



# Leading, Nurturing, Unifying Episcopal Schools

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## Sending You a Rainbow

The events described below pertain to a student enrolled in *All Saint's Episcopal School* in Beaumont, Texas, and took place prior to Hurricane Rita's destructive swath through Beaumont and the surround area. We share this with you because we all benefit from reminders that there are indeed rainbows in the midst of the darkest storms, and that our chapel services and religion classes **DO** make a difference in the lives of students in Episcopal schools.

*Connie Wootton*



*A six year old student at All Saints, Beaumont, kept telling her mother that they needed to take rainbow pictures she had drawn and colored to the families displaced by Hurricane Katrina that were being housed temporarily at Ford Park. The mother could not figure out why her daughter was determined to take rainbows to the evacuees. She tried to convince the child that they needed to take*

*food or clothes or other necessities, but her daughter was adamant about taking the rainbows.*

*When the mother asked her daughter's teacher if she knew why the little girl was so obsessed with taking rainbow pictures to the families at Ford Park, the teacher was obviously moved by the questions. She told her student's mother that a recent chapel lesson had been about Noah and the flood. The children had been taught that God had put the rainbow in the sky following the flood as confirmation of His promise not to destroy His creation by eater again. So, the All Saints first grader spent an entire weekend drawing and coloring rainbows to convey a special kind of hope to the displaced families. And, yes, her mother made sure that the child had the opportunity to deliver her rainbows in person!*

*"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow."*

*~ Dr. May Angelou*

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## Join SAES in Welcoming New Heads and Directors

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## Cell Phones Cannot Be Used by School Bus Drivers

(Written and submitted by Bill Rollings, SOS)

Charley Kennington of the Texas Department of Public Safety advises that a new law - SB 1257 – outlaws the use of wireless devices for school bus drivers. Charley quotes from the law: "A person may not use a wireless communication device while operating a passenger bus with a minor passenger on the bus except in case of emergency or if the passenger bus is not in motion." Charley continues, "I requested a response from the DPS legal department and I was advised that this law does apply to a school bus driver. A wireless communications device could include a cell phone, blackberry, or mobile radio. I have only listed a few examples. You may need to request more details from the attorney that represents your school for more information.

## CONGRATULATIONS

*St. Luke's Episcopal School  
San Antonio, Texas*



**Winners of the  
2005 Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence Award**

*See complete details in our  
December Newsletter!!*

# *Sharing The News*

## *Hurricane Relief Efforts*

### **St. Cyprian's Episcopal School Lufkin, TX**

St. Cyprian's Episcopal School in Lufkin was fortunate to come through Hurricane Rita basically unscathed. While we were unable to house evacuees due to the threat of flooding, we did serve as the shower facility for the 300 evacuees of a near by shelter. St. Cyprian's families and staff along with volunteers from Carpenter's Way Baptist set up a shuttle system to transport shelter residents between the church and our school so they could enjoy a hot shower in our facilities. This was a welcome relief to many who had been confined in close quarters for several days before the arrival of Hurricane Rita.



We were also able to welcome several students displaced by Hurricane Rita on a temporary basis without tuition. Two 5th grade students, Emily Trahan and Tuck Brimbury, came to us from the Beaumont area. We also welcomed PreK 3 student, Jake Kahla from Trinity Episcopal in Jasper. We were grateful to be able to provide a safe and caring educational environment for these students while they were unable to return to their homes and schools.

### **Trinity Episcopal School Austin, TX**



The kids of Trinity Episcopal School in Austin, TX, designed greeting cards with the proceeds going toward the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.



## *Heroes come in all sizes...*

### ***SAES Hurricane Relief Fund Raises \$11,500.00***

So far the money raised from the SAES Hurricane Relief Fund has helped 12 schools affected by both Hurricane Katrina and Rita. SAES hopes to be able to help other schools as donations continue to come in!!

***The 2005-2006 Annual Fund  
will be allocated to the  
SAES Hurricane Relief Fund***

### **Calvary Episcopal School Richmond, Texas**

Calvary Episcopal School continues to support our neighboring Episcopal families and schools in Louisiana that sustained damage from Hurricane Katrina. Calvary is hosting several temporarily transferred students and families in our school and church. The school has collected clothing, toiletries, food, and house wares to help those who have been displaced.

As additional financial relief to our sister SAES schools, the students made pledges for donating an amount of money per lap they ran in P.E. Calvary raised over \$4,200 in one day for affected SAES schools.

The picture shows Malcolm Smith, Director of Calvary Episcopal School, handing the check to Fran Barrack, Director of Accreditation and School Improvement for the Southwestern Association of Episcopal schools.



# ***Sharing The News***

## ***Hurricane Relief Efforts***

### **St. Luke's Episcopal Day School Baton Rouge, LA**

*PLEASE NOTE:* The following is an excerpt from a letter from Amy Whitley, Head of School, at St. Luke's Episcopal School, Baton Rouge, to Connie Wootton in the SAES office. Although many SAES schools have valiantly served countless students and families in the wakes of both Hurricane Katrina and Rita, we share this with you as just one account of the tragedy and triumph associated with life in schools impacted by these incredible storms.

“What a humbling experience to see how much of our lives have changed following Hurricane Katrina. We have been given the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by opening up our school to 130 students and their families; many who have lost their homes, jobs, and schools.



On August 22 we proudly opened the new gymnasium in our middle school building. This building was built with limited funds and a huge leap of faith so that we could expand our school to sixth grade this year. On August 31, Woman's Hospital (our next door neighbor) moved into the gym with ninety of the hospital's employee's children from 6 weeks to 17 years old. Over 200 women and infants were cared for by the hospital in the few short days following the storm. Women with premature infants and those in labor were airlifted to the hospital from New Orleans. The flight pattern took them over St. Luke's in large military transport helicopters in what sounded like what I would expect a war zone to be. Our church housed the families of tiny newborns too small to leave the hospital, and many high risk pregnant women who needed a place close to the hospital to await their delivery. These moms and dads, siblings and newborns are now part of our family. We knew our new building would serve many uses beyond physical education, but God had a better plan!

I have seen the ultimate value of a wonderful faculty and staff. They are a group of people who have put children first, in spite of all that has happened in their personal lives. They continue to endure the stress of multiple families (evacuees) living in their homes. This includes several generations of families, and their pets! Many on my staff are natives of New Orleans and other areas of the Gulf Coast that were ravaged by the hurricane. I believe many of us are beginning to show signs of what is being described as “compassion fatigue”. But fortunately we “take turns” with fatigue, and there is always someone who is upbeat and reminds us of the value of the service we are providing. The families who have stood by us to provide comfort food in our teachers' lounge, home baked cookies for our visiting families and help answering the always ringing phone keeps us focused on the reason we are here. This is a loving place and we are surrounded by God's grace.

And the support of our Association has never been more appreciated. Like a member of our family, SAES is there for us. The contact from friends who are thinking about us, offering to come and stand by us, and most importantly, including us in their prayers is invaluable. It has been a difficult month, but one that fills me with incredible gratitude for all that I have been given, and for the trust that He has placed in us to serve others.

Thank you again Connie. I'm proud to be a member of an organization that cares so much about others. A church marquee in our neighborhood reads, “Patience, is learning to trust in God's timing.” We are learning to be patient, and we know that we are a better school, and better people because of this experience.”



**SAES Annual Fund Report**  
**2004-2005**

(July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005)

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All Saints Episcopal School Austin, TX	Diocese of Oklahoma	St. David's Episcopal Preschool Austin, TX
All Saints Episcopal School Beaumont, TX	Episcopal Day School Brownsville, TX	St David's Episcopal School San Antonio, TX
All Saints Episcopal School Lubbock, TX	Episcopal School of Dallas Dallas, TX	St. Francis Episcopal Day School Houston, TX
Ascension Episcopal School Houston, TX	Good Shepherd Episcopal School Austin, TX	St. James Episcopal School Del Rio, TX
Paulette Berry, Spring, TX	Good Shepherd Episcopal School Kingwood, TX	St. James Day School Texarkana, TX
Beth Hawkins, Boerne, TX	Grace Episcopal School Monroe, LA	St. John's Episcopal School McAllen, TX
Kathy Bonds, Euless, TX	Helen Spencer, College Station, TX	St. Luke's Episcopal School Baton Rouge, LA
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Casady School Oklahoma City, OK	Leo and Janet Dressel Wilmington, Delaware	St. Philip's Episcopal School Uvalde, TX
Christ Episcopal School, Covington, LA	Dr. Chris Proctor, Monroe, LA	St. Stephen's Episcopal School Austin, TX
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Emmanuel Episcopal Day School Houston, TX	St. Andrew's Episcopal School Houston, TX	
Epiphany Episcopal School Kingsville, TX		

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*SAES 2005  
Annual Conference  
November 10-12, 2005  
The Westin Galleria, Houston, TX*

*A Special THANK YOU*

*SAES would like to thank the following Underwriters for their sponsorship of the Distinguished Speakers Series for the 2005 Annual Conference.*



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Kingwood, TX

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Houston, TX

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Austin, TX

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**Best Buy Unveils te@ch Emergency Response Program for K-12 Schools That Enroll Students Displaced**

**By Hurricanes**

As part of its commitment to bringing technology and education together to make learning fun for children and K-12 classrooms, Best Buy (<http://www.bestbuy.com/>) is offering te@ch Emergency Response awards to help schools that have opened their doors to students displaced by recent hurricanes in the United States.

The te@ch Emergency Response program will provide up to \$3 million in Best Buy gift cards to help K-12 schools with enrolled students displaced by the hurricanes. Gift cards will be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000 per school, redeemable at any U.S. Best Buy store, to help improve the classroom experience this year for all students.

Any K-12 school (public, charter, private, or parochial) that has enrolled students displaced by recent hurricanes for the 2005-06 school year is eligible for a gift card. Principals and teachers at these schools are invited to apply for the grants.

Online applications are available October 1, 2005, at the Best Buy web site. Applications will be accepted through November 4, 2005, with gift cards awarded to schools by November 21, 2005.

**XTO Energy Makes \$3 Million Gift to All Saints' Episcopal, Ft. Worth, TX**

All Saint's Episcopal in Fort Worth, TX is currently in the midst of a \$21.6 million capital campaign designed to unite their two campuses into one permanent location. The campaign was launched in 2003 and they have successfully raised over \$20 million in less than two years. The \$3 million gift to the campaign from XTO Energy has allowed All Saints' to move closer to their campaign goal.

All Saints' has had a special place in the Fort Worth education community for over 50 years and their movement to one location will strengthen the opportunities for current and future students.

**SAES 2005 Annual Conference**

**November 10-12, 2005**

**Westin Galleria  
Houston, Texas**



**Featuring**

- ◆ *Dr. Maya Angelou*
- ◆ *Rob Evans*
- ◆ *The Rev. Roger Bowen*

**For those who will be traveling in groups via bus, we ask that you please call Jane Herring at the Westin Galleria Houston at (713) 960-8100 for special instructions**

**Numerous Special Interest Workshops**

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**Chaplain's Corner**

By The Rev. Roger Bowen,  
SAES Chaplain

Deeply spiritual people know and act on the reality that we are all One, and that the circle of connectedness continuously expands.

Such knowledge and behavior characterize many of the people who live in schools such as ours. We can truthfully say, "We are all in this together. We are all part of this school community, and therefore, we treat one another with respect and dignity." Further, when we are at our best, we expand our understanding of 'we' to include people in other schools, states, and countries.

This has been my experience with our Episcopal schools in these past weeks, as you reached out to student and families who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Many of our school families offered to shelter displaced and homeless evacuees. Countless emails from Episcopal schools' families offering other forms of help cropped up on our computer screens. And it was heartening to see our creative students devise and implement plans to raise money and then seek the most efficient, effective relief organizations to fund.

As of this writing, we have welcomed many, many new students and their families to our schools, some as many as 100. Members of our parents' associations are making the new students' parents feel welcome in their new school homes, although many are returning to New Orleans to "pick up the pieces."

Blessings, and thank you for all you have offered and all you have done. I have had "gratitude attacks" nearly every day now for several weeks.

# Calendar of Events

## 2005

November 10-12, 2005      SAES Annual Conference  
Westin Hotel, Houston Galleria, Houston, TX

## 2006

January 26-27, 2006      NAES Leadership & Governance Institute  
Orlando, FL

May 2-4, 2006              Spring Heads' Retreat  
T-Bar-M  
New Braunfels, TX

June 15 & 16, 2006      Early Learning Retreat  
St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin, TX

October 12—13, 2006      SAES Annual Conference  
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