

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, March 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,

On Tuesday, March 20 at 8:15am in the school library, we will hold our annual joint School Advisory Board and Home and School Association meeting. At the meeting, we will discuss initiatives for next school year and answer any questions you may have concerning the school. If you can't attend but have an issue you would like addressed, please send me an email and I will be sure we cover that topic at the meeting.

Last week in this e-Bulletin, I asked parents to please follow the rules of drop-off and pick-up to ensure the safety of everyone. Then this week, there was a fender bender in the morning drop-off line because a parent wanted to go around another car instead of waiting, backing into the car behind. PLEASE wait patiently for the car in front of you to move before you leave. It is just a matter of an extra minute to keep everyone safe.

Parents, if you need to talk to your children before they get out of the car or you know it will take a while for your child to exit the car, please pull across the street and park in the parking lot. Do not hold up the drop-off line. And please do not drop your child off at the front door. This disrupts the flow of traffic. If you need a refresher on the drop-off and pick-up procedures, please look in your Student Policy Book on pages 8-11 and 35-37. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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, Sacrament of Reconciliation,
10:15am, Grades 2-6, **Main Church**

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**

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

The last few fundraisers of the year are coming up fast and there are some big ones that will really help to fulfill your family's obligation! Information on the mulch sale and flower sale is included below. Also, the mulch sale is in need of volunteers to help make it a success!

Moms, dads and older kids (middle and high schoolers) are all welcome.

Email sjemulch@gmail.com for more information.

Are you interested in getting more involved in the school and helping to coordinate home and school life for our SJE families? HSA is on the search for a new Communications Officer and this could be the perfect opportunity for you! For more information on the position, please email Rebecca Desrocher at red081002@hotmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY: SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Enjoy a family friendly St Patrick's Day party hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians on **Saturday evening, March 17**, at Rosensteel Hall. Event starts at 5:30pm; dinner will be served at 7:00pm.

They've put together an evening for families of all ages and sizes, with plenty of entertainment including: **live music, traditional Irish fare, Culkin School of Irish dance, kids coloring contest, Irish whiskey tasting, Irish storytelling and kids movies**, and an **ice cream sundae bar**. Preorders can be made online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-patricks-day-celebration-tickets-43176669581?ref=eios&aff=eios>. See attached flyer for more details and registration information.

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.

SJE EASTER EGG HUNT

Save the date for SJE's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Getty Park! Children through 4th grade are welcome to join in the fun, which will begin at **10am on Saturday, March 31st** at Getty Park. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up, and 5th graders are invited to be special "bunny helpers." See attached flyer for details, and contact Ashleigh Manuel to lend a hand: AshleighManuel@gmail.com.

We need individually wrapped candy for the eggs! Donate one bag or several; collection boxes can be found in the school and in the church.

SPRING PLANT SALE

The weather will soon be warming and that means it's time to start thinking about planting your spring flower boxes and garden! This SJE fundraiser gives you 50% towards your fundraising obligation of whatever you order/sell! **Orders are due by Wednesday, March 28th.** Flower pickup will be in the Kennedy Room on Tuesday, May 1. Flowers will be here in time for First Communion, Mother's Day and graduations! If you have any questions about flower varieties, colors, or growing conditions please don't hesitate to contact Kate Comello at thecomellos@aol.com. Additional details in attached flyer.

*Order forms will be sent home soon through backpack mail and will be in next week's e-Bulletin.

* **We are also looking for a parent volunteer** to take over the coordination of this sale for next year (since Kate's children will be graduating). This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the school and does not require a lot of time or effort (just a few hours in Feb/March to coordinate w/growers and update order forms, etc. and then a few hours on 2 days of plant distribution to receive the plants & distribute to families).

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.

SJE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): DATES SET!

Although the cold weather hasn't left us, we know many families make summer plans well in advance. Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School, which has been confirmed for **July 23-27!**

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>

SJE Lunch Duty 2017-2018



signup.com

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>

VIRTUS - St John The Evangelist School

www.sjte.org

VIRTUS Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Policy You must complete this to volunteer in any way at the school. This includes field trips.

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>



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You can also follow SJE on Instagram: @sjteschool

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

New altar servers will be trained to serve at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass on April 9, 10, and 11. There is a letter regarding the requirements for altar servers as well as a sign up form (see attachments). Please note, we are excited to be adding a Mass in Spanish every Sunday, at 1:30pm. We especially need altar servers for the Mass in Spanish. The training methods and Mass procedures are the same for the Mass in English and Mass in Spanish. To serve in the Mass at 1:30pm in Spanish, it is not essential that the server understands Spanish or even speaks Spanish. An interest in and a willingness to learn about Spanish customs and culture is all that is needed. Fr. Cusick and another priest will celebrate the Mass in Spanish, and both are bilingual. Thank you for considering this new way of bringing the Lord Jesus to our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters in our parish. God bless, Father Cusick

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

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