

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, February 1, 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,

We are having a wonderful Catholic Schools Week. The children have been engaged, excited, and creative for each of the activities. They have raised money for the IHM Sisters' Retirement Fund through the Read-a-Thon and Dance-a-Thon. They have made packages of food for the homeless during our school-wide service project. They have worked together, sung together, cheered together. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and caring for each other are hallmarks of a Catholic education.

We are in the midst of the cold and flu season. I would like to remind parents not to send their children to school if they say they don't feel well or have a persistent cough. If your child has gone home due to illness, please do not bring him/her back to school for at least 24 hours after the last of the symptoms have gone away. Please review the Health Policies and Procedures in the School Policy Book (page 21). We want to keep our children as healthy as possible and need your cooperation.

There will be no Coffee with the Principal next Wednesday, Feb. 7. We will pick back up the first Wednesday in March.

Thank you for helping us celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

"Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

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

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

Sat., 2/3, Girl Scout Retreat

Mon., 2/5, NUT Card donation due for Valentine's Day, Report Card pick up 8:00am-3:00pm,
3:00pm Student Council Meeting

Thurs., 2/8, First Communion Parent Meeting, Kennedy Room, 7:30pm

Fri., 2/9, 12:30pm Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sun., 2/11, SJE Open House, 10:30am – 1:30pm

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

Thank you to everyone who helped make Catholic Schools week a success!

The second quarter HSA letters summarizing current progress towards fundraising and lunch duty obligations will be sent out by email on Friday, February 2. Any questions can be sent to anjjohnston@gmail.com.

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 FUNDRAISERS

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.

Also, plan to join us on Thursday, March 22, from 3-10pm at Mamma Lucia in Silver Spring! Flyers will be sent home in backpacks soon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SEEKING CO-CHAIR

It's not too early to start thinking about summer... Vacation Bible School (VBS) runs for one week in July and is in need of a co-chair. If you are interested or want further information, please reach out to Sister Roberta or Shaila Cordone (sguthiko@gmail.com).

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

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

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