



All Saints' Day School

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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 adjusted to changes in protocol and resulting responsibilities. Know that we appreciate our parents for the adjustments they have needed to make as well. We know it's hard to drop your children off at school for the first time and not be able to chat with fellow parents about shared experiences. Know that our protocols and procedures are designed for the health and safety of all. With the Delta Variant of COVID-19, our vigilance is heightened and we are not

letting down our guard. The little ones you have entrusted to our care are way too precious for us to rest on our laurels. Thank you for understanding and supporting our efforts.

Director Dianne

Monday Morning Chapel



I am so happy to share that we are back to having Chapel time together on Monday mornings! It's been such a great time for the school to briefly come together and share in some music and songs from Ms. Claudia and Fr. Tom. The classes are separated by empty pews but we are able to sing and clap and start our week off on a positive note! On the last Monday of the month we sing "Happy Birthday" to our students who have celebrated birthdays that month. For September we celebrated Caitlin, Charlotte, Delphine, Bennett, Muhammad, and Annie.

If you would like to send in a small change donation on Mondays, we will be collecting throughout the year. At the end of the school year, I will send the money to support the animals at the SPCA. It's one small thing that we do as a school to help connect the children to being a part of the larger community. Please know that your donation is totally optional.

Speaking of Animals...



All Saints' is hosting its "Annual" **Animal Fair and Blessing of the Animals** in God's Garden on Sunday, October 10th from 1:30 – 3:00. We missed this in 2020 due to COVID, but we are returning this year with a total of 13 Animal care providers being invited! Bring your pet for a blessing. Come to see some interesting critters. If you do not have a pet, or your pet is not comfortable around other

animals, bring your "stuffie". Our flyer is at the close of this newsletter.

PATTCH Plans for the YEAR

At this point, PATTCH has neither formed, secured leadership, nor begun to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. With the Delta Variant, a lot has been uncertain. Last year we needed 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 our 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 to hopefully cut 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...

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Friday October 29th

We'd like to continue our costume parade and Trunk-or-Treat followed by classroom Halloween Parties this year. Thank you to those who have agreed to help our Director, Dianne, make this a reality.

It's Time to Save the Landfill!



...and at the same time help create our art studio!

I am looking for clean, **clear glass containers of all sizes** - tiny honey to huge pickle jar. Please remove the label. I am also looking for **small loose parts** to use all year round. Shiny things, colored things, plastic, metal or paper, for example costume jewelry or broken toys that can be disassembled or old board game pieces. Also, if you have some **clean baskets** that you do not need anymore, please bring them in.

I am also looking for **trays with sections**, like a cutlery tray, but made of wood or cardboard or woven. If you have **old newspapers**, I am happy to take it off your hands.

Oh, the fun we will have! Thank you for sharing your recyclables for repurposing.

Ms Claudia



From the Classrooms



Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Leslie

The Sea Otters spent the month getting to know each other, learning our classroom routine, and having lots of fun. Every day we have Calendar where we check in with one another. Our Calendar Helper leads us as we talk about the date by singing songs and counting, the Number Helper leads us as we work for a few minutes with numbers and our Weather Person checks the weather and reports to us. On Monday mornings we enjoy Chapel. Our other classes include

KidFit, music, art and Spanish. The kids love recess, snack and our daily free play. We learned the letters F, A and H and our themes were "All About Me," "Our Families," and "Being a Good Friend." We also learned about apples and even had an apple tasting! We end our day with Story Time. For friends' week, we read The Rainbow Fish and made a rainbow fish of our own. The Sea Otters continue to get to know each other and we teachers feel so blessed to have your children. This class is full of sweet, caring kids!



Red	Granny Smith	Golden Delicious
Emerson Grace Virian Halsey Cam Philip Bowen Andy	Mason Sonny Paige	Bodhi Hunter Charlie Reese



Ms. Susan & Ms. Devin

The Stingray's are so excited to be back in school! The month of September has flown by! We started the year off by learning our routines, new classroom rules, and getting to know each other. It's been a great start to the new year! We are learning our new Alphabet Song, counting how many days of school there have been, and learning our individual classroom jobs. Ask your child about their job for the week.

We've started off our craft projects by painting our Stingrays to hang outside our classroom.

A is for Apple! We have begun learning and reinforcing our letters and their sounds with the letter Aa. Our theme for the next two weeks is apples. We did an apple tasting with red, green and yellow apples. The red apple was the classroom favorite!

The Stingrays will start off the month of October with leaves and pumpkin themes. We are so excited for Halloween!





Ms. Sandra, Ms. Beth, & Ms. Terry

Starfish students were busy during the month of September learning about their classroom, classmates, apples, and fall. We spent the first week focusing on the routines of the class. Each day our students put their snacks in their cubbies, washed their hands, moved their fish to let us know they were present, and began their morning. They learned that every day we followed the same schedule, which involved Free Play, Clean-up, Circle Time, Snack, Playground Time, then Carpool. During the week they were introduced to extracurricular activities each day. They attended Music/Art, KidFit, and Spanish.

The second week of the month we started our *All About Me* unit. The children made picture collages with their families and brought them in to share with the class during Circle Time. We made paper dolls that looked like them. We talked about different feelings and how it is okay to be happy, sad, scared, and many other emotions. We sang songs and read books about feelings and ourselves. The Starfish learned about apples the third week of the month. We discussed the different parts of an apple and where they come from. We tasted different types of apples and discussed how they tasted. Applesauce, Apple-Cinnamon bread, and apple nachos were made and eaten. We made apple trees using apples halves as stamps, and we made an apple explode using baking soda and vinegar. We sang, "*Do You Know the Apple Man?*", and recited a poem about an apple falling on their noses.

Since the last week of the month was the first full week of fall, we started our unit about this season. We discussed how the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, how the leaves on the trees begin to turn different colors, and we sang a song about the leaves falling. We read *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt* and went outside and collected leaves that had already fallen. We made fall wreaths using paper plates, leaves cut from watercolor paper, and watercolor paint.

We were able to introduce the letters M, A, and F, the colors yellow and red, the numbers 1 and 2, and the circle shape during this busy month.

We are very proud of all of our students and how well they have transitioned into the Starfish class this month. We can't wait to see what the month of October brings to our class.





Ms. Karen & Ms. Patsy

It's been a big month for the Sea Turtles! We spent the first part of the month getting to know each other: making picture collages of our families to hang in our room, learning how to sit for Circle Time, having music, Chapel, Spanish... there've been a lot of new experiences for your child! Each day gets easier and they are getting into the routine of how preschool works. It's exciting to see how much they have settled in and grown in just a couple of weeks! Our Sea Turtles are enjoying playing with the toys, painting, drawing, and experiencing all of the other purposeful activities we do each day they are with us. We have been working with the letters A and F. Apples, feathers, fish, flowers have all been incorporated into our crafts, stories, and songs. I am looking forward to all the fun activities we will be doing in October!



Ms. Claudia of the Music and Art Studio

It has been such a blessing to be able to join ASDS and share some of my gifts with the children (and teachers). Here is a glimpse of what we have been working on this month:

On the music side, the children have enjoyed learning about high and low sounds while playing on pitched instruments, listening to high and low sounds and, of course, dancing the High-and Low Dance. The older children had a lot of fun listening to the story of The Three Little Pigs and re-telling the story with high and low sounds. We also explored big and small instruments and found that small instruments make a higher pitched sound than bigger instruments.

On the art side of the studio, the Sea Otters created self-portraits, which were mounted on a background of bleeding tissue paper. This kind of process art took several sessions and will be on display in the studio. The Sea Otters will create another self-portrait at the end of the school year. The Starfish worked on collaborative process art: Teacher Sandra brought in a large canvas, the children applied painters' tape and then used black sharpies to 'sign' the canvas. Afterwards they used tempera paint sticks to color all over the canvas. The piece of work was then named and will be on display in the studio. The Stingrays listened to a story of an artist and then worked on a picture with watercolors and tempera paint sticks.

The studio is an ever-evolving place, I really enjoy our children who bring so much curiosity and potential to this wonderful space.



Maestra Mercedes

Hola everybody! Summer came and went, and I am very happy to be back at ASDS! I have known your children just for a few weeks and we have already had a blast! I love to see the excitement in their eyes every time I walk into the room.

During these past few weeks, we have been reviewing colors and numbers. I like to review colors every class, because all future lessons will always involve coloring. I have brought back "Pito Pito Colorito." For those new families that don't know, "Pito Pito Colorito" is like "Eeney Meeny Miny Moe." Two children in each class are selected every Friday so we can look at the colors they are wearing. It's a simple game, but fun and children love to be the "Pito Pito" of the week!

We will continue to review numbers throughout the year, so they can identify numbers in Spanish, even when they are out of order...mmmm...not that easy for little people! The Sea Turtle class is still trying to get used to being in school and they still don't know me very well, but we will get there. They have enjoyed dancing the most! The Starfish class is very attentive, and they are learning fast! They are doing a great job with their Colors lesson. The Stingrays and Sea Otter classes are doing a fantastic job with their coloring and tracing in Spanish! They are practicing their numbers up to 20 already!





As for songs, we have been dancing to “Baila Con Tu Cuerpo” (Dance with your Body) and “Las Partes del Cuerpo” (The Parts of the Body). We have also been singing along with two different videos about numbers. The students really enjoy that!

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of All Saints’ Day School and your children’s early education. ¡Hasta pronto! **(See you soon!)**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct_VPIH0ObM Baila Con tu Cuerpo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOg6y-Q59eM>
 Las Partes del Cuerpo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiNFxntWOJw> Números y Colores
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzhHrQbHZMA> Números del 1 al 20



Coach Jess of Kid Fit



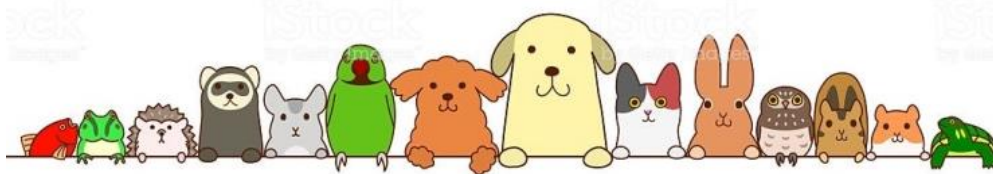
Happy Fall everyone!

And welcome back to School! I have loved being with your children every Tuesday morning! It has made my heart so full being back with the kids! And a special edition, my own little boy is now attending our wonderful school, so that makes me even happier to be back!

The last three weeks we have focused on back-to-school PE basics and Fall games. Class always starts with warm up, stretches, and hula hoops. We have “raked the leaves” and picked leaf cards. We also played soccer, freeze tag, red light green light, and basic hopscotch! This October, we will be playing football and getting ready for Halloween.

In Health, Jess Glenn





All Saints' Animal Fair And Blessing of the Animals

1969 Woodside Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Sunday, October 10th 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In God's Garden

Behind and to the right of the church off of Adam Keeling Rd. and Woodside Lane
Please park in the church lot.

☹ If the weather is less than cooperative, the event will need to be cancelled. ☹

Animal rescuers and care providers that have been invited
to participate in the 2021 Animal Fair are:

The Virginia Beach SPCA
Great Neck Veterinary Clinic
Evelyn's Wildlife Refuge
Second Chance Wildlife
Hope for Life Rescue
Southeastern Virginia Golden Retriever Rescue, Education, & Training
Pet Care Veterinary Hospital
Nature's Nanny
Care A Lot
Animal Medical Clinic









There will be animals!

Be sure to bring your own animals or "lovies"
for a special blessing.

For the safety of ALL of the animals present, we ask that your pets be on leash or
contained. Thank you!

All are welcome!

For the Fridge...

Date	Kids' Version	Event	Notes
October 5 th and 6 th Tuesday & Wednesday		School Pictures	EB Hall (Emily) is a former ASDS Parent who takes the most phenomenal black and white pictures of our students.
October 10 th Sunday		All Saints' Annual Animal Fair	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 th Monday		Staff Inservice Day	ASDS is CLOSED to students.
October 29 th Friday		Annual Trunk or Treat	This PATTC* Sponsored-Event will celebrate Halloween; complete with classroom parties!
November 2 nd Tuesday		Election Day	Exercise your right to vote!
November 11 th Thursday		Veterans' Day	ASDS is CLOSED.
November 24 th – 26 th Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday		Happy Thanksgiving!	Thanksgiving Holiday. ASDS is CLOSED.
November 27 th Monday		ASDS Reopens!	Welcome Back!

***What is PATTC?** PATTC 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 PATTC supports, coordinates, and/or produces are: Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat, Spirit Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and our End-of-the-Year Celebration.