

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday, February 9, 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 have exciting news! Our new website is now live. Check us out at www.sjte.org. You can see our latest news, view the school calendar, have access to needed forms, and more. It is a work in progress, but we are off to a great start!

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped us out for Catholic Schools Week. Whether cooking the rigatoni lunch, being referees at the basketball game, scoring the student games, or creating the magical faculty lunch, we could not have done it without you.

Our second Open House is this Sunday, February 11 from 10:30 – 1:30. If you know of anyone looking for a Blue Ribbon school for their children to attend, please invite them to come take a look at our school. All of the teachers will be here to answer any questions they may have. Remember our family referral program that will give you a tuition credit if a family you refer to Saint John the Evangelist School enrolls.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were on Friday for those who made appointments. If you want to see a teacher but did not make an appointment, just email the teacher(s) and set up an appointment for another time.

The children are already looking forward to Tuesday's Valentine's Day parties. (The parties are on Feb. 13 because Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 14 this year. The Tag Day is on Tuesday for the parties, NOT on Wednesday.) Their joy and enthusiasm are what keep us all so happy here at school. Thank you for sharing your bundles of joy with us.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Tues., 2/13, Valentine's Day Parties / Tag Day (no uniform)

Fri., 2/16, Stations of the Cross, 2:15pm

Mon., 2/19, President's Day, **No School**

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

Keep an eye out for your family's fundraising status letter, which is being sent home soon. The letter will include a tally of your fundraising fulfillment to date. Please contact Anji Johnston with any questions: anjijohnston@gmail.com

Your HSA Team

LOOKING FOR NEW SJE FAMILIES!

SJE parents - please forward this notice to your friends with children interested in becoming members of the St. John's family! We'd love to have your friends and neighbors attend Open House, whether they are looking for a preschool, kindergarten, or elementary education for any age!

Mark your calendar to attend our annual Open House on Sunday February 11th from 10:30am - 1:30pm! Tour the school, talk with teachers, and visit with current school parents. Discover our enthusiastic, small community with a large heart which features a faith-based, academically-challenging education. The preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 will all be featured. For more information, please visit www.sjte.org or contact Angela Colburn at acolburn@sjte.org or (301) 681-7656 .

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 5-9pm. 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. See attached flyer for details.

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

Vacation Bible School (VBS) runs for one week in July and is in need of a co-chair. We are unable to schedule this fun week for the children in our community and start to order supplies if a co-chair isn't found soon. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this leadership position. 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

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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