

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, January 25, 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,

Beginning on Sunday, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). This year's CSW theme is ***"Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed,"*** celebrating the core values of Catholic schools: academic excellence, servant leadership, and faith-filled enriched citizens in our communities. Catholic schools are communities—small communities in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city, and nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a positive contribution to American society. The Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Schools Office has launched a new website promoting Catholic Schools. Take a look at www.adwcatholicschools.org.

We invite you to a reception after the 10:15 Mass on Sunday to begin our celebration. While there, come to our library and peruse the offerings in our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We welcome parents, grandparents, and friends.

On Monday, January 29, one of the CSW activities will be a Dance-A-Thon. We are asking the children to bring at least \$.50 as a fundraiser for the IHM Sisters' Retirement Fund (see flyer attached).

We thank all our families and parishioners for helping to make St. John the Evangelist School the award-winning school it is.

Sincerely,

Margaret Durney

Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

It is time to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences, held on February 9. To sign up, go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4bada72ea3fb6-february3>

The annual Knights of Columbus Father-Daughter Dance is on Friday, February 9. See the flyer attached. If Dads are unavailable, uncles are welcome.

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Mon., 1/29, Pajama Day; Dance-a-Thon Grades 4-8, Read-a-Thon Grades JrK – 3

Tues., 1/30, Career Day; 8th Graders Substitute for Teachers/Staff

Weds., 1/31, Wacky Tacky Day, Rigatoni Lunch, Faculty versus 8th grade basketball game

Thurs., 2/1, Student Appreciation Day

Fri., 2/2, 9:30am Liturgy, **12:30pm Dismissal**, Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Sat., 2/3, Girl Scout Retreat

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

Join us this Sunday to celebrate our exceptional school. Come to the 10:15 Mass then join us in the school for a delicious brunch. Get those outfits ready for the week; every day is out of uniform!

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 were 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

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 **February 6, 2018** from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 pm. See attached flyer for details.

SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

St. John's parish has been blessed to have the witness of women religious from the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (I.H.M.) since 1950, when then-Cardinal O'Boyle invited the sisters to serve the people in this area in the newly-established St. John the Evangelist School. Many of these wonderful Sisters who graced the lives of children and their families through decades of service at St. John's have gone on to residence in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Sister Daniel Mary has been kind enough to compile and provide contact information for our dear Sisters, so you may send cards and letters to them. They would love to hear from their St. John's family. See attached contact information.

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER: MCGINTY'S

Save the date for our February restaurant fundraiser!

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.

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.

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

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

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