



# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# School Bulletin

November 30, 2018

## Upcoming Events



### November 30

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

### December 4

Cold Stone Spirit Night 3:30-7pm

### December 5th

6th-7th Field Trip

### December 6

Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities  
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 9:00-11:00

### 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

### January 4

Mass with Rosary

### January 7

Re-registration Begins

### January 7-11

Scantron Testing Window I

### January 18

March 4 Life  
Kindergarten Report Cards

### January 21

No School  
MLK Day

Please check the school website

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

The Advent season approaches. As Pope Francis once said, “The time of Advent...returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God.” It encourages us to live closer to Christ and utilize this time to share our faith and look for ways to practice prayerfulness and generosity. Another way we will again practice the Corporal Works of Mercy is to participate in the “Reverse Advent” Program. Blue bags went home with the youngest student in each family and all are encouraged to fill their bags with the attached list during Advent. We are hopeful that all families can participate in some way and bring the bags back the first day after Christmas Break. Members of Catholic Charities will arrive on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> to pick-up all items.

We have added some additional safety precautions since the recent incident at the parish. We have increased security at the church during our weekly mass and our Crisis Management Team has met multiple times to consider current practices and possible revisions. One other change in particular is that the front doors will remain monitored and locked until Extended Day hours ends at 6:00 p.m. **An additional staff member was added to accommodate this change so please note beginning Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Extended Day rates will change from \$7/hour for the first child to \$8/hour. If applicable, the second, and all remaining children in a family, will be charged \$7/hour instead of \$6/hour.** Our finance manager, Greg Mott, will make the necessary changes on FACTS beginning in the new calendar year. Due to this revision, the hourly rate will not increase for the 2019-2020 school year and the rates will continue to remain at \$8/hour and \$7/hour.

Have you heard the great news? Our sixth and seventh grade students will be taking a Field Trip to the Capital next week. If that wasn't enough of a thrill, they will have the opportunity to meet a Senator! My gratitude goes to the Sanchez family, Mr. Stohlman, and others for making this wonderful opportunity possible. Dominic Cruz (class of 2017) recently completed his Eagle Scout Project. You will now notice a burgandy and gray bench, trash disposal, and platform now located on school grounds. We are blessed that after our eighth graders graduate, SJES never quite leaves their minds or hearts. May we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

Temple Macdonald



## 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 began Monday, November 26. Please see the attached guidelines.

We Care Week is December 3-7. We will be holding a Dress Down Day on December 6th for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Please be generous and mindful of the Dress Down Day dress code. Guidelines are attached.

Did you know that we begin advent this coming Sunday? To prepare for advent, St. John School would like to give each family two very special gifts. The youngest student in each family received a blue bag on Thursday. The bag is a gift from the Lucy Project. The Lucy Project helps people around the Arlington diocese who our food deprived. Every day during advent your family will put the requested food item in the blue bag. Then when you return to school in January, you will bring the full bag back to school.

The second gift inside your bag is from the sixth and seventh grade. The gift is a reflection book your family can use during Advent. The six and seventh grade students wrote all of the reflections inside that book. We hope your family will use both gifts! One blesses you and one enables you to bless others! Happy Advent.

### PTO News



- Lots happening with the PTO: Warrenton Christmas Parade, Spirit Night at Cold Stone, K-2 Movie Night and Breakfast with Santa. Please see the following flyers for details.
- 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!



### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.\*

**Dress code rules for Dress Down Days:**

- Out of uniform days are allowed on the student's birthday (if the student's birthday falls on Friday, the student should choose the Thursday before or the following Monday to dress down due to Mass) for school approved incentives and designated school Dress Down Days. Student's with summer birthdays can dress down on their 1/2 birthday.
- All dress down day clothing should be modest. Each article of clothing may be subject to the review and approval of the faculty and/or administration.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight or revealing
- Students must exercise good judgment in wearing shirts, blouses, or other clothing displaying messages or graphics.
- Spaghetti straps and tops which show the midriff may not be worn.
- Low cut shirts and blouses should not be worn.
- Students may not wear ballet slippers, heels, crocs, sandals, open toe, flip flops, clogs (without backs) or wheelies.
- Slacks/trousers must be worn at the waist.
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn as pants. They may be worn under skirts and dresses that are appropriate length.
- Baggy clothing, clothing with rips or tears, or clothing touching the floor may not be worn.
- Girls' shorts, skirts and dresses must not exceed two inches above the knee.
- Shorts (no short shorts) may be worn only during the Fall and Spring uniform season.
- Jeans without holes are acceptable.
- During the winter months, shorts may not be worn to school.
- At no time may students spray paint their hair or face.
- No make-up of any kind is permitted nor is nail polish permitted.
- Tattoos and transfers are not permitted.
- Students are to maintain neat hairstyles. Hair fads or unusual styles are not permitted. Streaking or any hair color is not permitted. Hair must not go below the brow and must remain out of the face. Boys hair should be neatly trimmed and above the collar.
- Boys' facial hair should be kept shaved.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear one pair of small post or stud earrings in the lower lobe. Hoops and dangling earrings may not be worn. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind.

When Dress Down Days are announced, students must comply with dress code guidelines specified above. If clothing is unacceptable, the student will be issued a uniform violation form and, if necessary, parents will be called to bring appropriate attire to the school office. Those who do not dress appropriately may lose dress-down privileges.

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## **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.**

St. John's School Spirit Night at

**COLD STONE**  
CREAMERY



Tuesday, December 4, 2018  
from 3:30 - 7:00 PM

On Alexandria Pike in Warrenton  
Come see Secret Scoopers in action!!  
Make sure to mention St. Johns!

**SEE YOU THERE!**



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington  
**We Care Week**  
December 3rd – December 7th, 2018



**Please Donate to Make a Difference!**

**Donations Help Feed Families and Benefit Other  
Catholic Charities Programs**



# SJES movie night!

## K-2nd grade

Get ready for Christmas with,  
*“Arthur Christmas”*

Friday, December 7th, 6-8pm

\$10 PER CHILD  
(SJES STUDENTS ONLY)  
INCLUDES PIZZA, COOKIE, DRINK  
POPCORN AND MOVIE



RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE BY DECEMBER 4TH

### MOVIE NIGHT FORM - DECEMBER 7TH, 6-8PM

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BEST CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_



**\*\*K - 2ND GRADE SJES STUDENTS ONLY\*\***



St. John the Evangelist School PTO Presents

# **BREAKFAST** *with* **SANTA**

Saturday, December 15



9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Join us in Trinity Hall for Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit and Sausage, Dunkin Donuts Coffee and Donut Holes, Apple Juice, Orange Juice and Chocolate Milk + crafting, gift stations, Elves Gift Shop a picture with Santa and other activities for the kids.

Doors open at 8:45 AM, Santa arrives at 9:15 AM  
Breakfast served 9 AM - 11 AM

**Pre-Purchased Tickets (by Dec. 12)**

- Adults (12+) - \$11.00
- Children (3-12) - \$3.00
- Children Under 3 - FREE

- Wrapped Gifts - 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
- Cookie Decorating \$2.00

- Tickets at the Door**
- Adults (12+) - \$15.00
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*Merry Christmas*



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Merry Christmas

Please join the St. John School PTO for our annual Breakfast with Santa.  
 To secure your tickets, please fill out the order form below and return it to school  
 with your check made payable to St. John School by December 12.

Advance ticket prices are \$11.00 per adult,  
 \$5.00 per child and children under 3 are free.  
 We look forward to seeing you there! Ho Ho Ho!

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ # Adult Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # Child Tickets \_\_\_\_\_