



October 2019

Head of School's Hot Topics

FALL IS HERE!

Or at least that's what the calendar says, but it sure doesn't feel like it. We are still gearing up however for our fall fun with family activities and fall themes.

Upcoming Dates:

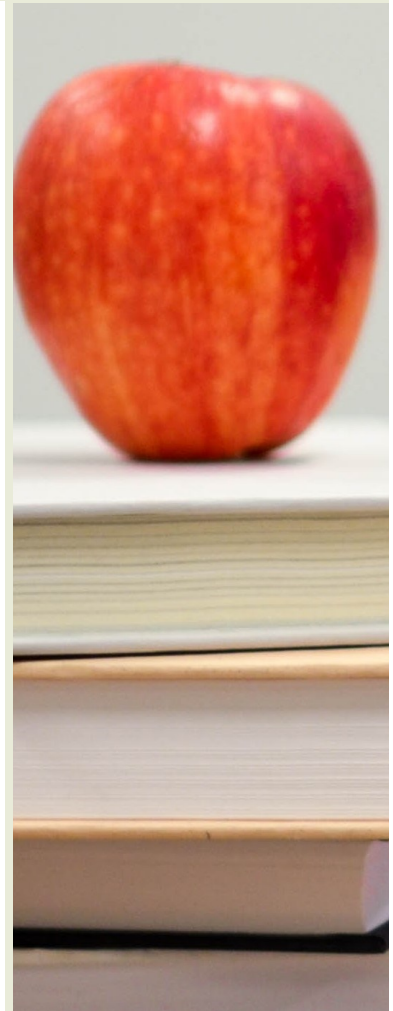
- Oct. 7 Fire Truck visit, 9:00 AM
- Oct. 14 Parent Conferences—School Closed
- Oct. 23 Contigo Family Happy Hour, 5:00-7:00 PM
- Oct. 27 PTF sponsored Photography Fundraiser
- Oct. 30 Parent Ed. Infant/Toddler Ages & Stages , 5:30-7 PM
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade, Chapel and class parties

One of our traditions at St. George's is to have the children come dressed in their Halloween costume and parade over to chapel as you, the parents line up along the sidewalk and cheer them on. Then join us for our traditional Halloween story before heading to the classroom party.

NEW GOOGLE CALENDAR

We now have a Google Calendar on our website:

<https://stgeorges-austin.com/our-school/school-calendar-2019-2020>



Head Of School's
Educational Corner

This month's topic:

Acting Early: Navigating Concerns about your Child's Development : A Roadmap for Families

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PTF
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WHEN: Oct. 27

WHERE: Butterfly Garden in Mueller

WHY: Raise money for our toddler playground. 25% of proceeds are given back to the school. Last year we raised 3,800 by scheduling 2 events, one in the fall and one in the spring

HOW: Sign-up for a slot (only 9 left) and/or watch for the volunteer sign-up and help that way too

Coming Soon!!!

A Donor Wall

Even though your young child might only be with us for 1-4 years, these are the most precious and formative years of their lives. And your generosity during our largest fundraising event, A Knight for St. George's should not go unnoticed. After all, you ARE leaving a legacy for many other young children and families.

This year's PTF co-chairs thought it would be nice to establish a more permanent site to recognize these individuals for their contributions.

We will be hanging a bulletin board case in the breezeway and include our past donors and prepare for our future donors.

We thank you for this additional financial support and our goal to provide high quality care for each and every child.

WHY PTF?

This morning we had a wonderful meeting and explored new ways to make PTF matter to each parent.

- First, why do we have PTF? This is a committee that every parent automatically belongs to. Our goal is to involve everyone in our school community, to hear your ideas, and listen to how we can meet everyone's needs. **Everyone is welcome.**
- Here are some ideas that we discussed to bring in more parent participation (moms and dads).
 - Let's make PTF more of a support group by taking time to share some of our parenting struggles, trials, or celebrations. Whether it's to commiserate with others or hear suggestions and advice on new things to try, **we are all in this together.**
 - Send out the agenda and include topics relevant to parenting, i.e. "stress-free mornings".
 - Begin meetings at 8:40, using the first ten meetings to gather, chat, and make a cup of coffee.
 - Our meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month.

Our next meeting is Nov. 6. Please join us and come with your ideas!!



Is hosting our Family Happy Hour and giving 10% back to the school. Thank You Contigo for being our neighborhood happy place.

Watch for the opportunity to RSVP. PTF chairs will send it out soon!

Come thirsty and join us for a good time, Oct. 23, 5:00-7:00



OOPS! An unpleasant experience for sure. Please be mindful of the cars parked alongside Crestwood. One of our neighbors visited today after being hit 4 times in the past 2 years. Your full attention is needed, especially for those backing out of the driveway next to our office.

Camp Allen

Next summer may seem far away, but it's not too early to start planning! Registration for summer camp 2020 at Camp Allen is now open. One-week sessions are available all summer long for rising 3rd-graders through rising high school seniors. Camp Allen's summer camp is one of the largest summer camp programs in the Episcopal Church. Each summer, over 1900 campers from across Texas come to refocus, relax, and have a blast – and your child can be one of them!

If you have a primary camper (rising 3rd- and 4th-graders), they'll have the opportunity to attend the session that Father Kevin is directing! He will be the director for Session P, July 19-25. Spots can fill quickly, so if you'd like to have your child attend that week, be sure to register soon. **[Register here!](#)**

SPIRIT DAY!

Friday is Spirit Day!! All staff and children are encouraged to wear a St. George's T-shirt. Shirts can be purchased **[here](#)**. The school receives a percentage of all products purchased from the

PARENT RESOURCES

Just an FYI, the school has many parent resource books, magazines, flyers, brochures, and videos. If looking for a specific topic, let me know and we can loan you the information.

iPhone Donations

With the new iPhone coming out, it's a good time to remind parents that we accept old iPhones.

We use them for our class cameras. We will accept iPhone 6 and newer.

Thank you!!

ACTING EARLY: NAVIGATING CONCERNS ABOUT
YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT:
A ROADMAP FOR FAMILIES
CHILDREN'S LEARNING INSTITUTE

This past week, Brandy and I spent 3 days at the Annual TXAEYC Conference. While there, not only did I have the pleasure of presenting, but I also attended many sessions. One of the presentations was through the Children's Learning Institute and it reminded me of the valuable resources and tools that are out there for not only our teachers, but also our parents.

With parent conferences just around the corner, I found this [article](#) to be timely and wise.

At St. George's, our teachers use a variety of methods to collect data on your children's growth and development. Through observations, anecdotes, work samplings, and development checklists the teachers do their best to represent your child and to listen to your viewpoints or concerns.

We are one of your child's first advocates, along side you, the parents. And we value the opportunity to report on what we observe to support your child's future growth, development, and learning.

Enjoy your parent conferences, and know my door is always open if you have concerns that you want to explore or just need an ear.

Blessings