



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

November 16, 2018

Upcoming Events



November 16-17
Embers Performance

November 19
Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
4th & 5th Field Trip

November 20
Grandparents Day
Early Dismissal 11:30am
NO Extended Day

November 21-25
Thanksgiving Break

November 26
Start of Winter Uniform
Confirmation 7pm

November 29
High School Placement Test

November 30
Mass w/ Student of the Month
End of 1st Trimester
Early Dismissal 11:30am

December 6
Dress Down Day
St. Nicholas Day

December 7
Mass with Rosary
Report Cards go home
K-2 Movie Night 6-8pm
MS Dance 7-10pm Trinity Hall

December 13
Christmas Program 7pm

December 15
Breakfast with Santa 8:30-11:00

December 21
Mass with Student of the Month
Early Dismissal 11:30 am
NO Ext Day

December 22-January 2
Christmas Break

January 3
Return to school

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

On a somber note, there was an issue Sunday before the 12:30 p.m. Mass involving a man that refused to leave the church after he was concerning parishioners. Ultimately, law enforcement was called and removed him from the premises. I was informed that he was served Tuesday evening and legally, he is not allowed to be on parish grounds for at least a year. There were concerns regarding his mental and emotion state and all parishioners are asked to call 911 should they see this man on parish grounds immediately. Additional details are available in this bulletin.

On a lighter note, we had a very successful Coffee and Chat Monday morning. Ten families stopped in to learn more about St. John and the Kindergarten Program. Word of Mouth is the best way to share our story so please let other parish and non-parish families know about our wonderful school! We endeavor to evangelize so all faiths are welcome and encouraged to join our school community.

Thank you to all parents that attended our Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. Our faculty and staff were very pleased overall with attendance and the conversations that took place. Research continues to show that increased parent involvement leads to higher levels of student participation, accountability, and overall success. God bless you for all you do for your children and our students. The time quickly approaches for our 8th graders to experience the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. The parish's Religious Education Director, Mrs. Sherin Murphy, assured me that they are ready to make this most important sacrament. Congratulations to all our candidates and I will see you there.

It has been a joy to complete formal and informal observations in our classrooms. In addition to Religion and other classes, we continue to hone in on Math, Reading, and Language Arts success. What seems to be working in our classrooms includes manipulatives, essential questions, and other visual aids to provide instruction in different modalities so we reach the visual, sensory, and kinesthetic learner as well as the auditory learner. These subjects in particular will be monitored when the students complete their PALS/Scantron testing "snapshot" in the coming months. The first trimester will end on Friday, November 30th and Report Cards (with the exception of Kindergarten) will go home on Friday, December 7th.

We wait with baited breath for the Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast tomorrow at noon and Grandparents Day on Tuesday, November 20th. Grandparents are welcome to attend our 8:30 a.m. school mass and a short address will follow in Trinity Hall until roughly 10:00 a.m. At this time, grandparents will proceed to the classrooms for activities. Safe travels to all during this holiday season and may we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

Mr. Temple Macdonald

November 16, 2018

Please read this paraphrased statement from Fr. Gould:

This past Sunday, before the 12:30 Mass, Fr. Gould dismissed a young man from the church, out of concern from the parishioners. Over the past years this man has falsely identified himself to Fr. Gould during conversations. Parishioners have contacted Fr. Gould out of concern for Mr. Alvarez's behavior and general deportment.

In fact, his name is Geovany Alvarez, lives near Fauquier High School, is approximately 36 years old and rides a light blue bicycle. He is known and flagged by Warrenton Town Police and the Fauquier Hospital emergency staff.

After this past Sunday's events, which included a conversation with a police officer, Fr. Gould contacted the police department which issued an order preventing Mr. Alvarez from returning to the St. John Parish and School campus. Mr. Alvarez has been served and if seen on the property will be forcibly removed by the police.

The entire parish and school staff were informed of this situation and continue to be ever vigilant in keeping our parishioners and students safe.

Fr. Gould asks that we pray for the troubled soul of the dear man and let us also be attentive, keeping an eye out for the safety of all.



School News



Background Checks – Policies for School Parent Volunteers

As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for our children, all volunteers with “substantial contact” with children are required to complete a background check prior to working in the school and to complete VIRTUS training. This includes parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities. Parents are encouraged to complete this paperwork promptly and those who have not yet completed the background check process may request a packet of forms from the school office.

Winter uniform begins Monday, November 26. Please see the attached guidelines.



PTO News

- Our Race for Education school-wide donation contest will end on Friday, November 16th at 3:00pm. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AAA722A3F49-race1>
- Give the gift of Education.....St John PTO is sending an African child to Catholic School!!!! Please consider sending in a donation to send a second child to Catholic School in Africa. We would like donations submitted before Christmas break as their school begins in February. Thank you for your generosity!
- We are still in need of a Spirit Night coordinator. Your time is precious & so is SJES!!! Please think about Stepping Up.



Notes from the Nurse

It's that time of year. The cold and flu season seems to be upon us. Please encourage your children to use good hand washing technique and to do it often. I will be spending time in all health classes in November from preschool to 8th grade to talk about hand washing and germ prevention.

Also remember, if your student is ill, please keep them home. Sick Day Guidelines are attached to this bulletin. Deputy Kristi Kiernan of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Department will be at SJES on November 6th to talk with the 4th - 8th grade students about bullying. Deputy Kiernan is the Resource Officer at Warrenton Middle School and also a parent at SJES.

The local Lion's Club will be at SJES on November 14th for the annual hearing and vision screenings. Permission forms will be coming home soon, please watch for them.

May God Bless You Always.

Mrs. Catts

School Nurse

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School
Uniform Dress Code
Purchased from Flynn & O'Hara

GIRLS' UNIFORMS, GRADES K-4

1. Maroon and grey uniform jumper
2. White peter pan collar blouse
3. White knee socks (no low cut socks or socks with logos or writing)
4. Black sturdy mary-janes, saddle or dress shoes. No ballet slippers, heels, crocs, sandals, open toe, boots, booties, clogs (without backs) or wheelies.
5. Maroon crew neck cardigan sweater with school shield (optional)
6. Maroon fleece with school shield (optional, may be worn with PE and school uniform in the classroom)
7. White tights (optional with winter uniform)

BOYS' UNIFORMS, GRADES K-4

1. Grey uniform slacks
2. White three button knit polo with school shield
3. Black belt
4. Black crew socks (no low cut socks or socks with logos or writing)
5. Solid black sturdy dress or tie shoes with matching laces. No crocs or wheelies.
6. Maroon sweater vest with school logo (optional with winter uniform)
7. Maroon fleece with school shield (optional, may be worn with PE and school uniform in the classroom)
8. Grey uniform walking shorts (optional with fall and spring uniform)

GIRLS' UNIFORM, GRADES 5-8

1. Maroon and grey uniform skirt
2. White ¾ sleeve blouse (winter uniform)
3. Maroon v-neck sweater vest with school logo (winter uniform)
4. White knee socks (no low cut socks or socks with logos or writing)
5. Black sturdy mary-janes, saddle or dress shoes. No ballet slippers, heels, crocs, sandals, open toe, boots, booties, clogs (without backs) or wheelies.
6. Maroon fleece with school shield (optional, may be worn with PE and school uniform in the classroom)

BOYS' UNIFORM, GRADES 5-8

1. Grey uniform slacks
2. White oxford button down collar shirt (winter uniform)
3. Maroon v-neck sweater vest with school shield (winter uniform)
4. Navy, maroon and white striped uniform tie (winter uniform)
5. Black belt
6. Black crew socks (no low cut socks or socks with logos or writing)
7. Black sturdy dress or tie shoes with matching laces. No crocs or wheelies.
8. Maroon fleece with school shield (optional, may be worn with PE and school uniform in the classroom)

* During winter uniform season the sweatpant is required PE. Shorts may be worn under the sweatpant and may be removed for PE class only. The optional grey sweatshirt or maroon fleece from the designated uniform companies may be worn in the classroom on the assigned PE days.*

St. John the Evangelist School Sick Day Guidelines

The most important way to help stop the spread of infectious illness is to keep your child home when they are sick.

According to school policy your child should be kept at home when:

- He or she has a temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Has vomited and/or had diarrhea at least 3 times in a 24 hour period
- Has symptoms that will keep your child from participating in learning, such as
 - Very tired
 - Lack of appetite
 - Uncontrollable cough
 - Sneezing often
 - Headache
 - Body aches
 - Earaches
 - Sore throat – minor sore throat is OK for school if no other symptoms mentioned above are present
 - Severe/Bad sore throat – should be assessed for strep throat
- Has excessive and constant coughing or sneezing and/or nasal congestion as often this spreads sickness to others.

24 Hour Rule

- Fever – your child may not attend school until he/she has been without fever for 24 hours without medications to lower fever such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen.
- Vomiting/Diarrhea – your child may not attend school until he/she has been without vomiting (at least 3 times in 24 hour period defines vomiting) or diarrhea for 24 hours without medications such as Imodium.
- Antibiotics – your child may not attend school if he/she is being treated with an antibiotic until they have received at least 24 hours of the medication.

PLEASE NOTE: NO MATTER THE SEVERITY OF SYMPTOMS, IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL NURSE AND/OR ADMINISTRATION IF A STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME OR EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT DUE TO ILLNESS.

The TORCH Drama Club

and

The Embers of 2018
present



Friday
November 16th
7 PM
Admission
\$8/person

Saturday
November 17th
7 PM
Admission
\$15/person
SOLD OUT

St. John's
Auditorium
111 John E Mann St.
Warrenton, VA

Tickets:
TORCHtickets@gmail.com
or school office
@
(540)347-2458

Grandparent's Day Schedule

8:15 - 8:25 a.m.

Upon Arrival to Campus
Proceed to Church

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Mass

9:40 - 10:00 a.m.

Principals Address
Trinity Hall

10:00 - 11:25 a.m.

Activities in the Classrooms

11:25 - 11:30 a.m.

Announcements and Dismissal

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Festival of Wreaths

**We need all creative & artistic
Wreath makers!!! Please bring in a
decorated wreath at your earliest
convenience to make our Festival of Wreaths
possible.**

Some suggested themes are...



Fall

Halloween

Thanksgiving

Winter

Christmas

Children need parents & teachers to speak up for the: **Education Improvement Scholarship Program**

The Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC), the public policy agency representing Virginia's bishops and two dioceses, needs your help! The advocacy by parents, children & teachers is vital to the preservation and growth of an important program in Virginia that provides equal educational opportunities for children in Virginia.

The Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit (EISTC) program provides low-income K-12 students with a scholarship to be used for a private school of their choosing, empowering parents to make the best educational choice for their child. The scholarships are funded by private donations to scholarship foundations. Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of threats to the continuation of the EISTC program which cannot be ignored. Legislators need to hear from you now more than ever!

You can make a difference in a child's life!

Ways to get involved:

- Testimonials by you — parents, children & teachers — whose lives have been impacted by the EISTC program (letters, video message, blogs).
- Meeting with your legislators in their local district offices — personal stories need to be heard about how EISTC scholarships change lives for the better.
- Attendance/Testimony at Virginia General Assembly Hearings in Richmond.
- Join the VCC Advocacy Network at www.vacatholic.org where you will receive email action alerts & updates on education legislative issues.
- Parent volunteers to help coordinate advocacy efforts on the school/local/state level, i.e. social media campaigns, phone call drives during key votes, visits to the capital by students & families during session & key hearings.
- Donate to the diocese scholarship foundation, which will provide not only scholarships to at-risk children, but a state tax credit for you.
- Educate your friends & neighbors about the benefits of the EISTC program whether as a scholarship recipient or as a potential donor.

We cannot succeed alone in our efforts to advance the EISTC program in Virginia. Please contact the VCC to become involved. We can walk you through the process. Thank you so much for all you do!

Call or Email ANYTIME to get involved:

Felicia Pricenor, Esq., Associate Director
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Virginia 529 FAQs

What is a "529 plan"?

Named for Section 529 of the U.S. tax code, a 529 plan is a tax-advantaged investment plan operated by a state to encourage saving for education expenses. As there is risk when investing in a 529 account, we are required to advise readers talk to a financial advisor.

What are the qualifying education expenses?

Following the passage of 2017's Tax Cut and Jobs Act, funds in a 529 plan may be used for tuition, books, fees, computer technology, or room and board at a qualifying college and for up to \$10,000 in tuition at a K-12 private or religious school.

What is the federal tax advantage for using a 529 plan?

The growth of your investment is not subject to federal taxation as long as funds are used for qualifying educational expenses. There is no federal deduction allowed for contributions.

What are the tax advantages in Virginia of investing in a 529 plan?

In addition to tax-free growth on the investment, taxpayers in Virginia who contribute to the state-run Virginia 529 plan may deduct up to \$4,000 (\$8,000 filing jointly) per beneficiary from their taxable income. At a tax rate of 5.75%, a contribution of \$8,000 could lower taxes owed by \$460.

Who may donate to a 529 account?

Anyone may contribute to a 529 plan for any beneficiary. Any Virginia taxpayer contributing to a Virginia 529 plan may take a deduction, regardless of who the beneficiary is.

Can funds in a Virginia 529 account be used for K-12 tuition in another state?

Yes, the funds can be used to pay K-12 tuition expenses in any other state.

Can the beneficiary on an account be changed?

Yes, a beneficiary may be changed at any time, and changes in beneficiary among family members will not incur a tax liability. However, if the new beneficiary is not a family member of the original beneficiary, there may be a tax due on the growth of the investment.

Is there an annual limit on how much one person may donate to a 529 plan?

The federal gift tax applies to donations larger than \$15,000 per year. However, 529 accounts may be pre-funded with 5 years' worth of gifts (\$70,000 individually or \$140,000 for a married couple filing jointly) without incurring the tax, so long as no further gifts are made for 5 years.

Is there an annual limit on using a 529 account for K-12 tuition expenses?

Yes, the maximum amount that can be distributed tax-free per calendar year is \$10,000 per student, regardless of the number of 529 accounts.

Can an existing 529 account be used for K-12 expenses?

Yes, up to \$10,000 may be spent tax-free annually on K-12 tuition in 2018 and beyond.

Where can further information be found?

To learn more and to see options for enrolling in Virginia 529 visit [Virginia529.com](https://www.virginia529.com).

Disclaimer:

This fact sheet is not intended to provide tax or legal advice. If you are considering using a Virginia 529 plan for K-12 purposes and you have specific questions about your impact, please seek guidance from a tax professional and/or an attorney. This document is subject to change.

PLEASE GIVE A STUDENT THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

*and receive most of your donation back
through federal and state tax savings!*



The Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation (DASF) is part of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Program which provides scholarships to low income new students to a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school.

- Donors receive 65% of their approved donation in Virginia tax credits
- Donors who itemize also receive federal and Virginia tax deductions
- Donating appreciated stock also avoids capital gains taxes

What is so great about a tax credit?

A tax credit allows you to subtract the amount of the credit dollar-for-dollar from the total amount you owe the state in taxes, not from taxable income. It is not necessary to itemize in order to use the tax credits!

To qualify for the tax credit, donors must request preauthorization for their donation from the Virginia Dept. of Education prior to making their donation. Preauthorizations are valid for 180 days.

Interested? Go online to download a preauthorization request form:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation



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