

Saint John the Evangelist School

Weekly e-Bulletin

Thursday, May 17, 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,

Maybe the lazy days of summer are coming, but no one thought to tell May to slow down! The school is awirl in activities. Our Spring concert is on Friday, Student Council speeches and elections are next week, as are History Day and Kindergarten Readiness Testing. Picnics are being planned, and the Talent Show is not far off.

But we still have things we need to get done by the end of the year. Next week, we will have a lockdown drill. We are preparing the students, particularly the little ones, for this important safety precaution. They sit quietly in their classrooms with the shades drawn and the doors locked. We announce very clearly that it is a drill. Our plan is to have this drill on Wednesday. And if the rain ever stops, we will have our last couple of fire drills.

Miscellaneous reminders: NO SCHOOL FOR JrK through GRADE 3 on Thursday, May 24. Talent Show permission slips will come home in another week. Practice times will be announced. If you haven't sent it in already, please return your tuition agreement form to school. Financial aid awards will be announced within the week.

The Parish Picnic has been cancelled for this Saturday due to predictions for heavy rain. The new date is Saturday, June 30.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Sincerely,
Margaret Durney
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 5/18, Spring Concert, 7:30pm, School Auditorium

Sat., 5/19, PARISH PICNIC RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 30

Sun., 5/20, Pentecost, CYO Banquet, 6:00pm, School Auditorium

Mon., 5/21, Student Council Speeches, 1:55pm

Weds., 5/23, History Day, 1:30pm, School Auditorium and Library

Thurs., 5/24, NO SCHOOL FOR JUNIOR K through Grade 3, El Golfo Fundraiser

Fri., 5/25, School closed, Pastor's Day

Mon., 5/28, School closed, Memorial Day

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

Thank you to our outgoing HSA board, especially president Mickey Manuel, for your hard work this past year, bringing together our home and school communities. At the HSA meeting last week, new board members were elected to serve for the 2018-2019 school year.

Congratulations to Shaila Cordone (President), Rebecca Desrocher (Vice President), Kelly Bromley (Communications) and Anji Johnston (Treasurer)!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!

Our Hot Lunch program needs you!!! We are looking for volunteers for next year's Hot Lunch program. Several of our long-term volunteers will be leaving SJE in June when their children graduate. For those who are not familiar with our program, here are a few details: There are four Hot Lunch teams. Each team rotates through the schedule. Due to holiday's, snow days, 12:30 dismissals, etc, each team serves hot lunch a little less than once a month. Duties include setting up, preparing fruits/vegetables, serving lunch to the students and teachers, and cleaning up. The hours are roughly 11:00am - 12:30pm. The Hot Lunch program depends on our parent volunteers, so please consider volunteering. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kristin Dukes at krisdukes03@gmail.com.

50/50 RAFFLE

Another 50/50 raffle is on the books! Congratulations to Kindergarten, who sold an amazing 141 tickets! They earned a pizza party, courtesy of Mamma Lucia's. Second prize was won by the 7th grade, who will get an out of uniform day. Third place goes to 6th grade, who will get an afternoon popsicle treat on a warm afternoon coming soon.

Many thanks to everyone for your hard work selling a grand total of 628 raffle tickets, worth close to \$4,500! We raised a net profit for the school of \$2,060!

~Allison Hoefling and Shaila Cordone (co-chairs)

SJE CYO 2018 FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for 7U-14U (Grades 1-8) is now open. Register EARLY and SAVE! Early bird registration rates are available until May 24th.

Please see the attached flyer for details and click here to visit the [SJE CYO website](#)

Click to register online in [Sports Pilot](#)

Questions? Contact Carolyn Yong at sjesoccer@gmail.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)

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS: SAVE THESE DATES!

Plan to join your SJE friends for two more restaurant fundraisers!

Come to El Golfo's Kids' Karaoke night on Thursday, May 24th, from 6-10pm. El Golfo offers delicious Tex Mex and Latin American cuisine and they will donate 20% of your bill to SJE! Karaoke (which starts at 7pm) was a great hit with last year's attendees! Kick off the Memorial Day weekend with an excellent dinner and tons of fun up on stage! See attached flyer.

Then grab some Chipotle for dinner on June 12 between 4-8pm at the Wheaton Mall (just outside of Costco). Chipotle donates an amazing 50% of our bills (with attached flyer at purchase) to our school! Make sure to take advantage of this generous school support!

SJE NIGHT WITH THE BOWIE BAYSOX

Join your SJE friends for a great day of baseball with the Bowie Baysox on Sunday, June 3rd, at 1:35pm. The first 1000 adults will receive a Maryland Flag Baysox logo hat & there will be a Helicopter Candy Drop onto the field after the game (for kids 12 and under). Save the date and keep an eye out for the order form, which is attached and will also be sent home soon! Tickets are \$10, with \$5 going to support SJE!

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

RESCHEDULED: PARISH PICNIC AT HISTORIC CHURCH

Due to heavy rains predicted for Saturday, May 19, the Parish Picnic has been rescheduled. Come and celebrate the 125th Anniversary of our Historic Church on Saturday, June 30, 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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