

# Saint John the Evangelist School

## Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday November 30, 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 Advent season will begin on Sunday. At school, we will start our Monday morning Advent services, when the students gather to pray and sing together and light the candles on the Advent wreath. All the classes are collecting their gifts for their special adopted families. The fifth graders have been practicing Christmas carols on their recorders in preparation for the First Friday Mass.

All these Advent activities are helping the students prepare their hearts and minds for the celebration of the Nativity. As important as the academic curriculum is to the growth of our children, I am pleased their spiritual growth gets a chance to flourish at SJE, particularly during this Christmas season. Please consider joining us for Mass this Friday at 9:30 a.m. and share in our joy of the season.

A couple of reminders:

- This Friday, Dec. 1, is the last day to apply for financial aid for next year, including sibling discounts. Go to your TADS account to apply.
- On Wednesday, Dec. 6, we will have our annual Christmas Band concert. The children will see the concert at 1:55 and there will be a second performance at 7:00pm.
- There will be NO AFTER CARE on Thursday, Dec. 7.
- Friday, Dec. 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the special Feast Day for our IHM Sisters. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no school.

Thank you for all you do for our school that contributes to our sense of community. It is through all of our efforts that the children will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

Margaret Durney  
Principal

### ***WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR***

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

**Fri., 12/1, Deadline to apply for tuition assistance through TADS**

**Sat., 12/2, Breakfast with Santa, School Auditorium**

**Mon., 12/4, Student Council Meeting, 3:00pm**

**Weds., 12/6, Breakfast with the Principal, 8:15am, Band Concert, 1:55pm and 7:00pm**

**Thurs, 12/7, NO AFTERCARE**

**Fri., 12/8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception; School closed**

### ***CHRISTMAS HAM FUNDRAISER FOR SJE PARISH AND SCHOOL***

**Think how easy Christmas dinner/brunch will be when you pre-order a ham, roasted turkey breast, coffee cake or carrot cake from SJE! Avoid those long lines at the stores and pick up your HoneyBaked orders in the Kennedy Room just in time for your holiday celebration! Enjoy the same prices as you'd find at the store but, best of all, *15% of all orders will be donated to St. John the Evangelist School.***

**Place your HoneyBaked Ham orders online only and 15% of your order will go toward your school fundraising obligation! See the link and code below:**

**[https://MyHoneyBakedStore.com/ Gaithersburg/2205/EPP/Index. asp](https://MyHoneyBakedStore.com/Gaithersburg/2205/EPP/Index.asp)**

**Enter the Employer Code: QALNFB to access the St. John the Evangelist online ordering form.**

**Hurry - this link will only be open until Midnight on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>! *Pick up your order on Saturday, December 23rd in the Kennedy Room from 3 – 4 pm. Questions? Please contact Phil or Kate Droege at: droeges@verizon.net.***

### ***ADVENT CANDLE UPDATE***

**There are 12 sets of candles left from this year's Advent Candle fundraiser. If anyone still hoping to buy a set, please contact Cathy Tramontana ASAP at [ctramont010510@gmail.com](mailto:ctramont010510@gmail.com). Advent begins on December 3!**

### ***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!

### ***ART HORIZONS***

Art Horizons is pleased to be offering after school art instruction to children in grades 1-8, creating high-quality projects. Taught by St. John's art teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Rico, classes will meet at St. John's School on 6 consecutive Tuesdays beginning December 12, 2017 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 pm. This class is open to beginning artists, as well as more advanced artists, as everyone works at their own pace. There will be a separate section for Portfolio Building offered to middle school students who will meet on the same day. Often, art history is tied to a project. The cost of the session is \$85 and all materials are included. See attached form for more information on how to register.

### ***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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