

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, January 4, 2018

The mission of St. John the Evangelist School is to integrate Catholic philosophy with academic excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Friends,

I wish you all a Happy New Year. The Faculty and Staff have returned to school refreshed and with renewed vigor. The children seem to be happy to return too, although they probably wouldn't admit it!

Now that the holidays have passed, the weather finally seems to realize it is Winter. Just to remind everyone, we follow Montgomery County's weather-related announcements about delays and closings. If county schools are closed, we are closed. If the county has any kind of delay, we open at 10:00 a.m. If the county closes early, we close at the same time as the county.

On Tuesday afternoon, I sent out an email to all parents about cold weather drop-off. It contained the following instructions: **Starting on Wednesday, drop-off will be the same as pick-up.** Please enter the first small parking lot, drive around the back of the school, and let the children out on the playground parking lot. The children should exit the car and go directly into the building by the upper wing hallway door. We will have staff there directing you. The front door and the individual classroom doors will not be open. Please use only the main hallway door at the end of the upper wing. Please be cautious when driving through the parking lot as some children walk to school from Medical Park Dr. We will follow this procedure for the remainder of this week and next week too.

Parents with children in JrK, you may continue to walk your children to class using the door by the JrK playground.

I also want to let you know that the children do not go out to recess when it is this cold. They take turns using the gym during lunch and recess. However, when they do go out, PLEASE make sure your child comes to school every day with a hat and gloves.

I wish you all a great start to your New Year. As we begin this new journey of 2018, you will all be in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 1/5, 9:30am Liturgy, 12:30pm Dismissal

Mon., 1/8, 3:00pm Student Council Meeting

Mon., 1/15, Martin Luther King Day, School Closed

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our SJE families! HSA is off and running with plans underway for restaurant nights, Catholic Schools Week, an Open House on February 11 and hopefully another Family Bingo Night in February too!

Your HSA Team

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

Save the dates for our January and February restaurant fundraisers!

January 22 (Monday): Panera (Wheaton Mall) from 6-9pm. An easy dinner, with warm soup and hearty sandwiches! Panera will donate 10% of sales to SJE School.

February 27th (Tuesday): McGinty's Pub from 5-10pm. This is the best restaurant fundraiser of the year! A great SJE tradition, with traditional Irish fare, our fantastic Culkin Irish Dancers, and a great school / parish community! McGinty's will donate 15% of sales to SJE School.

Flyers will be made available when the dates get closer.

RECRUITING BOY SCOUTS FOR TROOP 466

Boy Scout Troop 466 – chartered by St. John the Evangelist Church – welcomes new members at any time of the year. Scouting is a year-round program for youth ages 11-17 focused on character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Join us on the trail to becoming Eagle Scouts: hiking, camping, mountain climbing, boating, selling Christmas trees, serving the community, doing STEM projects, first aid, environmental science – and so much more! For more information, visit our web site, <http://troop466-ncac.blogspot.com> Send emails to ncactroop466@gmail.com, &/or call New Member Coordinators Dan Campion (617-599-9409), Ernie Tedeschi (415-342-7918), or Darrell Smith (301-310-3383).

SCRIP

QUESTION: What is Scrip?

ANSWER: An easy program that lets you earn \$\$ toward your fundraising obligation without buying extra products or spending extra money.

QUESTION: What's the catch?

ANSWER: There really isn't one. Over 300 retailers want your business and reward you by giving back to your favorite non-profit. As your favorite non-profit, we think that's a pretty good deal!

BIGGER QUESTION: How do I sign up???

EASY ANSWER: It's easier than you think. See the attached flyers for more information.

These step-by-step flyers will walk you through the sign up process. We're looking forward to answering your questions and activating your account!

Any questions? Contact Kristin Dukes and Helen Cyr at sjescrips@gmail.com

LUNCH DUTY

Sign up, swap spots, manage your lunch duties – all in one place! Do you have an odd day off, or an extra hour to spare? Check out the calendar and see if there's an opening. \$10 toward your HSA fundraising after satisfying the minimum number days, fun for you and the kids, and a nice break for our beloved teachers.

<http://signup.com/go/JeHSgeA>

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

For the protection of all of our children, SJE policy follows the Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Program, VIRTUS. Parents and guardians must be cleared through VIRTUS in order to fulfill their Lunch & Recess Duty requirement, serve as chaperones on field trips, attend class parties and functions at school, and volunteer for extracurricular activities such as Scouting and CYO.

If you are a new parent or a returning parent who hasn't completed VIRTUS, please see the instructions here: <http://www.sjte.org/pdf/hsavirtus201617.pdf>

You may also contact Sister Roberta Harding, SJE's Child Protection Compliance Coordinator, at hardingr@sjeparish.org.

FACEBOOK

Check out the latest and greatest happenings at SJE by following our Facebook page. It will be updated with all the daily activities here at school and gives you a chance to share our wonderful school. <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnstheevangelistschool>

You can also follow SJE on Instagram: @sjteschool

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

MONTHLY SPANISH MASS

Misa en español el primer domingo de cada mes a las 1.30 de la tarde en nuestra Iglesia de San Juan el Evangelista. Estan todos cordialmente invitados a participar.

Everybody is invited and welcome to attend mass in Spanish the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm in the SJE main church.

Please click here for the parish website: WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG

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