

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday, January 12, 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,

It has been an interesting start to the New Year—weather-wise. In the first six days of school, we have had one snow day, two late openings, one early dismissal, and no outdoor recesses! That changed on Wednesday when it was finally warm enough to go outdoors. Thank you to everyone for your flexibility.

One unfortunate thing that seems to happen this time of year is that children get sick. Please remember the school, Archdiocesan, and MD State policies on when to keep your child at home (taken from our policy book, page 20, and listed below). If your child has gone home sick or becomes sick at night, please DO NOT bring your child back to school until 24 hours after the LAST symptom has gone away. Please DO NOT give your child Tylenol in the morning and tell him/her to try and “tough it out.” The consequences of these actions are that many other children also get sick. Thank you for your strict attention to this matter.

I hope you all are able to enjoy this three-day weekend with your children.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

When to Keep Your Child at Home

When your child is sick, it is best to keep him/her home from school. This not only benefits your child but the other children and staff in the classroom. If your child has any of the following symptoms, you are required to keep him/her at home:

- Temperature of 100° or more;
- Nausea or vomiting;
- o If your child is vomiting at school, you MUST take your child home as soon as possible for rest and further observation. The child must remain at home for a period of at least 24 hours from the last symptom occurring and be symptom free before returning to school.
- Stomach ache with or without a fever if the child is unable to participate in class and school activities;
- Diarrhea, with or without a fever;
- Pale or flushed face in addition to other symptoms especially if there is a diagnosis of asthma, allergy, or other chronic illness;
- Headache pain which prevents the child from participating in class, Physical Education, or other school activities;
- Cough, especially if the cough is frequent and accompanies other symptoms;
- Earache pain, with or without a fever;
- Yellow/green discharge from nose;
- Sore throat, unable to swallow food or liquid;
- Rash or signs of infection of the skin of any part of the body;
- Red or pink eyes, especially if accompanied by a discharge from the eye;
- Loss of appetite—not wanting to have snack or lunch;
- Loss of energy or noted decrease in activity, such as putting head down on desk, appearing tired or fatigued, asking to have a nap.

If your child has any of the above symptoms, he/she must stay home and be observed for further illness. If any of the symptoms become severe or persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your physician for advice on care or evaluation. Sometimes children use illness as an excuse to miss school. On the other hand, some children may force themselves to go to school even though they are sick. Parents, please be alert to your child's health.

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Fri., 1/19, March for Life for 7th and 8th grade students

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 shortly.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools week is right around the corner – our annual celebration starts on January 29th with our first theme day! **Families, please see the attached flyer** for details on the faculty luncheon on Friday, February 2nd.

GIRL SCOUT RETREAT

Start the New Year off right. Make plans to attend the 2018 Girl Scout Retreat on February 3rd from 9:00 - 4:00 at St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring, MD.

Come for a day of fellowship with girls from around the Archdiocese of Washington and learn more about your faith. Earn patches and the Girl Scout USA **"My Promise/My Faith" Award**.

For more information, please see the attached flyer. Use the form on the flyer to register.

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 website, <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. Están 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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