# Saint John the Evangelist School

# Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday November 10, 2017

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

Thank you for your flexibility with the drop-off procedure in the morning. The county originally told us we would just be inconvenienced for 2 to 3 days. We are now at the end of week three with construction vehicles at the end of Woodland Drive. I spoke with the foreman this morning, and he thinks they will be finished this week. So just watch for our direction in the morning. Hopefully, we will be back to normal drop-off on Monday. Thanks again for your cooperation.

If you haven't picked yours up yet, remember that report cards are ready and available at the school office.

At the Archdiocesan Elementary School Principals Association meeting on Tuesday, the start date for the 2018-2019 school year was set. The first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 29, 2018.

Our annual Parish Bazaar is this weekend. The hours are Friday night, from 6:00pm-9:00pm (adults only, babysitting available) and Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm for everyone. Treasure Trove, Book Room, Baskets of Cheer, Baked Goods and Candy, Craft Vendors, and more are available for your browsing and buying pleasure. There are Game Rooms, a Secret Santa Shop, and even a special science room for the kids on Saturday. Please join us for this festive event.

As the weather gets colder and colder, please remind your children to wear their jackets. They go outside for recess every day, and we want them to stay warm.

Sincerely,

Margaret Durney Principal

#### WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 11/10, Veterans Day, 12:30pm Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences Fri., 11/10, Parish Bazaar 6:00 – 9:00pm (*Adults Only Night, babysitting available!!*)

Sat., 11/11, Parish Bazaar (*All Welcome*!), 9:00 – 4:00pm Mon., 11/13, Picture Day

# HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

When you get your child's report card there will be an update of your lunch duty obligations and your fundraising obligation. If you are opting out of lunch duties, you need to send in your payout. That money is needed to pay the substitutes that do the lunch duties parents can't cover. So check and see if you have an outstanding balance that needs to be paid.

If you are looking for a way to knock out your fundraising faster, consider joining the Scrips program. Also, be on the lookout for Poinsettia sale, Advent candles, and more fundraisers coming in late November / December.

Lastly, HSA is hosting another fabulous Family Bingo Night on Friday, November 17 from 6:30 – 8:30pm. This is such a fun night for the little kids – we do our best to make sure everyone goes home with a prize. Don't feel like cooking? Order a pizza in advance using the attached order form. All are welcome – hope to see you there! Have questions or want to help out? Contact Rebecca Desrocher at red081002@hotmail.com

Your HSA Team

#### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Ho ho ho! It's hard to believe it, but Breakfast with Santa will be here next month! Be sure to book your reservation in advance, as this event will sell out! Details included in the attached flyer and on our website. <a href="https://jes.ejoinme.org/2017BWS">https://jes.ejoinme.org/2017BWS</a>

Come to breakfast with your family during one seating and volunteer during the other to help Santa make this event a success: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448a4a62aa4fd0-20172018">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448a4a62aa4fd0-20172018</a>

Email Santa's elves at sjebws@gmail.com if you have any questions. Santa is looking forward to seeing all the good little boys and girls of SJE!

#### DISASTER RELIF FUNDRAISER: PIE A TEACHER!

The students of SJE will have an opportunity to purchase tickets to "Pie a Teacher" during Hot Lunch periods on November 8 and 15, with the big event happening on the 15<sup>th</sup>! Many of the children have been learning about the effects of disasters in our global community, and this is a great opportunity to give back while having a little fun. Tickets start at just 25 cents. See attached flyer for details.

#### SJE OPEN HOUSE

SJE parents - please forward this notice to your friends with children interested in becoming members of the St. John's family! We'd love to have your friends and neighbors attend Open House, whether they are looking for a preschool, kindergarten, or elementary education for any age!

Mark your calendar to attend our annual Open House on Thursday November 16th from 8:30am - 11:30am! Tour the school, talk with Principal Margaret Durney, observe classes in session, and visit with current school parents. Discover our enthusiastic, small community with a large heart which features a faith-based, academically-challenging education. The preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 will all be featured. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.sjte.org">www.sjte.org</a> or contact Angela Colburn at acolburn@sjte.org or (301) 681-7656.

# **BOY SCOUTS**

<u>Be Prepared!</u> 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) or Ernie Tedeschi (415-342-7918). For photos of recent activities, schedule of events, and additional information, visit our web site, <a href="http://troop466-ncac.blogspot.com">http://troop466-ncac.blogspot.com</a>.

#### GIRL SCOUT TROOP LEADERS NEEDED!

We are looking for Girl Scout leaders for Troop 2936, which is for girls in 4th and 5th grade.

You can also go on the GSCNC <u>website</u> and sign up to be a volunteer. This troop is open to all girls in 4th and 5th grade in the SJE parish. The leader picks the day and time that the troop meets. If you would like to be the leader, please email Marie Schech at <u>mbcsmks@earthlink.net</u> for more information. Marie will help secure meeting space for the troops at SJE.

#### CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN

CYO Basketball registration is NOW open for all grades!

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)

Grade 4-8 - CYO Basketball - represent the SJE parish vs other teams in the Archdiocese with games on the weekends- practice during the week at local gyms.

Leagues are based on age as of 11/30/2017. U10, U12, U14 HS basketball - grades 9-12 U16 and U18- one game and practice per week.

Visit 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

#### **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: <a href="http://www.sjte.org/pdf/">http://www.sjte.org/pdf/</a> 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. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stjohnstheevangelistschool">https://www.facebook.com/stjohnstheevangelistschool</a>

You can also follow SJE on Instagram: @sjteschool

#### PARISH/ COMMUNITY NEWS

# **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: <u>WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG</u>

2017-2018 SJE E-Bulletin - To submit new items to the e-Bulletin, send an email to news@sjte.org no later than 8 pm TUESDAY of the week you want it posted. Include flyers, etc. as attachments. Include a brief statement that will be posted in a little box. Be creative but don't be wordy. All submitted items subject to approval by Mrs. Durney. Any questions or comments pertaining to this newsletter should be sent to: Rebecca Desrocher at news@sjte.org.