

Upcoming Events



May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 2 K-2 Assembly

May 3 PTO Guest Speaker Mtg 7-8:30pm

May 5 Mass with Rosary

May 8-12 Grades 6 & 7 Scantron Testing

May 9 8th Grade World Language Exam

May 10 Dress Down Day for TORCH Club

May 12 Mass w/ May crowning 8th Grade formal picture Early Dismissal Qtr 4 Interim

May 13 1st Communion

May 15-19 Grades 3-5 Scantron Testing

May 16 SJES Battle of the Books vs St. James

May 17 First Grade field trip 8th Grade presents Twelfth Night 6:30-8:30 pm Trinity Hall

May 19 Mass with Student of the Month 2nd Grade 1st Confession at Mass 8th Grade Dinner Dance

May 20-21 Used Book Sale

May 26 Early Dismissal/NO Ext Day

May 29 Memorial Day/NO School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear SJES Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed a holy and relaxing Easter Break, we are now rested and fully prepared to address the many activities that will occur before the end of the year. Speaking of the end of the year, we have received several inquiries about our last day. Currently, the last day of school is slated for Friday, June 16th and no other dates have been proposed at this time. For our new families, the reason for this inquiry is certainly valid. In the past, we have closed a week early on numerous occasions to accommodate the Sisters for Vacation Bible School, which is held in the school. Unfortunately, details were not finalized last year until May 10th. We are anticipating a similar notification date but I promise to inform all of you as soon as possible.

We currently have multiple classes who are full and several that are almost at capacity. For this reason, the handful of families who have not paid their Materials Fee (\$250 per child) by Friday, May 12th will have this fee charged to their FACTS account on Friday, May 19th. To remain current with the times and increase convenience for our families, we will move this payment online going forward with the Materials Fee being removed from FACTS beginning next year. The finance manager and I will contact the remaining families who are still paying with check or cash.

Thank you to all who applied for Financial Assistance through the Diocese of Arlington. Financial Award letters will go to the mail next week so please anticipate their arrival well before the middle of May. Total scholarships including the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, St. Beatrice, and others was well over three million dollars last year. The Office of Catholic Schools lead by our Bishop and Superintendent should be commended for their efforts to keep Catholic education affordable for our families.

Teacher Appreciation Week starts on Monday, May 1st. My deep appreciation goes out to our faculty and staff for their tireless efforts and commitment to the ministry of Catholic Education. The PTO will continue their supportive efforts by providing lunch on Monday. We are still in need of parent volunteers for indoor/outdoor recess along with set-up and clean up. If you could spare an hour, please sign up through the Sign Up Genius link www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080C49ADAE2CA20-teacher

Don't forget to come visit us on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm. The PTO has arranged for a guest speaker to come in and discuss home safety among other topics. Information is power an I look forward to hearing some key points that are highlighted. It is so important for us all to be proactive and develop prevention strategies instead of only reacting to a particular situation. Hope to see you there and may we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

God bless, Temple W. Macdonald





- Calling all St. John Parents! It's time to give thanks and appreciation to our wonderful staff and faculty during Teacher Appreciation Week. To celebrate them, the PTO is hosting a luncheon on Monday, May 1 from 10:30 am 1:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, to help with teacher lunch and recess duties, as well as, clean up volunteers. Please click on the following link (or copy into your browser) to volunteer. <u>www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080C49ADAE2CA20-teacher</u> Thank you in advance to all of our wonderful parents AND Teachers!!
- Thank you for the positive response for our Used Book Sale. The money I make will benefit the St. John's School Library and thus trickle down to your children in the form of new books. Thanks to you and the parishioners of St. John's parish, books are coming in daily. READING ROCKS!! Mrs. Hammelman
- CYO Basketball Players, please ensure you have turned in your basketball uniform and submitted payment of \$60. Thank you.
- Invitations from John Paul H.S. Please join the JP community: Beauty and the Beast produced by JP Drama and Band May 5, 6, and 7; Diamonds and Demin Galaat The Clubs at Quantico, May 20; Emerald Raffle, with a grand prize of \$15K! Applications for admission and financial aid still being accepted! For more information, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call 703.445.0314.

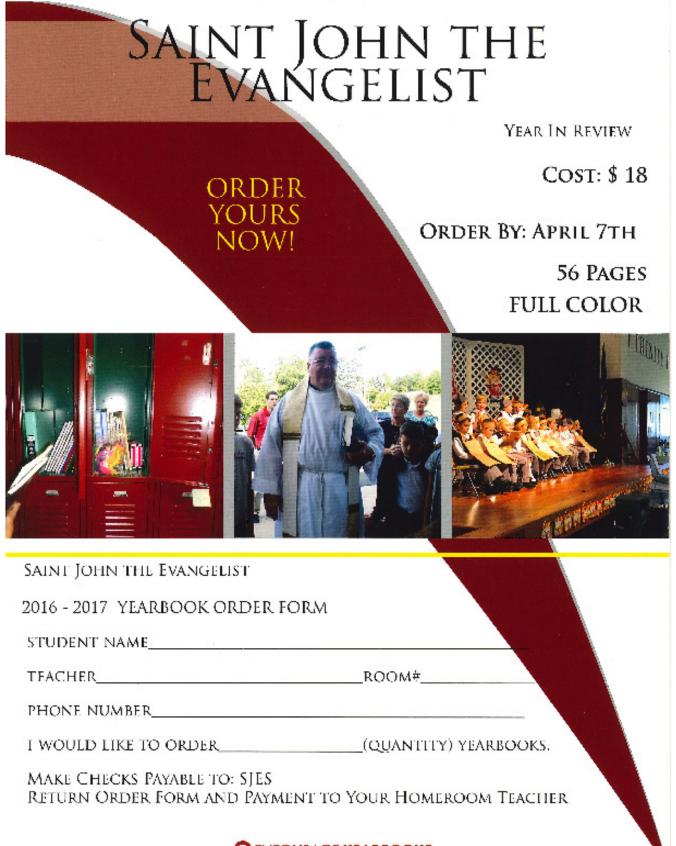
Notes from the Nurse

As everyone is aware we have had lots of contagious illness within the student group lately. Please, for everyone's health and wellness, keep the following items in mind:

- Keep your children home when they are sick.
- Fever of 100.0 or greater = no school.
- Vomiting or diarrhea = no school
- Students must be fever, vomiting, and diarrhea free for 24 hours WITHOUT MEDICATION before returning to school.
- <u>MOST IMPORTANTLY: REMIND YOUR STUDENTS TO WASH THEIR HANDS OFTEN,</u> <u>AND DO NOT SHARE DRINKS OR OTHER FOOD CONTAINERS WITH EACH OTHER.</u>

Please pray with us that everyone at SJES will be healthy very soon. Mrs. Catts





ENTOURAGE YEARBOOKS



