

Grandparents' Day at St. Alban's



One of the most cherished traditions at St. Alban's is Grandparents' Day. We celebrate this day with combined chapel which gives the students an opportunity to share with their grandparents the songs we sing and the prayers that we say. After chapel grandparents are invited to visit the classrooms of their grandchildren for a reception that is hosted by the teacher. During this visit, students are pleased to share gifts they have made to honor their grandparents.



3rd Grade students drew pictures of their grandparent and wrote a paragraph, "When I am a Grandparent"



Combined Chapel is always lively!



5th Grade Song Leaders



Helping Hands!

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Annual Fund Update

THE ANNUAL FUND DONATION TOTAL IS UP TO \$31,995!
This is 40% of our \$80,000

School Song
They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with wings like eagles
They shall run and not be weary
They shall walk and not faint
Teach me Lord, teach me Lord, to wait

Planning for Christmas Traditions at St. Alban's

Plans are currently being made for carrying out Christmas traditions at St. Alban's. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes will be assisting the Salvation Army in providing Christmas gifts for children in our community. Traditionally the 4th grade students also purchase bears for the children at Maggie's House. The 3rd grade students will be providing gifts for the children of Maggie's House and Monica's House. The students purchase their gifts and wrap them. All gifts will be given out before students leave for Christmas vacation on Friday, December 18. By carrying out our traditions, the students practice the old adage, "Tis better to give than to receive."

There will be a Christmas Praise Chapel on Thursday, Decem-

ber 17 at 8:00 a.m. There will be a performance by students in pre-school through 3rd grade. Each class, beginning with the 2 year olds, will represent one of the "Twelve Days of Christmas". This celebration will be joyous!

At 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, the Annual Christmas Pageant will be held. Students in both 5th and 6th grade will re-enact the story of the birth of Christ. The 4th grade students will be providing choral selections of traditional Christmas carols.

Friday, December 18, many of the classes will enjoy Christmas celebrations within their classrooms. Afterwards, there will be Early Release at 11:30 a.m.



The Little Creed

I believe in God above, I believe in Jesus' love. I believe His Spirit too, comes to teach me what to do. I believe that I can be, true and loving, Lord like thee.

Four Year Old Feast



What a delightful tradition! Our 4 year old classes dress up as though they are the guests at the first Thanksgiving feast. The tables are decorated and the students gobble up the bountiful array of food.



Hey, this is a great idea!

I would like to propose a toast to the chef!



4th Grade Enjoys Field Trip to Kids, Kows and More

Kids & Kows & More is a fun, entertaining, and educational experience which is geared toward 4th grade students and their teachers. There are a variety of exhibits where students learn about the importance of milk in our diet and how to make cheese. They are also exposed to methods of preserving the land and the quality of our water supply. One interesting exhibit also teaches about the importance of



bees and why their pollination is important. Another favorite exhibit is learning about the impact that horses have always had in the farming and ranching community.

Transportation to Weslaco was provided by our teachers and parents. Our students always conduct themselves in a positive manner and we are proud to arrange field trips for them as an extension of the classroom.

Kindergarten Classes Perform for Parents and Friends



Students in each of the kindergarten classes presented a Thanksgiving play recently for their families and friends. Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Keath, and Ms. Pena taught the students songs, their lines, and created costumes for their roles as pilgrims and Indians. The students performed beautifully and there could not have been a more appreciative audience!



Plans for PSIA

Private Schools Interscholastic Association (PSIA) will be held this year at Saint Paul Lutheran School in McAllen, Texas on March 27th, 2009. PSIA serves to support our school in the development of a strong extracurricular academic program that accommodates the needs of our school population and

inspires students to achieve their highest academic goals. It continues to be the most comprehensive academic extracurricular program in the nation for students in grades one through eight. **Try-outs will be held shortly upon returning from the Thanksgiving holidays.** The contests in which students will be

eligible to try-out for (depending on their grade level) include: Creative writing, Storytelling, Spelling, Ready Writing, Mathematics, Number Sense, Prose Interpretation, and Maps Charts & Graphs. Be prepared...this is an all day event!

Sheila M. Magoon, M.D.

Thank you for attending our Book Fair. The Library will benefit from your support.



Sheila Magoon is currently serving as a Trustee on the St. Alban's School Board. Dr. Magoon is especially interested in promoting the Mission of St. Alban's. If asked by a prospective parent about sending a child to St. Alban's, Dr. Magoon would encourage them to look at St. Alban's excellent history of academic excellence in a caring and supportive environment. Certainly, one of the most important attributes of St. Alban's is the excellent foundation that students find in Ready Writing and Math. "A student benefits from attending St. Alban's by receiving an education in a caring, Christian environment."

The students and staff, of St. Alban's have benefited from Dr. Magoon's guidance and medical advice concerning the physical well being of those that work in our school. Dr. Magoon has been very supportive in our efforts to protect the health and welfare of our students.

Thank you, Dr. Magoon. We are grateful for your dedication and guidance.

Veteran's Day Reception



On November 11, veterans were invited to join St. Alban's students for a chapel service dedicated to their service. Each veteran was invited to stand and be recognized. Flags waved and voices sang patriotic songs. After the chapel service, the veterans were honored with a reception.

