



Celebrating 100 Days of Learning!

The Eagle Express

January, 2010

Special Events

- **Friday, Feb. 12—Donuts for Dad—7 a.m.**
- **Friday, Feb. 12—Valentine Day parties**
- **Monday, Feb. 15—President's Day—No School**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday**
- **Thursday, Feb. 18—Chinese New Year**
- **Friday, Mar. 5—Read Across America**
- **Mar 15-19—Spring Break**
- **Mar. 22-26—Iowa Test of Basic Skills**

REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held in the following manner:

Priority Registration—Level I: School Board Members and Current Employees—

February 16,

first come, first serve basis

Priority Registration—Level 2: Families at St. Alban's for at least 3 consecutive years and their un-enrolled toddler and 2 yrs old siblings—

February 17-19,

first come, first serve basis

Priority Registration—Level 3: All other return-

ing students and their un-enrolled toddler and 2 yr old siblings—

February 22-23,

first come, first serve basis

Priority Registration—Level 4: Other Un-enrolled siblings—

February 24-March 2,

first come, first serve basis

REGISTRATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Open Registration will begin on **Wednesday, March 3 at 7 a.m.** and all families will be served on a first come, first served basis.

After March 3, registration hours will be from 7:30 am—4 pm in the school office. All applications will be accepted in the order received. Families who register after their registration date will forfeit their priority status.

Please bring the registration fee and all required forms to registration.

In accordance with our admission policy, we will not process the re-application of student/s having a past due balance on the current year's account. This includes the February 2010 payment.

**Tuition incentive program has been discontinued for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mark The Date

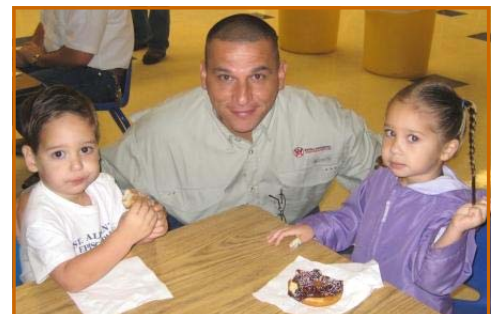
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April 24, 2010

Harlingen Arts and Heritage Museum

Mm-m-m Good—February 12

Set your clocks, mark your calendars!!!! **Donuts for Dads** will be **February 12 at 7 a.m.** in the St. Alban's cafeteria. Students and Dads always look forward to this special occasion.



Boxtops for Education

Through the efforts of Garianne Fuentes, St. Alban's library has received **\$1,880.37** from the Boxtops for Education program. This amount reflects submissions through 10/31/09.

Each month, Mrs. Fuentes counts all boxtops submitted from the different grades, and a winning classroom is announced and given a party. This month the winners are:

Preschool: Ms. Kim's 4 yr. old class

Grades: Mrs. Newman's Kinder class.

Each classroom will be celebrating their winning effort with a party.

In addition to the regular collection for February, Mrs. Fuentes has announced a new contest. This contest enlists the participation of friends and families that live far away. Please refer to the rules that are posted on opening page of the St. Alban's website:

<http://www.MindsSharpenedDaily.com>

The objective of the contest is to show our students that boxtops can be gathered from locations

throughout the world. A map, located in the front entrance of the school, will be marked to show students locations from which envelopes were mailed to Mrs. Fuentes.



Preschool Winners!!!



Kinder/Grades Winners!!!

CHESS CLUB COMPETES

Erick Velarde and **William Herring** won St. Alban's first individual chess awards for regionals. The Primary team placed 14th out of 44 teams.

Victor Bailey is the head coach of our new chess program. The Chess Club meets each Wednesday afternoon from 3:15-5:15. The players are divided by divisions: Primary is

grades 1-3 and Elementary is grades 4-6.

All members competing in chess tournaments are expected to become members of the United States Chess Federation.



Tommy Funk, School Board Vice President



In the nine years that Mr. Tommy Funk has been associated with St. Alban's Church, he has been an active congregant. Two years ago he agreed to serve on the Board of St. Alban's school.

By becoming a board member, Mr. Funk hopes to draw upon his business experience to assist in making responsible financial decisions when operating a private school.

Mr. Funk recommends St. Alban's to prospective parents that are wanting a loving and

nurturing atmosphere that provides an excellent education embracing the mind and the spirit of a child. When asked what he felt the most important attribute of St. Alban's to be, Mr. Funk replied, "A Christ centered education."

"St. Alban's Episcopal Day School's mission is to educate the whole child and make sure that each child succeeds in obtaining a well-rounded Christian education."

We are grateful for Mr. Funk's service.

Bluebonnet Award Vote

Each year the Texas State Librarian Association publishes a list of books that are be in contention to be honored as the "Bluebonnet Book of the Year".

Only students in grades 3-6 that have read at least 5 books from the list are eligible to vote for their favorite book.

This year, 11 3rd grade students, 9 4th grade students, 8 5th grade stu-

dents and 3 6th grade students from St. Alban's were eligible to vote. The election was held in the cafeteria so that students were able to enjoy refreshments as soon as they cast their votes. Each student was also given a Bluebonnet certificate and a treat bag for their outstanding reading achievement.

All of these students will be anxious for the announcement of the Texas state winner!



The Gods and Goddesses of St. Alban's

The 6th grade class of Steve Vano traditionally studies the history of the Roman Empire. In their research, students are assigned a particular God or Goddess to write a report on. Once the report has been submitted, it is then time for the students to portray their character.



Each student dresses in a costume that represents their character and travels from classroom to classroom sharing with students in grades 1-5 what they learned about their God or Goddess.

Get Ready!!!!



Chinese New Year



Thursday, February 18!!!



Erica Rodriguez

Employee of the Month

January, 2010



St. Alban's Extended Care Program

CELEBRATING ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear Day School Parents:

Wednesday, February 17th, we will observe Ash Wednesday at St. Alban's, the Church's entry into the season of Lent. We will have chapel for all classes that morning at 8:30, rather than on Thursday.

Our Chapel worship will be as usual on Ash Wednesday – with one important exception. In the Episcopal Church, as in some other churches, ashes are placed on the foreheads of those who desire it as “a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by (God's) gracious gift that we are given everlasting life.” (Prayer Book, p. 265).

After some explanation, the children who wish to be marked with the ashes will be invited forward. The Episcopal Church does not require that anyone do this, and the children are free to choose not to. If you do not wish your child to receive the ashes, please tell him or her not to come forward and inform their teachers of your request.

As always you are welcome to join us for chapel that morning. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 428-2305. Thank you!

Faithfully yours,
Father Scott Brown
Rector

P.S. St. Alban's Church will also have **Ash Wednesday worship services at 7:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** These services will include Holy Communion. The first two will last about 45 minutes, while the evening service will last about an hour. The nursery will be open in the evening. **You are welcome to worship at any of these services.**

