



THE GOOD NEWS

Newsletter of All Saints Catholic School • December 2016



Dear Parents:

Every holiday season comes with the delight of creating wish lists; the joy of decorating the Christmas tree; and much-anticipated family time, gifts, and celebration. Amidst all of this excitement, it is important that we take time to appreciate the countless gifts we already have to think about what and why we are celebrating.

Christmas is now just around the corner and we have started the season of Advent. There are many activities planned in the coming weeks that will keep all of us busy, but I hope you will have an opportunity to savor these little moments in your children's lives as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Christ.

All Saints has always done a fabulous job of living out our faith through service projects during the Advent season, and this year will be no exception. Our 8th graders will also help set up the gift gallery for Broken Arrow Neighbors. This is an annual tradition and I am so proud that our kids are aware of those less fortunate and are willing to help other people out when they need it. As a school, we are collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and Madonna House. Please consider donating diapers, formula, bottles and other items for our youngest and most vulnerable members of the Body of Christ. Each homeroom class has a box for collecting the baby items.

Our school is one of the host sites for the diocesan pre-season basketball tournament later this month. The kids are always so excited to play in this tournament, and it is another great opportunity for us to showcase our school for all the visitors who will be on our campus. Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to make this tournament a success.

Also this weekend, students and their families are invited to walk with the student council in the Broken Arrow Christmas Parade. This is an important part of our school marketing because we can remind the community that we are here in Broken Arrow. Please join us at the parade if you can.

Our academic bowl teams have begun their season, and they have already had some great wins. The Speech and Debate Team has won several team and individual awards as well. We are very proud of their success! Students are also preparing for the upcoming Mathcounts competition, Spelling Bee, and Geography Bee.

I hope that this holiday season find you well. May the grace of God be with you during this Advent season.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne M. Scalet".

Anne Scalet
Principal

Talent Show 2017

Get your talent together for the annual All Saints Talent Show to be held Friday, February 3, 2017! All students are invited to perform. We will be signing up acts after Christmas Break, and the show will be limited to 30 acts. Get your group together and start practicing! Hope to see you there!

Get Your Pictures in the School Yearbook

The Yearbook Staff is looking for your pictures! You can easily submit photos of school events using the ReplayIt website and/or app. Just create an account [here](#) and use the password 'cougars.'

Trivia Night Tickets on Sale

Hey, Daddy-O! Put on your bobby socks baby and come on out to "Rockin in the New Year" at our annual Trivia Night! Get your gang together and buy your spots so you won't miss out on all the fun. The event will be Friday, January 13 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Cost is \$240 for a table of 8 which includes dinner. Four special sponsor tables are also available at a price of \$400 for a table of 8, and these include a personal server, front row seating and \$40 worth of tickets to be used the night of the event. In addition to the fun trivia, there will be door prizes, raffles, and a cash bar.

Childcare is available for \$10 per child, which includes pizza and a drink. Please pre-register for childcare by contacting dlunt@allsaintsba.com, or purchase childcare at the door.

Visit the school website or click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

"Love one another as I love you." John 15:12

Faculty Free Dress Charity

Each month the All Saints faculty can bring in money in exchange for free dress on Wednesdays. A charity is selected and all money collected is donated to that charity. The faculty and staff raised \$362 for the family of Pete Theban during September and October.

Geography Bee

Geography Bee is open to all students in grades 4-8. Students will participate in a class geography bee in their social studies class in January. The class winners will advance to the final competition. Students are encouraged to attend the practice sessions on Wednesdays after school in Room 108.

Teaching Responsibility

Please note it is the student's responsibility to remember to bring their homework, school books, PE uniform, and supplies to school each day. Do not bring such items up to school as we will not call your child out of class to retrieve them.

Bishop Kelley Placement Test

The second Bishop Kelley placement test for 8th graders (incoming 9th grade students - Class of 2021) is on Saturday, January 7 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by clicking the link [here](#).

Tutoring Available

After school tutoring is available for students in 1st-5th grade. Please contact Mrs. Taylor if you are interested at jtaylor@allsaintsba.com or 918-940-1033.

Fall Book Fair Thank You

THANK YOU All Saints' families for your generous support of our Fall Book Fair. It was hugely successful, selling over \$12,000 worth of books, which means almost \$7,000 worth of books will be going into the library and teachers' classrooms. This success would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers who set up the book fair, volunteered during the book fair, tore down the fair, and provided breakfast items for our Book Fair Breakfast. Thank you so much, volunteers!! Special thanks go to Jennifer and John Alcott with Perfect Touch Catering for donating a delicious lunch for the teachers and staff during our Teacher Preview, as well as Panera Bread for providing bagels for our breakfast.

*Diana Walter, Alina Boos, and Jennifer Bagley
Book Fair Co-chairs*

Prayer Requests

It is important that our school community join together in prayer. If you have prayer requests for the Good News, please email Jeanne at jkrawczyk@allsaintsba.com. Please let Jeanne know when the appropriate time comes to remove someone from the prayer list.

Outdoor Recess Guidelines

Our students will continue to have outdoor recess unless the wind chill is below 32 degrees. Please make sure your children bring a coat to school if you think they will need it.

Queen of All Saints Prayer Group

Calling all women interested in a prayer group for our school community! The Queen of All Saints prayer group meets at 8:30 A.M. in the church commons on Fridays. Contact Susie Butler at 918-630-1337 or rogsus@cox.net for more information. Younger siblings are welcome.

"Mary, Queen of All Saints, Pray for Us."

Pray for Don Spears, husband of former teacher Jan Spears.

Pray for Pat Browning, grandmother of Stormie (8-Y).

Pray for Ginger Williams, grandmother of Zach (7-A).

Pray that the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Pray that the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

Pray that all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



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Care and Share Opportunities

- **Lunch Room Volunteers**—Volunteers are always needed for the lunch room. Visit the school website and sign up using SignUp.com or email Veronica at voswald@allsaintsba.com.
- **Basketball Tournament Volunteers**—Mrs. Patton still needs volunteers to help with concessions, gate, clock or book at the pre-season basketball tournament the weekend of December 9-11. Email Mrs. Patton at ppatton@allsaintsba.com to volunteer.

School Closings for Weather

When weather conditions are serious and may jeopardize the safety of our students, parents will be notified through SchoolCast. All Saints **DOES NOT** follow the decision of Broken Arrow Public Schools.

If school is in session and weather conditions worsen, school will not dismiss early; however, parents are welcome to pick up children according to their individual circumstances. In such cases, normal sign-out procedures must be followed. Students will be marked absent for the portion of the day missed. Also, depending on how severe the weather conditions become, extended day care may be cancelled and you may be called to pick up your child early.

Christmas Programs

The elementary school Christmas programs are scheduled for Thursday, December 15 in the Parish Hall.

PreK/K 10:00 A.M.

Gr. 1/2 1:00 P.M.

Gr. 3/4 2:15 P.M.

Each program will last about 30 minutes. Elementary students may wear festive Christmas attire for the program that day. If girls wear dresses, remember students will be sitting on the floor.

The 5/6 Christmas Musical will be Tuesday, December 20 at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. The musical will last about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Our Mission:

All Saints Catholic School provides a total educational experience emphasizing academic excellence and personal responsibility within a Catholic faith community.

Mass Seating on Fridays

All parents are welcome to join us for Mass each Friday at 9:30 A.M. in St. Anne's church. However, parents and visitors are asked to sit in the new seating at the back of the church.

Cartridges for Kids

Our school collects empty printer cartridges, cell phones and cameras for our recycling program, which rewards the school with money for software. The program coordinators are Don and Susan Schmidt. If you have any questions, please contact the Schmidts or Ms. Copey. Thank you for your support.

Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Coke Rewards

Our school collects Box Tops for Education, Campbell's soup labels, and Coke Rewards points in order to earn rewards for items for our classrooms. Please look for these items on products you purchase, and save them for the school. Each homeroom has their own collection box, and there are contests throughout the school year with prizes for the classes that collect the most. Encourage grandparents to save them as well and help support our school!

Academic Excellence Showcase

The Academic Excellence Showcase is a monthly item in *The Good News*. Students are recognized in honor of exemplary work in academics.

- ★ Congratulations to the following students for achieving excellence in PE by making it to the fitness wall. To qualify, students in grades 2-8 have to complete 5 tasks (mile run, flexibility, arm strength, shuttle run, and sit-ups) and meet the standards for their age.
 - 2nd grade—Evan T., Zane J., Harrison M., Laney P., Carsen T., Marlie O., Max B., Cale V., Andrea U., Madison H., Maddy A., Hayden T., Joseph S., Tucker R., and Emma C.
 - 3rd grade—Ian B., Jase H., Jameson K., Matthew M., and Elia R.
 - 4th grade—Mason T., Alex F., Jonah R., Addi F., Michael K., Malana E., Gage H., Grace L., Nick M., Justin T., and Kailey W.
 - 5th grade—Anna S., Elise R., Lillie J., and Claire R.
 - 6th grade—Eli G., Sam H., Kate D. and Mia T.
 - 7th grade—Alex B., Skyla D., Harrison L., Kiera L., Ella S., and Drew D.
 - 8th grade—Chris M., Clay A., Maddie M., and Joseph S.
- ★ Mrs. Krawczyk's 7th grade Latin students all made As on their Stage 10 vocabulary quizzes and earned a free recess. Optime!
- ★ Mrs. Wantiez would like to thank the students in Hand Chimes and Honor Choir that will be singing Christmas Carols with our guests during the Ministry of Compassion Christmas Lunch on December 17.



Speech & Debate Team Off to Winning Start

Our Speech & Debate team is off to a great start this year. On November 4-5, members of the team went to the Booker T. Washington tournament. Members attending and competing were:

CX Debate

Morgan R., Connor M. and Dylan H.
Marissa W. and Ella E.
Bailey H. and Maddy K.
Cat L. and Aurora B.

Standard Oratory

Michael H.

Dramatic Duets

Connor M. and Steven B.

Humorous Duets

Ella E. and Lily S. (1st Place Winner)
Cat L. and Ella T.

Prose (Serious and Humorous)

Marissa W.

Steven B.

Connor M.

Lily S.

Bailey H.

Brandon O.

Sean O.

Andrew R.

Domestic Extemp

Marissa W.

Ella E.

Aurora B.

Monologue

Ella E.

The following week, November 11-12, members of the team competed at Bishop Kelley High School.

Members attending and competing were:

CX Debate

Brayden T. and Anthony F.

Alex R. and Nathan F.

Morgan R., Connor M., and Dylan H.

Cat L. and Aurora B.

Bailey H. and Marissa W.

Humorous Duets

J.P. G. and Hudson K.

Trey M. and Michael H.

Nathan F. and Anthony F.

Hayden O. and Andrew R.

Marissa W. and Bailey H.

Dramatic Duets

Riley A. and Olivia B. (3rd Place)

Steven B. and Connor M. (2nd Place)

Domestic Extemp

Aurora B.

Marissa W.

Dylan H. (3rd Place)

Prose (Serious and Humorous)

Lily S.

Cat L.

Connor M.

Hudson K.

Billy H.

Bailey H. (2nd Place)

Hayden O.

Steven B.

Poetry (Serious and Humorous)

Olivia B.

Jessica A.

Charity Volleyball Game

Congratulations to the faculty for their great win over the 8th graders in the charity Volleyball Game. The event raised \$82 for the St. Anne's Ministry of Compassion.

Development Director Resigns

It has been my privilege to work for the last year to establish a development role for All Saints. I am extremely proud of the success of the auction and have enjoyed a special camaraderie with many of you throughout the process. All of which makes my need to move on that much harder. I have been offered a full-time position in the development office of Catholic Charities. It's an opportunity that comes at a significant time for my family; sometimes God's timing is different from mine. So, I leave with the needs of my family in mind and the gratifying experience of working for and with this community.

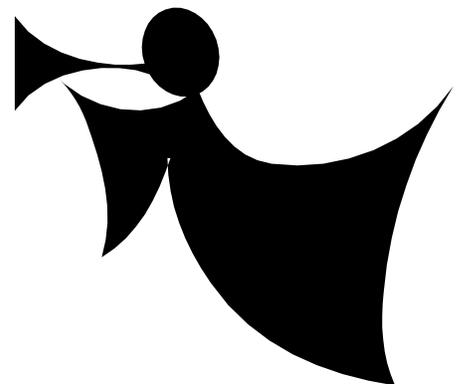
With gratitude,

Jennifer Allen

All Saints Alums Inducted into NHS

Congratulations to the following All Saints alumni who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Bishop Kelley.

Inductees included: Garrett Alexander, Ashlyn Armour, Rachel Carlson, MacKenzie Decker, Amy Foegelle, Jared Greif, Dalton Hallum, Hannah Matuszak, Shannon Rose, Grace Roy, Brooke Shugart, Kylie Uy, Victoria Wierzchowski, and Kira Ziola.





Our Tech Ed students kept a close eye on election results.



Bishop Konderla toured the school campus after celebrating the Feast of All Saints Mass on November 1.



Academic Bowl team members prepare for competition.



All Saints students participate in Share the Love, offering assistance to the homeless in downtown Tulsa.



4th Grade PE class is always exciting!

Living Our Mission...



FIVE TIPS FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Work together with students for success

BY DR. PATRICIA M. MCCORMACK, IHM

1. STUDENT PREPAREDNESS

A good day begins with quality sleep the night before! Students then need to wake up to a calm routine. That includes eating a protein breakfast, taking possession of the day's materials (school bag, project, lunch, signed permission slips, PE clothes, musical instrument), and arriving at school on time. They need to organize learning tools (textbooks, notebooks, writing utensils), produce completed homework, copy assignments, and establish a system for filing and tracking paperwork, tests, and quizzes. They should eat a nourishing lunch, pack all necessary materials for home, preview the next day before going to bed, and, finally, pack whatever items will be required for a successful day.

2. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Report card grades represent quizzes, tests, classwork, homework, projects, and participation in class. Regularly review and sign written work. Oversee the correction of errors. Make adjustments in study habits as needed. (Rule of

Share these with parents so they can help you ensure their student's success.

thumb: 10 minutes per grade level.) Maintain a personal grade book so you can estimate the general average on any given day. At the first sighting of a "red flag," discuss your concerns with the child and then initiate communication with the teacher.

"Good, better, best! I will never rest. Until my good is better, and my better is my best."



3. CONSISTENCY

Teachers measure effort by patterns: the way the student prepares for class, stays on task, participates in class, cooperates with teacher instructions and expectations, obtains required parent signatures, copies assignments accurately, completes them neatly and accurately, submits homework on time, and meets deadlines.

4. COOPERATION

Teachers evaluate conduct based upon the consistency with which the student cooperates with teachers, adults, and peers. Cooperative students include others, listen, practice patience,



demonstrate a positive attitude, show respectfulness and enthusiasm in class, follow directions, keep on task, practice self-control, and make a positive change in behavior if they are corrected.

5. ATTENDANCE

Attendance affects learning and socialization. Try to schedule routine medical visits for after-school hours and free days; if that is impossible, return your child to school as soon as you can. Hold your child responsible to obtain and make up whatever work was missed.

Honor the published school calendar when planning vacations. If that is not possible, make arrangements to obtain and keep up with daily school work. A vacation on your part should not create responsibility on the teacher's part. Apply the sage rule that if a child is too sick to attend school, he or she is also too sick to leave the house for any activity, have friends over, or use electronic forms of entertainment. **T**

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