Main Entrance near the Sea Otters Class

8:20 Stingrays

8:30 Sea Otters

Student departure will take place from 11:45 – 12:00 with classes lined up individually at assigned locations along the sidewalks that border both lots. Stingrays and Sea Otters will be in the upper Main Entrance lot and Sea Turtles and Starfish will be at the lower lot near the glass

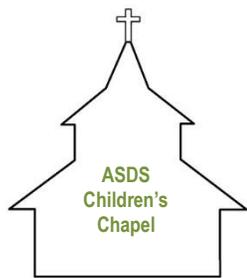
doors. We will get your child into his/her seat, but we are not to be responsible for buckling his/her in. We ask that you pull out of line into the lot to do this so that traffic is not held up. Thank you for helping us keep everyone, especially your children, safe.

## Harris Teeter VIC Card links to ASDS = CASH

Now is the time to link your Harris Teeter VIC cards linked All Saints' Day School! As of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our school will start earning when Harris Teeter brands are purchased with a newly linked VIC card. For us points = CASH! So, if Harris Teeter is your store, or even a store you only visit occasionally, link up and help!



## Monday Morning Chapel



We were excited that the Interim Rector at All Saints', Fr. Tom Crittenden, and Teacher Claudia are eager to help lead our traditional Monday morning Chapel gatherings. We disbanded with Chapel last year because of our commitment to avoid the co-mingling of our classes as a precautionary measure against the spread of COVID -19. With the virulence of the Delta Variant, we are reluctant to mess with that success. However, Fr. Tom brings with him with rich experience in leading chapel for schools in his previous settings, comes with a guitar, and is eager to get to know our kiddos. Teacher Claudia's speaks for itself in her introduction above. We'll keep you posted on our ultimate decision; one that will be made prioritizing the safety of the children

you have entrusted to our care.

## PATTCH Plans for the YEAR

At this point, PATTCH has neither formed, secured leadership, not begun to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. With the Delta Variant, a lot has been uncertain. Last year we need to drop and or significantly modify long held-traditions at ASDS. For those of you new to the school; either this year or last, we offer the following update from last year. It is our hope that we can at least replicate last year PATTCH schedule and modifications of activities, but SAFETY for our children is out top priority, and we will not be risking their health for a bit of camaraderie and fun.

### What does PATTCH do?

PATTCH adds to our children's school experience by organizing fun and memorable events, teacher appreciation week, community service projects, and fundraisers. We raise money for new school equipment, maintaining the playground, and any other necessary supplies.

Typically, parents sign up early in the school year to chair, co-chair, and serve as committee members for each event. With this year being a bit different, we'd like to focus on the first half of the year right now. We hope to form a PATTCH committee that will oversee each of our events as they come up and ask for volunteers closer to the dates to remain flexible. If you're interested in serving on the PATTCH committee, please contact Director Dianne.

### PATTCH Fund:

During a traditional school year, parents donate snacks, drinks and other goodies to various events. To limit items coming in from different sources, therefore hopefully cutting back on incoming germs, PATTCH will order supplies for each event and have them directly sent to the school. **We are asking that each student donate \$35 to the PATTCH fund to support these purchases.** They would possibly include individual popcorn snacks during movie night, treats on Halloween, Thanksgiving feast for each classroom, gifts at Christmas, etc. This allows us some flexibility for each event as well. We will track our expenses and provide a report upon request.

You can send your donation via check or VENMO: @Dianne-Islev-Petersen

### On the (PATTCH) Calendar so far...

#### HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Friday October 29<sup>th</sup>

We'd like to continue our costume parade and Trunk-or-Treat followed by classroom Halloween Parties this year.

## Your Monthly Newsletter

You can look for this newsletter on or about the first of each month. It will contain all sorts of news; including reports from the individual classrooms. It will also be chocked FULL of pictures. There will be a calendar of what's on the horizon for the current and ensuing months. The latter is on its own page and formatted as a fridge posting that both you and your children can reference. Some folks like to forward the newsletter to the grandparents, so they can keep up with what's going on with their little treasures. If the "grands" live at a distance, it gives them FaceTime™ fodder for engaging your children. If the grandparents do Facebook™, you might alert them to our FaceBook™ page. It will give them, and you, a nearly daily view of what's happening here at All Saints' Day School.

## The Original ASDS Staff



This picture was taken just before Christmas in 1971, but it features four of the five ASDS lead teachers who opened our school in 1969. From left to right are:  
**Paula Jesberg, Gretchen Fisher, Libba Hill, Pat Evans**  
**Not in the picture is the Director (and photographer), Maureen Betterton.**  
 Libba Hill is still an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church and can often be found working in our front gardens.

## For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
September 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>The First Day of School!</b>	Be sure to check your Parent Handbook for this fall's staggered drop-off procedures and location assignments.
September 14 <sup>th</sup> Noon - 1:00		<b>Tuesdays' After School KidFit Enrichment begins</b>	Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter. Contact Teacher Jess @ (910) 489-1149 <a href="mailto:JessFitVB@gmail.com">JessFitVB@gmail.com</a> <b>To Register</b>
October 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		<b>All Saints' Annual Animal Fair</b>	All Saints' Church is hosting an Animal Fair and Blessing of the Animals from 1:30 – 3:00 in God's Garden. Join us with your live pet or favorite "Stuffie"!
October 18 <sup>th</sup> Monday		<b>Staff Inservice Day</b>	ASDS is CLOSED to students.
October 29 <sup>th</sup> Friday		<b>Annual Fall Festival</b>	This PATTCH Sponsored-Event will celebrate Halloween; complete with classroom parties!

**\*What is PATTCH?** PATTCH is Parents And Teachers Together for Children. At All Saints' Day School, this organization has existed since almost since "Day 1" of our existence way back in 1969. Think of it as the Day School's PTA. Although truncated at this point for 2021-2022, among the activities PATTCH supports, coordinates, and/or produces are: Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat, Spirit Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and our End-of-the-Year Celebration.



## After school enrichment program for your All Saints child!

"As a busy mom of four, I know all about keeping our kids moving! KidFit focuses on promoting an active, healthy lifestyle for our young children in a safe and FUN environment. All Saints knows the importance of physical activity and encourages everyone to participate in the fun! It's going to be a great year!"



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### TUESDAYS

NOON to 1pm \*begins Sept.  
14<sup>th</sup>

12 WEEK SESSION \$180 ~  
(Cash, Check, or Venmo  
@JessFit)

\$100 deposit due to  
participate

Spots available to  
ALL CLASSROOM &  
GRADE LEVELS!

\*Please send in a  
healthy snack with  
your child\*

### Questions?

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