



# FAME

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Dear All Saints Episcopal School Families,

Behind every great program at every great school, there is a parent-led organization working quietly behind the scenes to support the staff and the students. Two years ago, several dedicated parents founded a Fine Arts booster club and took on the name FAME (Fine Arts Matters in Education). Over the past years, FAME has developed a solid foundation on which we continue to grow. Our purpose is to support the Fine Arts Department with our time, our talents, and our financial gifts. Our FAME board includes representatives from each division of Fine Arts and for all ages of students. FAME is not just our name; its meaning is at the core of all that we do.

Through fundraising, FAME has provided scholarships to our students for competition and letter jackets to our students who achieve excellence. Funds have provided numerous enrichment offerings to all ages, performance opportunities on campus, receptions for Lower School performances, A spring picnic featuring great food and performances, recognition for competitions and awards, a week-long celebration of the Fine Arts, an art gallery displaying the work of students 4K-12, equipment and supplies requested by our faculty, and the list just keeps on growing! None of this would be possible without the generosity of our families. Our primary income comes directly from memberships and T-shirt sales. Various levels of membership are available to fit any family and offer valuable benefits. All levels of membership offer you the advantage of **early ticket sales for Fine Arts performances!!** You won't want to miss out on this opportunity. T-shirts may be worn on Fine Arts Fridays or on spirit days as specified by each division. In addition to T-shirts, we will offer personalized window decals specific to Fine Arts students of all ages. All forms are attached and will be available at the Back-to-School Fair.

FAME is so pleased to welcome back our fantastic Fine Arts faculty! We are so proud to salute our Director of Fine Arts, Jennifer Furr, for being chosen as the TAPPS Fine Arts Teacher of the Year. This honor is well-deserved and our students are so fortunate to benefit from her expertise. We are also excited to welcome some new faces to our faculty. Will Ross will be taking over as our new Band director. Will comes to us from Carlisle High School and is a percussionist. He is also recently wed to our own Kimberlee Martin-Ross! Congratulations! We would also like to welcome our new Lower School music teacher, Johnny Ray. Mr. Ray comes to us from Dixie Elementary and has 29 years of experience. In addition to his vocal talents, he also plays multiple instruments. Please help me in wishing our new faculty a warm welcome!

On a personal note, I have seen first-hand the positive influence of Fine Arts on our students. For some, it is the outlet they need away from challenging academics. For some, it proves to be the avenue they will follow in college. Either way, the skills learned will be applicable to all areas of their life. The positive impact of the Fine Arts touches each and every one of our students. In a world where many Fine Arts programs are often eliminated, **All Saints is so blessed to have a program that is not only surviving, but thriving!** It is my great privilege to serve the staff, the students, and the parents for FAME this year. Please join me in supporting the Fine Arts!

## FAME checklist for Back-to-School Fair

- T-shirts
- Memberships
- Window decals
- Drawstring Backpacks

*We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special light. Mary Dunbar*

# Your FAME \$Dollars at work



Through the generosity of our families, FAME has provided:

- Letter jackets for Upper School students
- Supplies requested by Fine Arts faculty
- **Scholarships** for Fine Arts students for uniforms or competitions
- Meals, concessions, and ticket sales for “Guys and Dolls”
- **Fine Arts Banquet** for Upper School Students
- Middle School Fine Arts Awards
- **Mobile storage cabinets for Theater props and supplies**
- Donation to the “Fund- a- Bus”
- Video coverage/DVD sales for campus events
- Spring Picnic Celebration with multiple performances
- Art Gallery featuring the work of artists ages 4K-12
- **Fine Arts Week**
- **New Performance risers used by all grade levels**
- **Digital projector for Upper School Art department**
- **“Soul Street Dancers” performance**
- Potter’s Wheel Ministries
- **“Frankenmatt”** improvisation performance & workshops
- Performance opportunities on campus, Lalapalooza, & Coffee House
- “Tape It” Duct tape competition

Thank you for supporting the Fine Arts!



Upcoming events:

- All Saints Talent Show-keep watch for more information this fall
- Chamber Theater Productions performance
- Trip to see the “Biscuit Brothers” performance
- Continued support for students in competition
- Performance opportunities
- Increased enrichment opportunities

And so much more!! We need your help to make it happen!

