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PATTCH Cash-O-La @ SHOREBREAK – OCTOBER 15TH!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our first family night of the year at Shorebreak. It was wonderful to see our students with their families, friends, and All Saints' Church friends enjoying a meal and supporting our school. We will definitely do this again! **Director Dianne**



Chapel

This past month the children had the opportunity to have their special stuffies blessed by Mother Ashley during our chapel time together.



October Birthdays



Last month in chapel we celebrated our **October** birthdays: **Amira, Gabe, Rory, Palmer, Verity, T. Karen, and T. Susan**. We wish you a very happy year ahead!

Professional Development

Each school year the staff is required to receive 16 hours of professional training in order to keep our teaching skills fresh and explore new practices and ideas in the world of early childhood education. On October 6th, we had an informative session with Maury Joy who is a retired teacher and professional storyteller. She gave us a lot of insight into the importance of storytelling, and we were able to enjoy and participate in some of her stories. The children will get to experience some of what we were able to enjoy when Maury comes back to do a special storytelling time with each of their classes in November. The Sea Turtles and Starfish will have theirs on November 10th and the Stingrays and Sea Otters on November 17th.



Teachers Stephanie & Leslie



The Sea Otters started the month learning about signs of fall, then celebrated Fire Safety Week, learned about our 5 senses, learned about pumpkins and ended the month by celebrating Halloween. We enjoyed the Blessing of the “stuffed” animals in chapel, learned the numbers 0 and 1 as well as the letters N, O, P and B. As always, we learned lots of new songs and made lots of crafts. We continue to enjoy Music, Spanish and KidFit! Such a busy month!





Teachers Susan & Madison

Wow! October went by so fast. The Stingrays are doing great so far this school year. We started the month of October with a Halloween Theme. Our Word Wall is Halloween Themed, too.

We learned about pumpkins and their life cycle.

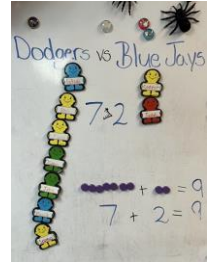
Our letters of the week were P, G, J, and H. Our sight words were play, go, jump and here.

The Stingrays are continuing their discussions of the greater than/less than, addition and equal signs. We worked on recognizing numbers 0-10, and matching the numeral to the apple/leaf in a ten frame.

We created pumpkins then turned them into jack-o-lanterns, made handprint ghosts and decorated our candy bags for Trunk-or-Treat.

We have been practicing writing our first names with magnets, shaving cream, and free hand.

Our Stingrays also started discussing baseball and The World Series. We are all looking forward to November and Turkey Day!



Teachers Sandra, Beth & Terry

Starfish students were busy during the month of October learning about Spiders, Scarecrows, Pumpkins, and Halloween. We started the month learning about spiders. We learned they have eight legs and usually eight eyes, but some have six eyes. We learned that spiders catch their prey in their webs to eat. We went on a spider hunt to see if we could find any spider webs. We sang, "There's a Spider on the Floor," and read many books about spiders. Crazy spiders were created using paper plates, pipe cleaners and different colored googly eyes.

Scarecrows and pumpkins were everywhere in the Starfish class the next two weeks of October. We read, The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything and realized all the objects that were chasing her were meant to become a scarecrow, so we made a scarecrow. The children stuffed pants, a shirt and a pumpkin head with newspaper and attached gloves, shoes and a hat. They decided he would be named Cowboy Pumpkinhead.

Each of the students brought in a small pumpkin to use in the classroom when we were learning about pumpkins. We cut a few open and took out the seeds and strings. Some were willing to taste the flesh of the pumpkin. We carved a Jack O Lantern out of one the pumpkins and made it explode using baking soda and vinegar. The children learned

about the life cycle of a pumpkin. We had pumpkin races and the children played with the pumpkins in class. We read, Spookley the Square Pumpkin, and made colorful pumpkins just like the farmer's pumpkin patch at the end of the story. We also watched a video about *Spookley the Square Pumpkin*.

The last week of the month was all about Halloween. We read spooky stories, sang songs, and danced to "*Halloween Freeze Dance*". We concluded the month with our annual Trunk or Treat. The parents went all out this year with their car decorations and treats for the children.

We also managed to introduce letters S, O, P, and H, numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8, and we learned about the square shape. We are looking forward to what November will bring to the Starfish class.



Teachers Karen & Devin

October was a colorful month for the Sea Turtles. "Rainbow Week" was a fun way to reinforce our colors. Each day we wore the color of the day, enjoyed colored fruit, did colored activities, and went on color hunts around the school. Thank you for all your help in making this so successful!



The Sea Turtles also welcomed our last new student, so we have a full house now!

The vegetables in our garden continue to grow. We are hoping for sugar snap peas and carrots by Thanksgiving. We have been reading and singing songs about fall and Halloween. As always, the month of October ends with our Halloween Party and ASDS's famous Trunk-or-Treat. The kids love showing off their costumes and getting lots of

goodies from everyone. Thanks for making this such a special day for our school! See you in November!



Mr. Trosclair of the Music Studio

This month in music, we had a *spook-tacular* time learning Halloween-themed songs like “**Halloween Night.**” Students explored rhythm and beat using egg shakers and guiros, but the **sand blocks** were a definite favorite among our young musicians.

Our musical focus for October was **pitch**. We learned how music can move *up and down*, just like a rollercoaster. Each class session became a ride of its own as we used our voices and instruments to explore high and low sounds in exciting new ways.

Looking ahead, preparations for our **winter program**, scheduled for December 9th @ 6:00 p.m. in the church, are in full swing. The children have begun learning festive songs that celebrate the season, including tunes about **mittens**, **snowmen**, and cherished favorites from **Christmas and Hanukkah** traditions. The children have also been experimenting with **chords** on the xylophone to accompany their singing.

We can't wait to share all the joy and music with you soon!



Coach Jess of KidFit®

Happy Halloween KidFit Families!

The holiday season is here! Holiday themed classes are always my favorite. And the kids enjoy them too! We've had some fun with our pumpkins, spiders, Zombie relays... you name it! We played capture the pumpkin, smash the pumpkins, threw spooky eyeballs into jack-o'-lantern buckets, squashed spiders and played zombie tag!

The weather is getting cooler, so please remember that they will be outside as much as we can. Next month we will be playing football and celebrating Thanksgiving.

My Fall KidFit session is ending and the winter session will be beginning soon! Email me if your kiddos would like additional fun on Fridays after school.

Happy Halloween!! Have FUN and be safe!

In Health, Coach Jess





Señora Mercedes



¡Hola! I love Fall and all the beautiful traditions that go with it here in the US! In Spain, Fall is very different, and really, not as much fun! It has been a very busy and exciting month in your children's Spanish classes at ASDS! In all classes we have continued to review our Spanish colors by playing "Pito Pito Colorito." Children know that only two kids per class get to tell me the colors they are wearing, which teaches them to wait for their turn and also, to respect their friends' turns. They really look forward to being the "Pito Pito" of the week! They also got to practice the color of the week with different worksheets, including some about "calabazas" (pumpkins) and "espantapájaros" (scarecrows).

The Sea Turtles are now more aware of our class routine, and they get really excited when it's time for Spanish! They are starting to get the concept of having to wait their turn to choose their favorite fruit, not easy for little guys! They love the videos about fruits and numbers. The Starfish class did awesome work with our scarecrow project, they are really good artists! The Stingrays colored a beautiful scarecrow and also continued their color and tracing lessons. They, too, are doing really well! The Sea Otters worked very hard on our scarecrow lesson, and they are doing really well on their coloring and tracing worksheets. All classes have also practiced their numbers weekly, and they are getting really good at singing along to the different numbers' songs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiNFXntWOJw> Numbers 1-10 and colors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzhHrQbHZMA> Numbers 1-20

We have also continued to watch videos learning about individual colors:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Di7A0PD0V7I&t=19s> Color azul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaDvlclJ6ic&t=23s> Color morado

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hmp9xC0Of-4&t=32s> Color rosa

https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=doremila+frutas Fruits



Thank you for allowing me to be a part of All Saints' Day School and your children's early education.

¡Hasta pronto!
Ms. Mercedes



Happy Thanksgiving
to All!

Help us Earn a Bench for our Playground!

Hi, ASDS Families:

We're excited to announce that our school is participating in the **NexTrex Community Recycling Challenge**! Our goal is to collect **1,000 pounds of soft plastics**. When we reach it, our preschool will earn a **beautiful Trex bench** made from recycled materials!

NexTrex Community Recycling Challenge
All Saints Day School

The Goal
Collect 1,000 pounds of plastic film!
When we hit that goal, our preschool gets a Trex bench!

How to Participate

1. Collect plastic film at home
2. Drop it off at school (bins at drop-off)
3. We deliver to grocery stores (small batches, 1-3 bags at a time)

What You CAN Recycle

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap (no labels)
- Plastic shipping envelopes (no paper labels)
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Case overwrap (e.g. water bottles)

What you CAN'T Recycle

- Food wrap, chip bags, frozen food bags, or plastics with residue

Text Kate Malla if you have any questions! (757) 272-2319

How You Can Help:

1. Collect plastic film at home (see list in the flyers).
 2. Drop it off in the **bins at the school drop-off doors** — they'll be set up all week!
 3. Our volunteers will weigh and deliver the collected plastic to the **Food Lion on Great Neck Road** for recycling.
- We're so excited about this project — it's a fun way to **care for the environment, teach our kids about sustainability, and hopefully earn a beautiful bench** that our sweet teachers and students can enjoy on the playground!



We also need your help to make it happen!

If you'd like to volunteer, please **sign up using the QR CODE below**. Volunteers will help by collecting the plastic from the bins, weighing it with a provided scale, and dropping it off at Food Lion. It's a quick and easy way to support our school and the planet! You can do this right after morning drop-off — it only takes a few minutes. Pick a date (or a few!) in our SignUpGenius below to join the fun and make a difference!



[Sign Up to Volunteer Here](#)

Please note that because your newsletter is sent via PDF, this is not a live link, so please use the QR Code



Thank you for helping us make a difference — one plastic bag at a time!

Warmly,

Kate Malla

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Halloween and Trunk-or-Treat 2025

After a very nasty weather week, the sun decided to make an appearance and give us the perfect day for Trunk-or-Treat! The children had a blast, and I think the adults did, too! PATTCH did a great job of organizing this event and I'm amazed at the creativity of the trunks. Thank you so much for your participation! It was great to see, not just parents, but grandparents, too. **Director Dianne**



For The Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Activity	Notes
November 4 th Tuesday		Election Day VOTE!	ASDS is CLOSED as we are a Polling Site.
November 11 th Tuesday		Veterans' Day	ASDS is CLOSED as this is a Federal Holiday
November 26 th – 28 th Wednesday - Friday		Thanksgiving Holiday	ASDS is CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!
December 1 st Monday		ASDS Reopens	Welcome Back!
December 9 th Tuesday @ 6:00		Christmas Program	Bring your family and friends!
December 19 th Friday		Last Day of Classes	Classroom Parties
December 22 nd Monday through January 2 nd Friday		CHRISTMAS BREAK	Have a safe and love-filled Holiday!
January 5 th Monday		ASDS Reopens	Welcome Back!

