



**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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**ALL SAINTS EAGLES NEW
FAMILY WELCOME
INFORMATION
2007-08**

Dear New Eagle Parent,

On behalf of the School Advisory Council (SAC), welcome to All Saints Catholic School! We are sure that your years at All Saints will be filled with growth, happiness and joy for you and your children. The “New Eagle Parent Booklet” provides a quick overview of our All Saints community. You may refer to the All Saints Family Handbook for more detailed information. Please do not ever hesitate to contact a member of the SAC or Home and School Association if you have any questions or concerns. Again, welcome to the All Saints Catholic Community.

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OVERVIEW OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Curriculum and Grading—All Saints follows the Diocese of Dallas Curriculum Guide and grading policy. The diocesan curriculum policies may be found at www.cathdal.org. The curriculum includes religion, reading, English (including spelling, vocabulary, writing, and handwriting), math, social studies, science, Spanish, art, music, physical education, and technology. Four progress reports and four report cards are issued. Numeric grades are provided in grades 1-8. Kindergarten report cards indicate progress toward specific objectives.

Learning Adventures/Accelerated Math—All qualifying students participate once a week in small pull-out groups in the Learning Adventures program taught by Mrs. Caruso. Select students may participate in the Accelerated Math program for grades 2-5 also taught by Mrs. Caruso. Selection in Accelerated Math is based on standardized testing results and teacher recommendation.

Learning Fair—Scheduled during Catholic Schools Week in late January, the Learning Fair is designed to develop and encourage student talent. Students are required to participate in activities such as science, math, art, performing arts and handwriting. Participation is judged by independent judges. Awards are given at the end of the Learning Fair week.

Standardized Testing—The Stanford SAT10 test is administered to all students in grades 1-8 in September. Results are reviewed with parents at the end of October during parent/teacher conferences. Test results are used for selection by DECATS (see below). STAR reading and math tests are administered in the Fall and Spring.

Co-curricular Offerings—Students in the upper grades are invited to participate in the Speech League (6-8), Student Council (4-8), athletic programs (5-8), student lectors (5-8), band (5-8), orchestra (5-8), student cantors (6-8), City of the Future (6-8), SMU Gifted and Talented (6-8) and Odyssey of the Mind. Participation fees may be assessed.

Athletics—Participation in the Dallas Parochial League (DPL) school teams is for 5—8th graders. All Saints currently has teams in volleyball, basketball, baseball, and track. Students in younger grades may participate in private leagues such as YMCA and PSA.

Contact: Pam Fox, ASCS Athletic Director

Resource Room—Equipped with a host of learning tools and a full-time resource teacher to assist diagnosed students with learning differences. **Contact:** Mrs. Caruso, Resource Teacher

DECATS—A diocesan program for gifted and talented students, DECATS takes place over three weeks in June. Junior DECATS is for grades 3-5; Senior DECATS for grades 6-8. Information may be found at www.jrdecats.org or www.srdecats.org

Library—Classes visit the library once each week to select books. **Contact:** Librarians Cathy Herbst or Monta Skaggs.

Accelerated Reader—Coordinated through the library, Accelerated Reader is an optional reading program for all students in grades K-8. Participation is strongly encouraged. Students read books worth various points, and then take computerized comprehension tests. Prizes are awarded by the school librarian based on point levels achieved. **Contact:** Librarians Cathy Herbst and Monta Skaggs.

Spelling Bee/Geography Bee—Top students in each grade, 4-8 square off in spelling and geography. Winners continue on to the Regional Spelling Bee. **Contact:** Jane Wegmann for Spelling and Christine Drumm for Geography

Third Sunday Mass—Students wear their dress uniform to any of the weekend Masses at All Saints on the third Sunday of each month and receive a uniform pass. Sign-up sheet is usually on the table by the Meadowcreek entrance.

Class Patron Saint—Each grade selects a class patron saint for its nine years at ASCS. Patron saint feast days are celebrated by the class and shared with the school community at morning assemblies.

Class Mass—Each class hosts one or two Masses a year by providing ministry participants including greeters, lectors (upper grades) and gift bearers.

Family Volunteer Commitment—The required service of 40 hours per family may be completed by volunteering through the school or in any of the ministries of All Saints Catholic Church. **Contact:** Eileen Steele

Student Service Hours—Students in grades 6-8 are required to give 20, 30 and 50 service hours respectively.

Class Parties—All students celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1st), Christmas and St. Valentine’s Day. Additional parties are given at the discretion of the homeroom teacher, are coordinated by the room parents and funded by the class party budget collected in the beginning of the year. Students in K-3 also participate in the Thanksgiving Feast. Room Moms usually ask for \$15 to \$25 per child for the year to cover all parties. **Contact:** Dawn Herzog

Eagle Cheer—The Parent Sponsored spirit organization is open to all students K-8. Eagle Cheer is divided into Kinder Cheer, Junior Varsity 1-3 and Varsity 4-8. The cheerleaders lead cheers at school events, games and pep rallies. **Contact:** Natalie Furillo

Bank Day—Students set up savings accounts through Signature Bank and make deposits at morning assembly on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Bank forms are available at the beginning of the year or at Signature Bank across the street from All Saints Catholic Church.

Spirit Day—Students may wear All Saints spirit or auction shirts in lieu of regular uniform shirts on the third Wednesday of each month to show their school spirit. School spirit and auction shirts may be purchased during all Home and School meetings.

Book Fairs—All Saints Catholic School hosts a book fair simultaneously with the Parent/Teacher conferences in

November. Proceeds benefit the school. **Contact:** Mary Muller

Grandparents Day—Celebrated in February, grandparents spend time in their grandchildren’s classroom. **Contact:** Julie Lewis or Nicole Ramirez.

Pancake Breakfasts—Sponsored by the Eagles Club, all students and families are welcome free of charge to share pancakes and fellowship on select days before school. **Contact:** Tom Conaty

Pick Up/Drop Off—Pick Up/Drop Off areas are divided into A-K and L-Z. Drop Off is between 7:30-7:45 and Pick Up is between 3:00-3:15. Children not picked up are taken to After School Care. Separate fees may be assessed.

Prayer Buddies—All K-3 students are assigned a 4-8th grade prayer buddy who assists as a mentor for the year.

Moms Prayer Group—Meets Monday mornings in the chapel following Drop Off. Open to all parents. **Contact:** Cindy Hazelbaker or Beth Howard.

Brownies/Girls Scouts/Boy Scouts: **Contact:** Angela Mugavero for Girl Scouts and Gerard Power for Boy Scouts.

Fiesta of Forms—Annual re-registration during the month of May. **Contact:** Mary Reiter, Admissions Director.

COMMUNICATION

Orientation and Open House—Scheduled prior to the opening of school in August, an opportunity to meet the administration and your child’s teacher.

Welcome Picnic—Hot dog social sponsored by the Eagles Club at the opening of school.

Back to School Night—Scheduled in August so parents can meet the teachers and review the goals and objectives for the year.

Parent/Teacher Conferences—Scheduled at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarter or upon request by the parent.

Saintly Notes—Each Wednesday, the Saintly Notes is e-mailed to the home e-mail address. Saintly Notes contains important information for parents and should be read thoroughly. Forms may be returned to teachers or the office through the home room teacher. The fourth Wednesday of the month, the Saintly Notes contains articles by various teachers and an updated calendar for the following month.

Parent/Teacher Communication—The easiest way to reach a teacher is through the teacher’s e-mail which may be found in the school directory.

Parent/Administration Communication—Appointments with the principal, assistant principal, bookkeeper or registrar must be scheduled by calling the school office at 214 217-3300. An attempt should be made to solve all questions at the lowest level possible.

Welcome Coordinator Families—Coordinated though the Home and School Association, designated families in each

grade welcome and mentor new families. **Contact:**
Eleanore Gilliland.

School Directory—Published each year, it contains contact information for the administration, faculty, staff, and parents as well as class lists and organizational contacts.

Church Bulletin—Check the church bulletin on Sunday for additional reminders on upcoming school and parish events.

Third Sunday-On the third Sunday of each month is dress uniform day. If you sign in at church the student will receive a uniform pass. Also on the third Sunday a school table will be in the fellowship hall following the 9:15 and 11:00 Masses.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

School Advisory Council--The main advisory body to the pastor and principal. SAC consists of the pastor, principal, a president, vice president, secretary, academics chair, marketing chair, communications chair, athletics and facilities chair, grant writing, development chair, school finance president, and Home and School Association president. **Contact:** Joe DeFina, President

School Finance Committee—Develops the school annual operating budget and long-range financial planning. **Contact:** Rick Ochterbeck, President

Grant Writing Committee—Submits grants for targeted school projects. **Contact:** Stephen Jones

Home and School Association—Organizes the volunteer committees that assist the school in fundraising, hospitality, communications, room parents, and volunteers. There are several Home and School meetings throughout the year (typically three-four) which should be attended. The HSA organization includes but is not limited to:
HSA - Dues \$20 - optional participation
Eagles - Dues \$20 - optional participation
Booster Club - Dues \$25 - 1 child; \$50 - 2 or more - optional participation
Garden Club - Dues \$10 active (help with projects); \$25 "honorary" - (donation only) - optional participation.
Contact: Amy Ecker Ramirez, President

Auction Committee—Coordinates an auction each February—the main fundraising event for All Saints Catholic School. The Auction Committee along with the HSA request a minimum donation per family. **Contact:** Louise Sham, Kimberly O’Neil, or Shawn Abel auction chairs

All Saints Eagles Club—The dad’s club which coordinates the welcome picnic, pancake breakfasts and various other activities. **Contact:** Tom Conaty

Sports Advisory Board—A group dedicated to the development of the ASCS athletic fields. **Contact:** Tom Kocian

IMPORTANT EVENTS

August	Orientation and Open House Parent Back to School Night
September	Eagles Club Welcome Picnic Standardized Testing All Saints Fall Festival Home & School Parent Meeting
October	All Saints Women's Organization Bazaar Red Ribbon and Respect Life Week Scholastic Book Fair
November	All Saints Day Parent Conferences Thanksgiving Feast (K-3)
December	First Reconciliation (2 nd) International Night
January	Spelling Bee (4-8) Catholic Schools Week Learning Fair Home & School Parent Meeting
February	Grandparents Day
March	ASCS Auction Spring Break

	5 th grade Retreat to Pines Camp Scholastic Book Fair
April	Father/Daughter Dance Home & School Parent Meeting
May	First Communion (2 nd) Fiesta of Forms 8 th Graduation and Mass Confirmation (8 th) End of the Year Awards Ceremony
June	Last Day of School

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WELCOME COORDINATOR FAMILIES

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1st - Jocelyn Bartz
Denise Bannister

2nd - Christina Greim
Sara Hover

3rd - Carol Franco
Pat Kinsella

4th - Monica Jones
Julie Lewis

5th - Beth Howard
Kathryn Patterson

6th - Kelly Abide
Jan Longo

7th - Joyce Meshell
Jasmine Slovak

8th - Kim Moore
Angela Mugavero