

# EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Pre-Kindergarten

### Our Mission

ALL SAINTS IS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF
HIGH MORAL EXPECTATIONS AND ACADEMIC RIGOR.

WE OFFER A QUALITY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EDUCATION IN A STRUCTURED,

HOLISTIC, DISCIPLINED, AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

### All Saints Catholic School

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# Academic Philosophy

**Il Saints** 

Catholic School
"Gem of the Northside"

All Saints' integrated curriculum is based on National Standards of Learning and delivered with research-based teaching methods and differentiated instruction for every aptitude. The rigorous and relevant curriculum is designed to promote critical and higher-order thinking skills, 21st century skills application, and inquiry-based and project-based learning. All Saints' family environment allows students to improve their strengths and weaknesses so that they may realize their potential academically, socially and spiritually. Since 2006, 100% of All Saints Catholic School students have graduated from high school, and since 2010, 95% of these graduates went on to higher education. All Saints has graduated four valedictorians, including a Bill Gates Scholar.

## Eligibility for Pre-Kindergarten

Students must be four years old by September 30 of the school year in consideration to be eligible for Pre-K.

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### **Curriculum Offerings**

- · Happily Ever After Reading Series
  - ~ Emphasizes listening, rhyme recitation, following directions and tracking left to right
  - ~ Builds vocabulary and story comprehension
  - ~ Explores sentence components
- Books in a Bag program sends books home to help encourage a love for reading and reinforce literacy skills
- AL'S PALS social skills program focuses on developing resilience and brainstorming solutions
- Weekly emphasis on letter, shape, color and numbers via hands-on activities, phonics and manipulatives
- Fine motor skills taught through artistic cutting, clay molding, block building and developing a proper writing grip
- · Music and dramatization integrated regularly
- School-wide Peace Makers program instills gospel values and teaches our children to respect themselves, fellow students and teachers
- Religion is taught daily with prayers, Bible stories and Biblical poems. Pre-K students attend Mass weekly with their middle school Mass buddies.
- Weekly special programs include Spanish, Technology, Music, P.E., Art, and Library taught by teachers who specialize in these areas.
- A variety of field trips are taken such as visits to the pumpkin patch, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens and the Swift Creek Mill Theatre.
- · Community Service Projects
- · Structured After-School Program

### **Classroom Features**

- · Average class size is 18-20 students
- An aide, Ms. Angela Fields, assists in the classroom daily.
   Ms. Fields has over 20 years of experience working with children, including 10 years as the pre-K and Kindergarten intsructional assistant at Luther Memorial.
- Large spacious room with a variety of play and learning centers
- A boys and girls bathroom located inside the classroom
- · Daily recess and 45 minutes of nap/rest time daily

### **Teacher**

Our Pre-K program is led by Mrs. Catherine Hoang who has been with the school for 28 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and a Second Endorsement in Early Childhood Education. She is one of our most beloved teachers, and students come back to visit her years later. Mrs. Hoang regularly communicates with parents about their child's accomplishments and challenges, and about opportunities for parental involvement with a classroom website and weekly parent newsletter.

### A Typical Day in Pre-Kindergarten

8:00am - Morning work and preparing for our day

8:20am – Circle Time: Prayer, Song, Calendar, Story

8:50am - Exercise in Gym

9:00am - Differentiated Instructional Time

10:00am - Snack

10:15am - Circle Time

10:30am - Play Centers

11:30am - Recess

12:00pm - Circle Time and Prepare for Lunch

12:15pm – Lunch

12:45pm - Draw or Play

1:05pm – Music (or other Special)

1:35pm - Nap

2:35pm - Story/ Show and Tell

2:55pm - Prepare for Dismissal

3:00pm - Dismissal



"Teaching children about God and His universe is a rewarding experience – a privilege and an honor that is beyond words." —Mrs. Hoang