

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, February 15, 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 this Friday, the children will be participating in the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. On Feb. 16 and 23 and on March 9, the children will be in the Main Church at 2:15pm as we read the Stations. Mark your calendars to come to church on Friday, March 23 when the eighth graders perform the Living Stations of the Cross.

If you haven't registered for the 2018-2019 school year, please do so. We are beginning the planning and budgeting process for next year, and we want to make sure we plan correctly. Remember that Monday, Feb. 19 is Presidents' Day and school will be closed. May you and your family have a wonderful, relaxing long weekend.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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

Tues., 2/27, Restaurant Fundraiser: McGinty's Pub, 5:00pm – 9:00pm

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

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.

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. **For anyone interested but nervous to volunteer, be assured that you will be partnered with a tenured co-chair 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).

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

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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