

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, May 3, 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,

How did it get to be May! The weather finally decided to cooperate with a Spring theme, and the school is certainly bustling with renewed activity. Our initiation sacrament of Confirmation was beautiful, and the parish's second graders will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Field trips to Mt. Vernon and the D.C. monuments are not far away. On Friday we have our May crowning of the Blessed Mother. Just like Mother Earth springing forward, new projects and new ideas are popping up all over school.

Many of our students participated in the annual Poetry Night. From JrK through eighth grades, students recited poetry they had written or a poem that has long been a favorite. Parents and other parishioners also contributed their talents. At the end of the evening, the students felt a sense of accomplishment and left with a new appreciation of this form of expression. Thank you for all your hard work Ms. Tramontana and Mrs. McClellan.

Friday will be a busy day at school. We start the day by praying the rosary together. Then we will hold the annual May procession, culminating in the crowning of our Blessed Mother. This is followed by First Friday Mass, led by our eighth grade. After Mass, the whole school will celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Songs and dances will be performed by each grade.

I would personally like to thank all the parents who have so generously given of your time and talents this school year. Please let me and the faculty show our appreciation by joining us next Wednesday evening, May 9 at 7:00pm. There will be a short HSA meeting, followed by a concert by our award-winning band. We will have a short ceremony honoring our volunteers and thanking our 8th grade parents who are leaving SJE. Lovely desserts will follow.

Don't forget to come take a look at the Lost and Found, located in the school gym.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

**Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal**

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

In your child's backpack on Thursday (just for oldest and only children), you will find the 2018-2019 Tuition Letter and Agreement. Please fill out the form and return it to school by Thursday, May 10. Copies of the letter and agreement form are below if you need them.

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 5/4, Rosary and May Crowning, 9:00am, Main Church; First Friday Liturgy, 9:30am;

Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 11:00am, 12:30pm Dismissal

Sun., 5/6, First Holy Communion, 12:00pm, Main Church

Mon., 5/7, Student Council Meeting, 3:00pm

Weds., 5/9, Parent Appreciation night, HSA Meeting and Band Concert, 7:00pm, School Auditorium

Fri., 5/11, Family Bingo Night, 6:30pm, School Auditorium

50/50 RAFFLE

This is the LAST WEEKEND to sell your 50/50 raffle tickets. Don't forget!!! The more we sell, the bigger the prize! And the class who sells the most tickets wins a pizza party from Mamma Lucia! The drawing is Friday, May 11th at Family Bingo Night. If you need more tickets, you can get them from Angela Colburn.

Questions? Email Allison Hoeftling (allison_hoeftling@yahoo.com) or Shaila Cordone (sguthiko@gmail.com).

FUNDRAISING DAYS AT BEHNKE'S NURSERY

Behnke's Nursery in Beltsville will be holding fundraising days for St. John the Evangelist Parish/School starting Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th. Head to Behnke's with your flyer (or a copy of it on your smartphone) and Behnke's will donate 10% of your bill to the parish/school! It will be a perfect weekend to buy your flower annuals, perennials, shrubs, bird seed, mulch and tools just in time for spring planting! If you've never been to Behnke's, you're in for a treat! Thank you for supporting St. John's!

FAMILY BINGO: FRIDAY, MAY 11

Please join us for Family Bingo Night on Friday, May 11 from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the school auditorium. Flyers will be sent home in backpacks this week. Change from previous Bingo Nights: Pizza is always in short supply on Bingo Night, and we can only guarantee pizza for families that pre-order. If you'd like to make sure there's a hot pizza (or three) waiting for your family, please place your order ahead using the attached form. Forms can be turned into Angela Colburn in the SJE front office through Wednesday, May 9. Bingo cards, drinks and other munchies will be sold for cash only 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SJE VBS Campers! Step Right Up!!!! Join us for the week of July 23rd, 2018 for our annual extravaganza of learning and love. Put on your marching boots and join in the Our Father parade!! In the grandstand, meet Rinaldo the Ringmaster and Henry the Hippo. Learn the meaning of the Our Father, the perfect prayer given to us by Jesus, the perfect teacher. Fun is just around the block! You'll be dancing in the streets with sensational skits and Bible stories, games, creative crafts, and Hit Parade music.

Hold onto your balloon for the time of your life!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP, PLEASE VISIT OUR VBS WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://JES.EJOINME.ORG/2018VBS](https://jes.ejoinme.org/2018vbs)

CAMP WHISPERING OAK: GIRLS K-5

Do you have a daughter in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade? Check out this fun outdoor introduction to scouting (no experience or scout membership required) in beautiful Brookeville, MD on June 18-22. Camp days run 9am – 4pm. Only \$45 per camper! Free transportation with pickup near St. John's! Registration opens April 9th:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cb_camp

See attached flyer or contact Marie Schech at mbcsmks@earthlink.net.

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 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

PARISH / COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH PICNIC AT HISTORIC CHURCH

Come and enjoy the Parish Picnic to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our Historic Church on Saturday, May 19, 2018 starting at 1:00 PM on site at Rosensteel Avenue in Forest Glen. The road between the Historic Church and the Knights of Columbus facility will be blocked off to through traffic that day. We will have great food and lots of activities. The Carroll Chapel replica and the Historic Church will be open for visits – come and learn more about our Parish history and the history of the Catholic Church in America. Docents will be available to describe the displays and answer questions. The Picnic will be hosted by the Parish and the Rosensteel Council of the Knights of Columbus. Food, drinks, and ice cream will be provided. We ask that each family bring a dessert to share. An outdoor Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 PM.

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

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