

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Friday, March 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,

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE follow the rules for drop-off and pickup. It is a matter of the children's safety. In the morning, drive all the way to the end of Woodland Drive, rain or shine, warm or cold. If the students can't gather on the playground, we let them come in that back door and direct them from there. Please do not drop your children off at the front door. Also, DO NOT make U-turns on Woodland Drive. This is dangerous for the children as well as other drivers.

In the afternoon, after you get your child, move immediately to your car. If you want to visit with friends, that is fine; just stay near the school or walk straight to the enclosed playground. Please do not pause to talk on your way to the car. It prohibits us from allowing cars to exit.

Thank you for your attention to these important safety issues.

**Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal**

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun., 3/11, Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Fri., 3/16, Confirmation Retreat, St. Patrick's Tag Day (no uniform if have NUT card)

**Tues, 3/20, School Advisory Board / Home & School Association Breakfast, 8:15am,
School Library, High School Practice Test for 7th grade**

Weds., 3/21, Confirmation Penance Service, 7:00pm, Main Church

Fri., 3/23, Living Stations of the Cross performed by 8th grade, 2:00pm, Main Church

STEM EVENT: BOY SCOUTS GRADES 5-8

Dear SJE School 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys:

Please join the scouts of Troop 466 this Monday for an especially cool evening, where you can make LIQUID NITROGEN ICE CREAM and hear about S.T.E.M. – that’s Science, Technology Engineering and Math activities. We’ll also discuss plans for summer camp and other outdoor fun.

- **When:** Monday, March 12 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- **Where:** The Kennedy Room at St. John the Evangelist Church
- **For more information:** Contact Dan Campion, Assistant Scoutmaster, [617-599-9409](tel:617-599-9409) (mobile), or danielcampion01@gmail.com

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 if you have questions, and please let him know if you'll be volunteering to help!

EASTER HONEY-BAKED HAM SALE

Make your life easier and spend more time with your family and friends by ordering Easter dinner ahead of time! We now are taking orders for the Honey Baked Hams online and 15% of your order will go toward your school fundraising obligation.

Below is the link and code for online ordering. This link will only be open until Wednesday March 28th. Please go to: <https://MyHoneyBakedStore.com/Gaithersburg/2205/EPP/Index.asp> and use the **employee** Sign-in Code: QALNFB to access the St. John Evangelist online ordering form.

Any item from the Honey Baked Ham menu can be ordered. Order pickups will be on Saturday March 31st in the Kennedy Room from 10 – 11 AM.

Questions? Contact Phil or Kate Droege at pcdroege@yahoo.com.

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 March 20, 2018 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 pm. This class is open to beginning artists, as well as more advanced artists, as everyone works at their own pace. There will be a separate section for Portfolio Building offered to middle school students who will meet on the same day. Often, art history is tied to a project. The cost of the session is \$85 and all materials are included. Please register your child early to reserve a space as class size is limited. Students who have taken Art Horizons before will create new and different projects. See attached flyer for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Parent of children who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion The First Communion Retreat will be on Friday, April 20 beginning at 9:00am in the Kennedy Room. Let's all keep these beautiful children in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

SAVE THE DATE: BINGO!

Family Bingo Night will return this Spring! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at 7:00pm on Friday, May 11 in the School Auditorium. Flyers will be sent home closer to the date. Pizza will be available for advanced orders and refreshments will be sold at the event. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Rebecca Desrocher at red081002@hotmail.com.

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 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.**

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](https://www.instagram.com/sjteschool)

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