

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, December 7, 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,

SJE's award-winning band got our Christmas Season off to a great start with wonderful performances by our Beginning Band and our Advanced Band. Many thanks go to Miss Kristin Maloney for nurturing their talents and helping them have a special appreciation for music.

Our Adopt-a-Family assembly is next Thursday, December 14, so be sure all gifts are at school before that date. Catholic Charities will be here to accept the gifts on behalf of the families. The Student Council will conduct the Prayer Service at the beginning of the assembly.

Please remember that the children go out for recess every day, so they need warm jackets now that the weather is turning colder. In the rush of the morning, they often forget coats and hats and gloves. A gentle reminder would be appreciated.

Enjoy the long weekend. Blessings and best wishes to our IHM Sisters on their Feast Day on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Mon., 12/11, NUT Card money due (Christmas Tag Day)

Tues., 12/12, School Advisory Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Library

Weds., 12/13, Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:15am

Fri., 12/15, Christmas Concert, 1:15pm and 7:30pm, School Auditorium

CALLING ALL (CHOIR) ANGELS!

Calling all angels! The SJE angel choir (grades K-5) will be singing for the Christmas Eve children's Mass on 12/24. There will be two rehearsals, both held in the Kennedy Room after 10:15am Mass on Sunday 12/10 and 12/17. Please contact Kevin Dukes (kdukes2854@gmail.com) or Shaila Cordone

(sguthiko@gmail.com) for more details. See you this Sunday for rehearsal!

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>

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. 20th! **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.

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 Culin 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.

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

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.

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

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