

**First Quarter
2017**



ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Like most Catholic schools, All Saints builds its annual budget with a known “gap” between tuition income and the cost of providing an outstanding Catholic education. This year the gap is approximately \$2,700 per student.

Each year we bridge the gap through fundraising. Our winter Auction is always our largest fundraiser, but in recent years North Texas Giving Day has become our primary fall semester appeal. **This year was our most successful ever!** More than **250** Friends of All Saints donated over **\$58,000** – including \$18,000 in matching funds from a special member of the All Saints family. Many thanks to all who contributed!

Because the All Saints community exceeded the challenge set by Fr. Alfonse and Dr. McCorkle, our intrepid leaders found themselves covered in pies and slime during an all-school pep rally on Thursday.

Fr. Alfonse and Dr. McCorkle insist they have forgiven the pie-throwers, slime slingers, and all those that cheered them on, but would also like to remind everyone that Confessions are heard every Saturday at the church beginning at 3:30 pm.



It's all smiles 'til the pies start flying



Some day, Connor, you're going to ask me for a high school recommendation.



Fr. Alfonse, your dry cleaner is going to have some questions

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Survey Says . . .

Last year All Saints families were invited to participate in a school survey conducted for the Diocese of Dallas by the Oklahoma Center for Education Policy at Oklahoma University. The results are now in, and All Saints did very well on many metrics of educational quality.

The survey revealed that parents believe that All Saints teachers set high expectations for students, are good at teaching, engage students in meaningful learning, and go the extra mile to help students be successful. Parents feel that they are informed about school events/activities, that teachers work with parents to meet the learning needs of the students, that they have opportunities to express concerns about school issues, and that the school administration listens to parent concerns. Overall, parents are very satisfied with the school community but would like to see higher quality extracurricular activities at the school. This year, All Saints is offering Chess Club, Soccer, Sylvan STEM, Mad Science, Robotics, Royale Ballet, Young Chef Academy, Artsy Adventures, PSIA, and Drama Club.

Growing Young Leaders

An often underappreciated advantage of attending a small Catholic school is the frequent opportunity for leadership development. Every time a student takes the hand of a young prayer buddy, stands at the podium at school mass to read the Prayers of the Faithful, serves as a PreK aide, participates in a lively debate in Mrs. LeBlanc's history class, performs in the Living Stations, or completes a corporal work of mercy, a young leader is being formed.

This year through a program we are calling "Eagles Nests," our students will have yet another opportunity to develop leadership skills while building relationships between grade levels. The student body will be divided into several "nests" – each nest comprising a few students from each of grades K-8. The nests will meet four times each year, during the school day, for activities which may include games, a religious video with discussion, holiday activities, or athletics. The eighth graders in each nest will lead the activities. Students will stay in the same nest throughout their years at ASCS, with new kindergarteners added to existing nests each year and 7th graders stepping into the leadership role when 8th graders graduate. We are excited for the long-term benefits this program will bring to each student and to our school community as a whole.



If the Carpool Line Seems a Little Longer . . .

. . . It might be because **60** new Eagles have joined us this year. More than half come from our own parish, but one new family has travelled to us all the way from Australia! Just a few years after transitioning from the Meadowcreek campus, the PreK is now thriving with interested families continuing to tour. The secret is out – Miss Taylor, Miss Bridget, and Miss Michelle are the best PreK teachers in North Texas!



It is exciting to see so many of our new families getting involved early with HSA, auction, and other volunteer activities. We are so glad you are here!

Prayer Garden Dedication



Join us on **Friday, October 13** at 9AM for a special mass with Bishop Kelly followed by a blessing of our new prayer garden

If Your Kids ❤️ ASCS, Tell Your Friends. . .

. . . and invite them to our Open House on **OCTOBER 25** from 8am-12pm, **November 5** from 12-2pm, and **November 29** from 6:30-8pm. Contact gmoreno@allsaintsprek8.org for more information.



BOOK FAIR
OCT 23- 27

Stop by the Scholastic Book Fair during your Parent-Teacher Conference visit next month! 50% of sales benefit our Library. Because our book fair is always such a huge success, Scholastic makes sure we are well prepared— meaning even more PreK-Adult fiction and non-fiction. Also, be sure to check out your teacher's wish list!

Mark Your Calendars . . .

- Oct. 3** **Setting the Stage for Success**
6-7pm, Join us for an informative evening with Dr. McCorkle, Fr. Alfonse, and the whole leadership team
- Oct. 7** **ASCS Garage Sale**
8am-4pm, benefitting Catholic Charities/ Flood Victims
- Oct. 17** **ASCS Golf Tournament**
Contact gmoreno@allsaintsprek8.org for more information.
- Oct. 27** **Trunk or Treat**
6-8pm, Decorate your car trunk, bring loads of candy, and compete for best costumes and decorations. Dinner available for purchase.
- Nov. 17** **Grandparents/Grandfriends Day**

High School Visits



High school application season is just around the corner, and ASCS students will tour the following campuses.

9/26: Bishop Lynch

10/2: JP II

11/2: Jesuit & Ursuline

Seeing Green!

The 2018 ASCS Auction will soon be here. Mark your calendar for An Evening in OZ on **January 27, 2018** at Venue Forty|50 in Addison.

There are a million ways to help with auction. Please contact our Auction Chair, Gloria Ralston, at gralston73@gmail.com if you can help.



ASCS AUCTION
JANUARY 27, 2018

An Evening in Oz

DAZZLE. DINE. DONATE.