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The Feast of Saint Nicholas

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1st Grade

Saint James first grade girls enjoy investigating what St. Nicholas left behind in their shoes.



Each year on December 6, the children of Saint James School take off their shoes and line them up in some designated place such as the hallways or the cafeteria. Classes go on as normal with stocking foot children for a time. Then suddenly and wonderfully, the shoes are filled with good things. What is happening here?

It is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, one of the favorite days of the St. James children. This patron saint of children, sailors, and prisoners was born in the third century in present day Turkey. During Nicholas' time, the people of the area were Greek and under the dominion of the Roman Empire.

While Nicholas was still quite young, his wealthy parents died in an epidemic. They had been careful to raise Nicholas as a good Christian, however, and Nicholas took their teaching to heart. He used his inheritance to help the sick and the poor all around him. He became a priest and later was made the Bishop of Myra. Nicholas was always known for his generosity. There are many stories of how he would secretly give coins or other gifts to those in need, sometimes tossing them in doorways or placing them in shoes or stockings drying by the fireside.

So what did the St. James children find in their shoes? This year there were candy canes, tootsie rolls, bendable reindeer and snowmen, super balls, and best of all, holy cards with a picture and a prayer to good Saint Nicholas. The excitement of the children was delightful. All at St. James agree, Saint Nicholas Day is one of the best!



2nd Grade

Second graders tell their principal, Sister Mary Alma, all about what they found in their shoes.



4th Grade

Children sweep to see what surprises they can find in their shoes.



5th Grade

Fifth graders find Rubik's cubes in their shoes.



6th Grade



GO JAGUARS!