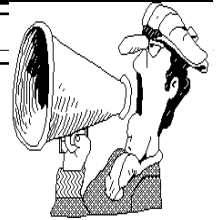




SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL

Parent Bulletin



December 2, 2011

From the Principal's Desk....

Greetings St. John Parents!

I wanted to remind St. John parents that registration for the 2012-13 school year starts in February. Why the early reminder you ask? I am very interesting in building enrollment at our fine school. I am reaching out to you in order to request that you share the positive experiences that your children are enjoying with parishioners, neighbors, friends, and, especially, families that have left St. John School in the past year. I believe the school culture and climate at the school has improved. The children appear to be happy and joyfully to come to school each day. The PTO is a vibrant and effective group again. Our Catholic identity is steeped in a daily celebration of the feast of a Saint and with daily prayers from the front office and in the classrooms. We engage in Bible and Historical trivia contests often. Classes are small and instruction is differentiated for students of all ability levels. Our school does not shy away from students with special needs or gifted and talented individuals. We offer Spanish (grades pre-K through 8), Art, Physical Education, and Computer Classes as electives along with the regular academic classes. I have a "zero tolerance" for bullying and help any student correct challenging behaviors with positive disciplinary strategies. Our school reminds me of the caring, consistent Catholic school I attended as a youth. Of course, the best piece is the teachers! Our instructional staff is exceptional in every important aspect of educational life. In addition, the school features a new differentiated Reading program in Pre-K through fifth grade, new computers in our computer lab, a new Pre-K through-5th grade Math program in 2013, and new "History Alive" Social studies programs in 2012-13. Self contained Science lab programs are being looked at for the future, as well. Please share the message that we welcome visitors and "guest readers" to our classrooms. As noted song writer Bob Dylan would opine, "the times they are a changin'" and we, at St. John School, are changing in positive, progressive ways!

I hope to see you all at the Christmas Parade in downtown Warrenton this Saturday, December 3 at 10AM.

God bless you all!

Art Fairweather



PTO NEWS

- **Friday evening, December 2nd**, is the opening of Gumdrop Square and Santa's Secret Shop on Main Street in Warrenton from 6 to 9. The PTO will have a table (around Second and Main) selling our White House Christmas Ornaments and Festival of Wreath raffle tickets. See the following website for more information: www.partnershipforwarrenton.org/events
- **Saturday, December 3rd**, St. John School will be marching in the 25th annual Warrenton Christmas Parade. We will line up on the north side of Main Street between 5th and 6th streets, between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. We are all marching, not just the children. Come join us wearing Santa hats if you can. See link below for more info: www.fauquierwow.com/Warrenton-Christmas-Parade-2011.html
- **The Advent candles were a huge success. We sold 104 of 108 sets!!! We are continuing to sell remaining White House Ornaments and Wreath raffle tickets after the first three masses this coming Sunday and in front the of school during Religious Ed (9 – 11). Volunteers are needed please!**
- **Check out the new PTO mailbox in the hallway and the beautiful Festival of Wreaths display. The main hallway of the Elementary School is decorated with wreaths designed by teachers, staff and parents. The wreaths are also featured on the school website at www.sjesva.org. There will be a drawing for each wreath on December 10, after Breakfast with Santa. Ticket donations of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00 are requested. With each purchase of 6 tickets, your name will be entered into a drawing for a family Nativity Set. Tickets are available in both school offices, on the PTO bulletin board, at Breakfast with Santa and may be downloaded from the school website. Thank you for supporting the Festival of Wreaths!**
- **Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 10th from 8:00am - 11:00am. Volunteers are still needed, please contact Melissa Quarry at mquarry1@mac.com if you would like to help. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Join us for photos with Santa, crafts and breakfast.**
- **We are looking for parents with green thumbs to help keep up the landscaping around the school. Older students can help with the labor but we need someone to coordinate and supervise. The planted areas in front of the school are desperately in need of weeding and mulching. The parish maintenance staff can't do it all and this would be a wonderful opportunity for the right person(s) to earn Hours for Ours and provide a much needed service for our school. Please contact Nancy Chipman (nchipman@earthlink.net) if you are interested.**
- **The 4th grade will sponsor a Bake Sale during carpool on December 9th.**
- **The next PTO Board meeting will be on December 14th.**
- **Don't forget to order your jackets in time for Christmas!!!!**
- **There is a new grocery card flier attached that includes Bloom, Harris Teeter and Martins, as well as, Giant and Safeway. Please take the time to register your cards. This is a simple way to help the school that costs nothing but a few minutes of your time.**
- **The Scrip program allows us to purchase Gift Cards for a wide variety of stores and in return we receive a percentage of card value. You can register online at www.shopwithscrip.com using enrollment code 737D9LA814L24. We are challenging each family to purchase \$25 in gift cards per week this school year! If you have any questions please contact Julie Royal at 540-347-6665.**
- **We would like all parents to participate in the Box Top for Education and Campbell Labels programs to benefit our children's education. Please cut and save for these programs at no additional cost to you. Thank you for your support.**



Other School News

- The Preschool is in desperate need of music accompaniment for the Christmas Program Wednesday, December 14th. Simple, simple songs. Would like to begin practice by December 5th. Please contact Julie Copeland at the preschool (540)347-5341 or jcopeland@stjohntheevangelistschool.org
 - Girl Scouts are meeting on Wednesdays afterschool. Thank you to Mrs. Brown for the leading the troop.
 - If you are interested in helping with lunch room monitoring and earning some hours of ours please contact Carole Wines (540)752-2254 or maia_bug@yahoo.com
 - Please try to have your children on time to school each day. We are experiencing a great number of tardies each morning. Per page 17 in the handbook, “Habitual tardiness is a source of embarrassment to a child and will impede academic progress. Middle School students must be in their classroom ready to work at 7:50am, all Elementary School students must be in their classroom ready to begin at 8:00am. In order to enter the classroom after this time, they must obtain a late pass from the school office. The student who is tardy due to unexcused reasons may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Frequent cases of tardiness will be brought to the attention of the Principal.”
 - John Paul the Great has several upcoming events:
 1. Boys and girls grades 5-8 are invited to participate in the First Annual JP Soccer Clinic and Futsal Tournament. Form a team from your middle school, or join a team for the day. Saturday, December 10, 1-5pm
 2. JP is proud to sponsor the Second Annual Diocesan-wide Middle and High School Student Art Contest. All students in grades 6-12 in the Diocese of Arlington may submit their faith-inspired works by December 15. For more information contact artcontest@jpthegreat.org
 - Mrs. Anderson thanks all the families who have donated to the Prize Box in the Library, as she is always in need of prizes.
 - Parents, a Weekly Children’s Adoration is gathering on Thursdays from 3-4pm. If you are interested please contact April Knight april_m_knight@yahoo.com. This is a non-school activity and is open to all families, families with children outside of St. John’s School, as well as, home school families.
 - The Middle School Students will be visiting The Villa at Suffield Meadows retirement community after school on Wednesday, December 14th from 4:30-6:00pm. We will be singing some classic Christmas carols, but what the folks there want more than anything else is to see smiling faces and share some holiday cheer. Please contact Ryan Stohlman rstohlman@stjohntheevangelistschool.org if you are interested. Chaperons and drivers are needed. Permission slips will be sent home on Monday 12/5.
 - St. John students are participating in the St. John Christmas Angel Tree Program. Please return all gifts wrapped to the school lobby (we will bring them up to the Parish Office) by Friday December 9th. There will be a Dress Down Day Tuesday, December 13th. All donations will go towards buying gifts for the families.
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Happy Birthday December Students and Staff

Mrs. Miller	December 1	Jerick Barnes	December 23
Jaden Lucero	December 3	Laura Fenske	December 23
Alex Gallehr	December 6	Mrs. Copeland	December 27
Eli Gay	December 6	Mrs. Quarry	December 27
Nicholas Shadyac	December 6	Maddy Thompson	December 27
Philip Shadyac	December 6	Zachary Thompson	December 27
Ms. Danh	December 11	Elena Murphy	December 28
Ainsley Colgan	December 14	Sophia Wall	December 31
Vaeda Burkhead	December 14		

Dates to Remember



December 5, 9, 12, 14	Christmas Play Practices (3:15-4:00 pm Mercy Hall)
Saturday, December 3rd	Christmas Parade (10am) Main Street Warrenton (6-9pm)
Monday, December 5th	Advent Wreath Ceremony (K-2) DDD for Catholic Charities
Tuesday, December 6th	Principal's Breakfast 8-9am
Wednesday, December 7th	General PTO Mtg (7pm Science Lab)
Thursday, December 8th	Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception Race For Education Awards (9:30am) Race For Education Lunch (12:00pm) 6th Grade Field Trip (7:30pm)
Friday, December 9th	4th Grade Carpool Bake Sale Mid-Quarter Reports
Saturday, December 10th	Breakfast with Santa (8-11am)
Monday, December 12th	Advent Wreath Ceremony (3-5) Confessions (9:30am)
Tuesday, December 13th	Confessions (9:30am) Priests in Grades 5-6 (10 & 10:30) DDD for St. John's Angel Tree
Wednesday, December 14th	MS Caroling @ The Villa (4:30-6:00pm) First Penance Meeting (7pm MPR) PTO Board Mtg (7pm Science Lab)
Thursday, December 15th	Christmas Program 7pm
Friday, December 16th	MS Winter Dance 7-10pm

Winter Uniforms went into effect Monday, November 14th



- Please remember fads or unusual hairstyles are not permitted. Streaking or coloring of hair is not permitted.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear one pair of small post or stud earrings and one ring.
- A religious medal or cross and a watch may be worn.
- Boys hair should be neatly trimmed and above the collar.
- No make up of any kind nor is nail polish permitted.
- Shoes should be all black or all brown sturdy shoes. No flat ballet slippers, heels, crocs, sandals or wheelies.
- PE class-all students should wear sweatpants and sweatshirts to school on the assigned PE day. T-shirt and shorts may be worn under the sweat suit for class time but the sweat suit must be worn during class time.
- Boys and girls must always wear a belt with slacks
- All students in 6-8 must wear the v-neck sweater or vest as a part of the uniform. Sweaters are optional for grades K-5

Girls K-5

- Red plaid jumper with white peter pan collar blouse (long or short sleeve)
- Hunter green crew neck cardigan sweater (optional)
- Khaki uniform slacks with brown or black belt and hunter green or white 3 button polo (long or short sleeve)
- Hunter green or white knee socks (no low cut socks or socks with logos or writing) or green or white tights

Boys K-5

- Khaki uniform slacks with brown or black belt and hunter green or white 3 button polo (long or short sleeve)
- Hunter green crew-neck pullover sweater (optional)
- Hunter green or white socks (no low cut socks with logos or writing)

Girls 6-8

- Uniform khaki kilt worn with white oxford button down collar blouse (short or long sleeve)
- Khaki uniform slacks with brown or black belt and uniform blouse (short or long sleeve)
- Hunter green V-neck pull over vest
- Hunter green or white knee socks (no low cut socks or socks with logos or writing) or green or white tights

Boys 6-8

- Khaki uniform slacks with black or brown belt and white oxford button down collar shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Hunter green v-neck sweater or vest with hunter green twill tie
- Hunter green or white socks (no low cut socks with logos or writing)



*Breakfast
with Santa*

**St. John's Annual
Breakfast with Santa**

December 10 • 8 - 11 a.m.

Breakfast included

Mrs. Claus' Shop, Crafts and Games

Photos with Santa - \$6

(includes Photo, Card & Ornament)

Cake Walk - \$1 to play

Kids 3-12 years \$5 • Adults \$10 • Family of 4 or more \$30

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We will be there! Name: _____

Adults: _____ @ \$10 = _____

3-12 Yrs: _____ @ \$5 = _____

Email/Phone: _____

Advance ticket purchases are recommended! Please make checks payable to St. John School.

We will bring a **Baked Good** for the Cake Walk. Yes No

Questions? Contact Melissa Quarry @ (703) 627-2170 or mquarry1@mac.com



IMPORTANT LEGISLATION:

During the 2012 Virginia General Assembly session, a bill will be introduced to provide greater parental choice in education. Similar legislation was approved by the Virginia House of Delegates last year before being defeated 9-6 in the Senate Finance Committee.

By providing business tax credits for donations toward Education Improvement Scholarships to enable economically disadvantaged children to attend nonpublic K-12 schools, passage of this bill would:

- provide options and opportunities for low-income families.
- sustain enrollment in Catholic schools.
- save all taxpayers money.

For more information, visit www.vacatholic.org.

ACTION NEEDED: Catholic-school parents, parishioners and others concerned about parental choice in education are urged to join the crucial effort to pass this bill.

For alerts and updates on this initiative and others of interest to Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses (serving 27,000 Catholic-school students and nearly 700,000 parishioners), please join the Virginia Catholic Conference Email Advocacy Network by completing the form below. **(Please print clearly and return to: Virginia Catholic Conference, 919 East Main Street, Suite 1140, Richmond, VA 23219.)**

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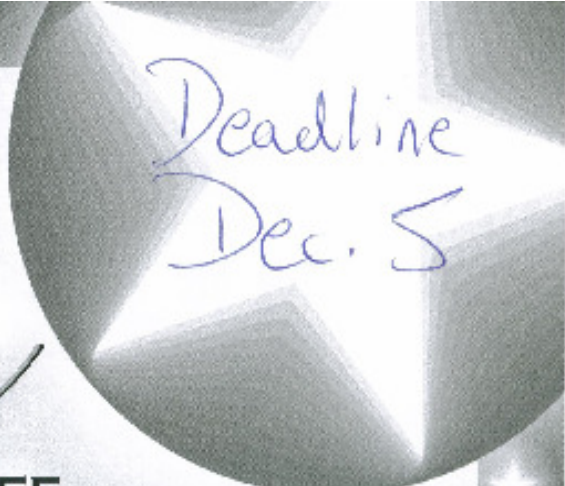
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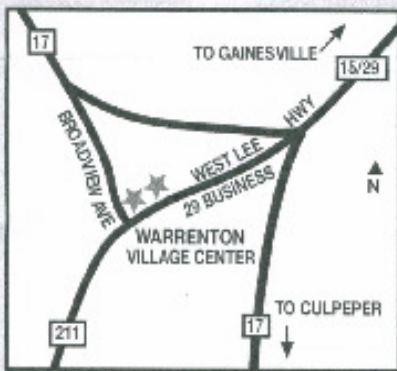
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Dear Parents,

One of the easiest ways to help contribute to our school is by using your local supermarket bonus card. This requires NO ADDITIONAL spending on your part. Each supermarket allocates a percentage of your sales back to the school you designate. Below is of our local supermarkets that participate in a school rewards program. St. John’s has an account with each store. Please, on your next visit to the supermarket, present your bonus card or telephone number to the Customer Service desk and ask to have St. John’s assigned to your card. You may also visit each supermarket website and do it online at your convenience.

SUPERMARKET	PROGRAM NAME	SJS ACCT #
Bloom	For Your School	01041
Giant	A+ School Rewards	02142
Harris Teeter	TIE – Together In Education	6937
Martins	A+ School Rewards	02717
Safeway	eScrips	6631423

Last year we were able to buy, from our bonus points, supplies for Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, 8th Grade, Art and the Preschool. Please join in our efforts this year to purchase supplies for other grades.

If you have any questions please call me at 540-272-3099.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated help and cooperation!

Gisella Fackenthall

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