

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday, January 19, 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,

Today our seventh and eighth graders are at the Mass and March for Life. I thank the teachers and parents who accompanied the students and the parents who encourage and support their children in this important stand for life.

Beginning on Monday and running through January 28, we are hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair. The students will be given the opportunity to browse the offerings during the school day and to make any purchases you approve. We welcome parents and grandparents to the fair, particularly on Sunday, January 28 when it is open during the Catholic Schools Week reception after the 10:15 Mass.

Please look for an email from your child's teacher about Catholic Schools Week (CSW) and the themes for the even and odd grades. The children will dress in their themed costumes on the afternoon of February 1 on Student Appreciation Day. Next week's e-Bulletin will have additional information about CSW, and you can check your school calendar for an overview of the week.

Please join us at Panera Bread for dinner on Monday. Hearty soup and a sandwich are just the ticket on these cold Winter nights. See information below.

If you haven't already done so, please complete your re-registration for the 2018-2019 school year.

PARENT REMINDERS: Parents, I ask you to please remember two things: 1) If your child is sick, please remember to call the school office and let us know, and 2) please pull as far forward as you can for morning drop-off. If you are the first car, please pull all the way down to the second driveway. We want to get as many cars as possible to move as quickly as possible to allow all the students to arrive on time. Thank you.

Stay warm this weekend!

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Thurs., 1/25, Confirmation Retreat prep meeting, 7:30pm, Kennedy Room

Sat., 1/27, First Penance, 11:00am, Main Church

Sun., 1/28, Catholic Schools Week Begins! 10:15am Opening Liturgy, Main Church,
Family and Grandparents Appreciation Day

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

The new year is off to a great start. As a long standing tradition, we are preparing for all the Catholic Schools Week activities. This is a fun week that celebrates the students and the staff. Volunteers and donations are needed throughout the week. If you haven't yet signed up, go to the [HSA signup genius](#) to pick an activity to help with. This is a fantastic week for the students and a great celebration for our school!

Sunday, January 28th - 10:15 Mass followed by brunch in the school for families, grandparents, and friends.

Sign up to bring food, help set-up, serve or clean up.

Monday, January 29th - Pajama Day- food and water donations will be requested by room parents for the Read-a-Thon and Dance-a-Thons.

Tuesday, January 30th – Career Day- dress for a future career!

Wednesday, January 31st- Wacky Tacky Day- dress in your wackiest outfit.

Special lunch - volunteers needed to help prepare and serve.

Faculty vs 8th grade basketball game - volunteers needed to help

Thursday, February 1st- Student Appreciation Day- dress for the special theme for your grade (grade specific emails will be sent with the theme)-Shh! Don't tell the other team your theme!

Competition between the odd and even classes- volunteers needed to help run the games

Friday, February 2nd- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- Children should dress in Sunday best. **12:30 dismissal**

Volunteers need to help decorate, prepare and serve for the luncheon. Monetary donations asked from all families (see section below)

Your HSA Team

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus St. John the Baptist Council #11106 will hold a free throw contest on Friday January 19th and Saturday January 20th, 2018 in the gymnasium at St. John the Baptist. The challenge is open to all boy and girls ages 9-14.

Eligibility is determined by the age as of January 1, 2018. See attached flyer and entry form for more details.

PANERA FUNDRAISER THIS MONDAY!

Save the dates for our January and February restaurant fundraisers!

January 22 (***This 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.

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 web site, <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. 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.

Please click here for the parish website: WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG

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.