

# Saint John the Evangelist School

## Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday, March 2, 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,

Coming home in backpacks early next week will be grocery bags for the Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive. Together with the parish, these donations will go to our St. John food pantry and the Capital Area Food Bank. (We will also include a list of requested items.) We ask everyone to participate in this service project and return the bag by Thursday, March 8.

The faculty is looking forward to our ADW Collaboration Day on Friday. We gather with other teachers from Montgomery County Catholic Schools to attend workshops and share ideas. This day is energizing for teachers and offers a wealth of information that we can bring back to SJE.

A Heads-Up for all parents – Some of our students are using an app called Musical.ly. It can be used on both a computer and a cell phone. They can make short videos of themselves and post them. Although most videos are harmless, some content can be inappropriate, and there is no way to limit who can see the video.

Have your children remember to bring their 50 cents to purchase a NUT card on Monday. The day they may come out of uniform is March 16, our St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Our eighth graders in the school and CCD will be on retreat on Friday. Please say a special prayer for them as they continue on their faith journeys.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Durney  
Principal

### ***WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR***

**Fri., 3/2**, In-Service Day for ADW; **No School**

**Mon., 3/5**, NUT Card money due (St. Patrick's tag day), 3:00pm Student Council Meeting

**Weds., 3/7**, Coffee with the Principal, 8:15am

## ***MULCH MADNESS – MARCH 24***

It's almost here! Get your garden ready for spring with your order of premium shredded hardwood mulch. Starting at \$5/bag, this is a spectacular deal, helps the School and helps you meet your fundraising obligation (\$1.50/bag!). Let your neighbors know too and save them some money by bundling small orders with yours! **Orders due Friday, March 16th.** See attached flyer for details.

We'll need plenty of hands and trucks to deliver this mulch - if you haven't joined us in the past, make this the year you set aside the time. It's an experience you won't forget. It's hard work, but so rewarding and a great community building event.

Email Chris Desrocher at [sjemulch@gmail.com](mailto:sjemulch@gmail.com) if you have questions, and please let him know if you'll be volunteering to help!

## ***LENTEN RICE & TEA DINNERS***

Join us Wednesdays during Lent in the School Auditorium from 6:00 – 7:00pm for a peaceful fellowship experience with other SJE families. Rice and tea will be served in observance of our willing and joyful sacrifice during this season. For more information, please see attached flyer. Contact Peg Daly if you'd like to come early and help with set up: [pegdaly4@gmail.com](mailto:pegdaly4@gmail.com).

## ***RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER: MAMMA LUCIA***

Save the date for our next restaurant fundraiser : **Mamma Lucia in Silver Spring on Thursday, March 22, from 3-10pm.** Flyers will be sent home in backpacks soon.

## ***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SEEKING CO-CHAIR***

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the week of July 23 and is **\*\*still\*\*** in need of a co-chair! For anyone interested but nervous to volunteer, be assured that you will be **partnered with a tenured co-chair** (the incomparable Jes Corey) and a team of other volunteers to make the event happen! This is a beautiful and fun-filled week that runs successfully every year, so don't be intimidated. **We are unable to schedule the week for the children 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](mailto:sguthiko@gmail.com)).

## ***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.

## ***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://WWW.SJEPARISH.ORG)

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