



Dear Middle School Parents:

Newsletter Spring 2008

As the year begins to fly by, please remember that most valuable information that students may miss will be duplicated on the Middle School portion of the academic section of the All Saints web site including any permission slips that slide by.

In the Middle School, we find that the most effective way to communicate is via email. If you prefer to receive notices by any other method, please call me at **(903) 579-6007**. This number bypasses the main switchboard and calls me directly. Please do not leave Middle School messages or items for your middle school student with Meredith Stone in the Lower School. If you feel that we have missed your email address or if your email address has changed, please forward it to cbracken@all-saints.org. Newsletters are prepared monthly and are located on the Middle School portion of the ASES website along with the MS monthly calendar. Go to www.all-saints.org click on Academic Life to the left and click on Middle School.

Spring Social

The Spring Social will be April 4 in the Student Center from 7-10pm. The Dance theme will be "Diamonds are Forever".

Academic Excellence

As most of you are aware, this is the time of year for our students to shine academically in a number of competitions. The center of attention this month is on our **PSIA** meet. District Competition will be held March 28, 2008 at St. Monica's Catholic School in Dallas, TX. The State meet will be Saturday, April 26 at TCU University in Ft. Worth, Texas. Students have practiced weekly in school for the chance to advance toward local, regional, and state recognition in this competition. All of the Middle School students are encouraged to be a member of a team in the PSIA competitions. All students including Alternates at the Middle School level are encouraged to attend the meet in Dallas. It is due to all of the hard work during PSIA competitions that makes us contenders and returning champions in the Upper School TAPPS competitions.

ASES will not take a bus to Dallas for PSIA. Instead, we ask that parents help to coordinate rides to and from competition. Mrs. Bracken will be working the first part of PSIA week (March 24th) to assist with last minute transportation coordination. Thank you, thank you to all parents who have volunteered with Kimberly Reed to work at the competition. Your assistance is vital to the meet's success.

Our Theater Department will perform it's One Act play selection for PSIA competition at the Jean Browne Theater at TJC college in Tyler, Texas. The ASES MS performance is scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at 4:15, and it is an open performance. This is a running clock event with performances back to back. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 8:15pm.

Congratulations to Billy Swartworth for advancing to STATE in the Geography Bee. Way to go, Billy! Good Luck at State!

Congratulations to Grayson Harbour, Katrina Kastmo, and Jack McLeod for taking 2nd places and Fraser Bronston, Kevin Nourse, and Josh Sigal team for taking third place at the District History Day competition in Commerce, TX. Good Luck at the State Competition!

Congratulations to this year's 8th grade Science Fair winners!! Ben Kersh, Kaitlyn Huskey, and Ella Lowry will advance to the 2008 Exxon Mobile Texas Science and Engineering Fair April 10, 11, and 12. This event will be in San Antonio, Texas. Good Luck Students!

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated birthdays in **March**:

Rilee Miller, Kendall Phillips, Sophie Owen, Zach Robinson, Fraser Bronston, William Holt, Kevin Nourse, Reed Pool, Maxi Anderson, Cloyee Johnson, Caroline Brookshire, Christopher and Nicholas Beall, Taylor Carroll, Mackenzie Nash, Megan Leihgeber, Kenisha Harris, and Mrs. Bracken.

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate **April** birthdays:

Ruben DeLong, Zach Smith, Grady Smith, Bryant Lowry, Patrick Chou, and Trevor Long.

Dates to look forward to in March and April 2008

March

- 6 Cheerleading Tryouts
- 10-14 Spring Break
- 21 Good Friday No School
- 24 District National History Day at Texas A&M Commerce in Commerce, Texas;
Baseball 6:00 @ TKG
- 25 All School Chapel at 10:00 **CHAPEL UNIFORMS**
Track @ TKG 3:00; Baseball @ ETCA 4:00
- 28 District PSIA competition in Dallas; Baseball VS ETCA 6:00
- 29 PSIA One Act performance Caldwell Auditorium 4:15 performance(9:50-10:40
practice at Caldwell, 8:15 awards ceremony); Baseball @ Grace 1:00

April

- 1 TKG Track meet make-up
- 2 Cheerleader meeting 3:15-4:15 in Davis Gym
- 3 **8:00 7th grade PIC**; Tennis @ Van 3:30
- 4 Improv Club 3-4:30; Middle School Spring Social 7-10pm Student Center
- 5 Baseball VS TKG TBA; Tennis Wills Point Tournament
- 7 Three Weeks Progress Reports to EDLINE
- 8 Track Tyler Area Private School Meet @ Brookhill; Tennis @ Bullard 3:30
- 9 Teacher Appreciation Lunch today
- 10 **8:00 8th Grade PIC**
- 11-12 2008 Exxon Mobile Texas Science and Engineering Fair
- 12 All Saints Tennis Tournament TBA
- 14-18 Fine Arts Week; Cookout on Friday the 18th
- 21-25 ISAS Visit
- 23 All School Early release at 12:00 for ISAS reporting
- 25 8:15 All PA meeting in RH Library
- 26 PSIA State Meet TCU in Ft. Worth
- 28-2 SAT Testing (Stanford Achievement 7th & ACT Explore 8th)=PA SNACKS
- 3 State Texas History Day

Sincerely,

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