

# Saint John the Evangelist School

## Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday, November 17, 2017

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

### ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL***

**Dear Families and Friends,**

The students are in high spirits this week. As you know, Wednesday was the fundraiser for disaster relief. Eighteen brave teachers and staff volunteered to take a pie in the face to help out the victims of the recent natural disasters. The children bought raffle tickets for the honor of being the pie-thrower and, with the help of a few other donations, raised \$700. Check out our Facebook page for great photos!

Friday is the Turkey Bowl, the annual flag-football game between seventh and eighth graders. Green and yellow pompoms and banners will be seen all over the playground, along with a few painted faces.

**A few reminders for parents:**

- Please make sure you check your email for a message from Mrs. Sloan. We are opening the Parent Portal, where you can see grades and homework assignments, and the email gives instructions.
- If you are applying for financial aid for the 2018-2019 school year, remember that the application process for current families CLOSES on December 1. Go to your TADS account to complete the application. To be eligible for sibling discounts, you must apply for financial aid.

**On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish you and happy, blessed, and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Sincerely,  
Margaret Durney  
Principal**

## ***WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR***

**Fri., 11/17, Student Council Turkey Bowl, 1:55pm**

**Fri., 11/17, Family Bingo Night, 6:30pm, School Auditorium**

**Weds., 11/22, Thanksgiving Break begins; School closed**

**Thurs., 11/23, Thanksgiving, School closed**

**Fri., 11/24, School closed**

**Weds., 11/29, High School Placement Test**

## ***HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)***

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to send my thanks to the many who have volunteered their time this school year. To anyone who has helped at a school or parish event, thank you for your time. To the room parents who help coordinate our class activities and help publicize events, thank you for your commitment. To the chairs of the many fundraisers, thank you for helping our school raise money. To all the families that have contributed through fundraising, lunch duties and paying their obligations in a timely manner, thank you for helping our school funds. To my HSA team members, thank you for executing your jobs so that mine is easier. To Mrs. Durney and the entire school staff, thank you for your commitment to our children. May everyone have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!

Also, Don't forget that TONIGHT, November 17 is Family Bingo Night from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the school auditorium. This is such a fun night for the little kids – we do our best to make sure everyone goes home with a prize. All are welcome and no reservations needed. Come for an hour or stay until the closing bell. Hope to see you there!

**Your HSA Team**

## ***HSA ADVENT CANDLE SALE***

Advent begins this year on Sunday, December 3. Get ready for this holy season with a new set of purple and pink tapers (plus one white taper for Christmas Day). Order a set for \$10.00 each and help the school with its fundraising needs (\$6.25 per set goes to your school fundraising obligation). Each set of candles comes with an “Advent Prayers and Customs” guide. Order a Brass Advent Wreath to hold your five candles for \$12.00 each (\$5.00 goes to your fundraising obligation).

Candles and wreaths are ready to distribute now and they sell out fast, so get your order in today! Orders due by Monday, November 27.

See the attached order form or look for the form coming home with students!

## ***BREAKFAST WITH SANTA***

Ho ho ho! Less than 3 weeks until Santa comes to visit all of SJE’s good boys and girls at Breakfast with Santa! Have you made your reservation? Seats are filling up fast and you don’t want to miss out! Details included in the attached flyer and on our website. <https://jes.ejoinme.org/2017BWS>

BWS is only as successful as the volunteers to help out. Come to breakfast with your family during one seating and volunteer during the other: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448a4a62aa4fd0-20172018> Santa is counting on you!

Email Santa's elves at [sjebws@gmail.com](mailto:sjebws@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Santa can’t wait to see you!

## ***BOY SCOUTS***

**Be Prepared!** Boy Scout Troop 466, sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church, welcomes all boys ages 11-17 to join in the scouting adventure. A flyer is being sent home to boys in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. For a “free trial,” join us for a bike hike on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (1:30 – 4:30 PM) and/or our Gettysburg Battlefield tour and overnight campout on the weekend of November 18-19. Prepare **for the campout** by participating in the weekly troop meeting **on** Monday, Nov. 13. If interested, contact one of our New Member Coordinators, Dan Campion ([617-599-9409](tel:617-599-9409)) or Ernie Tedeschi ([415-342-7918](tel:415-342-7918)). For photos of recent activities, schedule of events, and additional information, visit our web site, <http://troop466-ncac.blogspot.com>. Send emails to [troop466email@gmail.com](mailto:troop466email@gmail.com).

## ***POINSETTIA SALE***

It's that time again to order beautiful Christmas Poinsettias **AND** earn money for St. John the Evangelist School!

School families can earn up to \$8.50 towards their fundraising obligation for every plant ordered! See attached order form for more information.

## ***CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN***

CYO Basketball registration is **still open for Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.**

Kindergarten - weekly basketball clinic beginning in January for 6 weeks at SJE gym.

Grades 1-3 - intramural league- games on Sundays and practice evenings at SJE (dates TBD)

Visit [www.sjecyo.org](http://www.sjecyo.org) for more information and to register for this season!

## ***EXPERIENCED TUTOR AVAILABLE***

Are you seeking an experienced tutor? Mrs. Christine Calabro is available for tutoring in Math and Language Arts after school from 3-6pm Wednesday-Friday at St. John's. See attached flyer for more information.

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### ***CHOIR CALL FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-8***

Dear young people in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8:

St. John's would like to invite you to participate in a new choir at our church called the Evangelist Singers. This choir will sing a few times during the year, including on Christmas Eve. The choir will practice every Thursday after school, from 3:15 to 4:15. If you're in Scouts or another group that sometimes meets at that time, that is an excused absence. There is also another section of the choir that rehearses a few Saturdays (not every week) from 3-4, for those who cannot make the practice Thursday afternoons. For more information, see attached flyer or contact Dr. Mario at 301-326-8424 .

Please click here for the parish website: [WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG)

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