



All Saints' Day School

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Back-To-School 2019 -2020

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Welcome, All!

A huge welcome to each and every one of you. Whether you are brand new to our ASDS Family or returning with a soon-to-be kindergartener who has been with us since age two, the beginning of our school year is an exciting time. We hope you were able to attend Parents' Night on August 28th. Our Director, Dianne Islev-Petersen, always has so much terrific information to share. A very important resource for you is our Parent Handbook. It contains valuable information on how we; you our parents and the ASDS Staff, will be working together to make these critical years to your child's hungry brain fun, while rich in experiences and supportive of your child's social, emotional, and neurological development. Its contents are listed alphabetically for quick referencing. If your copy has been misplaced, know that it can always be accessed on our website. If you have not already read it, please make that a priority. We are here for your child and for you. As Dear Abby said in a 1970 column, "There is no such thing as a stupid question if it's sincere". So ask away.



Meet the Teacher!

Meet the Teacher, held on August 29th, was a huge success! How exciting it is to see your classroom for the first time, all decked out for a wonderful year to come. It is also great to FINALLY meet your teachers and re-connect with last year's classmates; especially those you did not get to play with over the summer. Since a picture's worth a thousand words, we'll let some photos do the talking!





Changes in Staffing for 2019-2020

We have been successful in securing just the right folks to fill the shoes of an ASDS staff member who did not return this the fall and for a brand new position!

- Maestra Kate, our long-time Spanish teacher has had her contract with The Friends School expanded. With three kids' college tuition in her not-too-distant future, she has accepted their offer. We are so very grateful to Maestra Kate for her gifts of time, energy, and talent over the years. She literally transformed our Spanish program! Like many of our staff, Kate was an ASDS Mom before she became a staff member.
- We have hired Mercedes Tarantino as our new Spanish Teacher. Maestra Mercedes is introduced later in this newsletter.
- Teacher Elaine is moving from the Stingrays to the Sea Otters because her daughter will be a Stingray this year! The Sea Otters are welcoming a fulltime Teacher Assistant assigned solely to their class for the first time because the class has nearly doubled in size this year!
- Julie Dodson has been hired to work with Teacher Susan in the Stingrays. Teacher Julie is introduced later in this newsletter.

Staff Assignments for 2019-2020

Here's the lay of the land for 2019-2020! Some folks have shifted positions, some have expanded their roles, and others have joined the ASDS family. We hope the table below helps you put everyone in her place.

Class	Class Name	Position	2018-2019 Staff
2's	Sea Turtles	Lead Teacher	Joanna (JoJo) Washburn
2's M-F	Sea Turtles	Assistant	Patsy Johnson
3's	Starfish	Lead Teacher	Sandra Bucklew
3's MWF	Starfish	Assistant	Beth Schubert
3's T/Th	Starfish	Assistant	Terry Sherman
4's	Stingrays	Lead Teacher	Susan Lambert
4's M-F	Stingrays	Assistant	Julie Dodson
Jr. K	Sea Otters	Lead Teacher	Marianne Padrick
Jr. K M-F	Sea Otters	Assistant	Teresa Jones
K-Enrich / Full-K	Dolphins	Lead Teacher	Cathy Cronquist
K-Enrich/Full-K M-F	Dolphins	Assistant	Elaine Schultz
Music	All + Chapel	Teacher	Dana Henning
Spanish	All	Teacher	Mercedes Tarantino

Introducing Our New Staff

Mercedes Tarantino

Maestra Mercedes has her roots in Spain. In fact, she has just returned from visiting her mother in Majorca where she grew up. She has a BA from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where she minored in Spanish. She has also served as a substitute teacher with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Married to Carl, with grown children Mercedes and Joey, she is ready for more fun and less frenzy in her work life. In Mercedes's own words, "I'm looking forward to sharing my Spanish culture with your children and being part of the All Saints' Day School family."



Julie Dodson

Your eyes are not tricking you! That is our new Teacher Assistant for the Stingrays is none other than Teacher Marianne's mother! 'Nuff said? Having spent her professional life in court-related professions, including but not limited to serving as a Court Reporter, Teacher Julie is ready to immerse herself in a more positive and cheerful environment. In her words, "After raising a son and daughter and being blessed with a grandson and a granddaughter, I am reminded that these are the "Wonder Years", and we do learn life's important lessons in preschool. What a pleasure to join this team of enthusiastic educators in helping your children embrace the lessons of sharing, kindness, making new friends, and the joy of learning."



After School Explorations



We will continue to host After-School Exploration classes this year! ASDS contracts for After-School Exploration opportunities that extend the day by sixty minutes each afternoon Monday through Thursday. All of these programs are contracted for and paid for independently from separate After-School Exploration Fees, and all require that the participants be fully potty trained. Some are presented by outside entities while others are offered by Day School employees operating through under own business licenses after hours. The fees vary depending on associated costs of materials, insurances, etc. as they apply to the respective providers. All classes run on-site from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration information may be found on the cabinet near the water fountain at the west end of the long hallway. Teacher Marianne has a sign-up outside her door, and her applications may be found later in this newsletter. This year's programming is as follows:

Art – with ASDS Jr. Kindergarten Teacher, Marianne Padrick, held on Mondays

Kid Fit® – With Certified Professional Trainer, Jessica Glenn, held on Tuesdays

Soccer Shots™ - hosted by their local commercial company held on Wednesdays

STEM – with ASDS Jr. Kindergarten Teacher, Marianne Padrick, held on Thursdays

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 month and ensuing month. It's 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.

Art in the Afternoon

with Teacher Marianne

Mondays from 12-1 Pm



Promote cognitive awareness, fine and gross motor skills, and boost your child's self-esteem by signing them up for Art in the Afternoon. This year students who attend these fun, hands on art class will engage in many creative process art projects. Process art focuses on the process, rather than the outcome, allowing students to apply problem solving skills in order to manifest what they envision. With the exception of session 2, students will end each session with a unique portfolio with labeled art work and a canvas project to display at home. During the second session students will end each class with a handmade Christmas craft for a loved one, teacher or a friend.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Process Art 10 classes for \$150	Christmas Crafts \$60	Process Art 10 classes for \$150
9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18	12/2, 12/9, 12/16	2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/20, 4/27

If you would like your child to attend Art in the Afternoons, please fill out and return the following slip with full payment to Teacher Marianne before the first art class. All students attending this enrichment class must be fully potty trained. To keep a small student to teacher ratio, only the first 10 students to sign up will be admitted. A sign-up sheet with class availability will be posted outside the See Other Classroom.

Student name: _____ Class: _____
 Session (s) : _____

Parent Name: _____ cell# _____ email: _____

Story Time

STEM
 Science Technology Engineering Math



With Teacher Marianne

I have lots of NEW AND EXCITING science experiments and engineering projects for your children this year!!! During each class students will listen to a children's story and partake in a fun, hands on engineering project or science experiment.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
10 classes \$150	10 classes \$150	9 classes for \$125
9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14	1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12	3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/16, 4/23 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21

If you would like your child to attend Story Time Shee, please fill out and return the following slip with full payment to Teacher Marianne before the first Shee class. All students attending this enrichment class must be fully potty trained. To keep a small student to teacher ratio, only 10 students will be admitted. A sign-up sheet with class availability will be posted outside the See Other Classroom.

Student name: _____ Class: _____
 Session (s) : _____

Parent Name: _____ cell# _____ email: _____

For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
September 3 rd Tuesday		First Day of School	Welcome to another exciting year at ASDS!
September 11 th & 12 th Following Drop-off Wednesday & Thursday		PATTCH* Coffees for Parents	Meet with other parents and sign up for committees that align with your schedule, so you can help our PATTCH organization support our school!
October 5 th Sunday @ 2:30		All Saints' Episcopal Church Animal Fair	The church has invited all kinds of people who work with animals: The VA Aquarium Stranding Team, Veterinarians, Evelyn's Wildlife Refuge, VB Exotics, etc. to set up stations in God's Garden. There will be animals! All are also invited to bring their pets and/or "loveys" and have them blessed as part of the afternoon's activity. There is no charge.
October 11 th Friday Rain-date October 18 th		ASDS Family Movie Night	We will gather in the garden for this family movie FUNdraiser! BYOBlanket and/or chairs. Surprises TBA!
October 14 th Monday		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to students.
October 2 nd and 3 rd Tuesday & Wednesday		Fall Pictures	Emily Hall, Former ASDS Parent of E.B. Hall Studios will be here.
October 25 th Friday		Annual Fall Festival	This PATTCH Sponsored-Event will celebrate Halloween and includes a parade, class parties, and Trunk or Treat!

***What is PATTCH?** PATTCH is Parents And Teachers Together for Children. At All Saints' Day School, this organization has existed almost since "Day 1" of our existence way back in 1969. Think of it as the Day School's PTA. Among the activities PATTCH supports, coordinates, and/or produces are: the Holiday Gift Shop, Spirit Week, the Art Show and Auction, Teacher Appreciation Week, the CHKD Trike-A-Thon, and the End-of-Year Celebration.