

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, April 19, 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,

Exploding volcanoes, hydraulic lifts, eco-friendly farming and carbon-footprint awareness, painting far-off stars. Our middle-school science students are busy putting their theoretical knowledge to work. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and understanding of these young minds.

It is also wonderful to see the spiritual growth of our students as second graders prepare for First Communion and the eighth graders are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Friday, the second graders will bake unleavened bread, make rosaries and communion banners, and get a tour of the church, including the tabernacle. Please keep both grades in your prayers as they take these next steps in their faith journeys.

How wonderful it is to be a part of a school and community where we can watch our children thrive spiritually and academically. Thank you for your role in this. It is a privilege to be a part of this adventure!

**Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal**

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 4/20, First Communion Retreat, 9:00am, Kennedy Room; Confirmation Penance Service, 7:00pm, Main Church

Sun., 4/22, Archdiocesan Band Festival, Advanced Band, St. John's College High School

Tues., 4/24, Confirmation Practice, 7:30pm, Main Church

Weds., 4/25, Poetry Night, 7:00pm, School Library

Fri., 4/27, Confirmation, 7:00pm, Main Church (reception to follow in school auditorium)

SJE POETRY NIGHT

Make Your Words Come Alive: Poetry Night is April 25!

It's spring, and poems are popping up all over SJE school! Come on out to Poetry Night to hear 2nd grade similes, 8th grade recitations, and every sort of rhyme and rhythm in between. Students may read a favorite poem, share an original piece, or wow the crowd with a memorized poem. Family members and teachers are highly encouraged to participate in our community poetry reading. We've had moms, dads, aunts, and grandmothers read in the past—all are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Who: Students in Grades 1-8, Family Members, and Teachers

When: Wednesday, April 25

7:00 p.m. Sign Up to Read

7:15 p.m. Poetry Reading Begins

Where: SJE School Library

Contact: Marian McClellan at mmcclellan@sjte.org or Cathy Tramontana at ctramont010510@gmail.com

50/50 RAFFLE

It's almost the end of the school year... are you short on fundraising dollars? The 50/50 raffle is a quick and easy way to make up some of your fundraising obligation. Tickets went home on Monday with the oldest child in each family. The drawing will be held during Family Bingo Night on May 11th. Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$20, and \$1.50 of each ticket sale goes directly towards your family's fundraising obligation. Even better than that, the classroom that sells the most 50/50 raffle tickets will win a pizza party, courtesy of Mamma Lucia's!

Questions? Email Shaila Cordone (sguthiko@gmail.com) or Allison Hoefling (allison_hoefling@yahoo.com).

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.

BEHNKE'S NURSERY FUNDRAISER

Stay tuned for more information about fundraising days at Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville May 4-6. You will be able to shop for all your spring plants, garden vegetables, and even your garden tools all while supporting St. John the Evangelist school! See attached flyer for more information.

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!

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. We're looking forward to answering your questions and activating your account!

Any questions? Contact Kristin Dukes and Helen Cyr at sjescrrips@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>

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