



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

February 22, 2019

Upcoming Events



February 23

Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the library

March 1

Mass with Rosary

March 1-3

SPARKS Production

March 6

Mass-Ash Wednesday

March 8

End of 2nd Trimester
Early Dismissal 11:30am

March 11

NO School
Professional Development

March 12

Stations of the Cross 2:15

March 14

Pi Day
Dress Down Day benefiting PTO

March 15

Report Cards

March 22

Team/Club Photos
3rd & 5th Grade Field Trip

March 28

Stations of the Cross 2:15

March 29

Mass with Student of the Month

April 1

Stations of the Cross 2:15

April 3

Prospective K Parent Meeting 7pm

April 5

Mass with Rosary

April 9

Stations of the Cross 2:15

Please check the school website for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we extend greetings of peace as we approach the Lenten Season. Please consider joining us for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 6th and for our weekly Stations of the Cross. Father Gould has asked me to share that Confessions will be available every night at 8:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season.

I would ask all families to consider attending "The Dark Side of Cyberspace" at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Szatkowski served many years on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and will be providing a wealth of knowledge. This is a nice opportunity to remind us of damaging effect the internet and social media can have on our children as they grow up with all sources of technology at their fingertips. A man once said "let all systems of communications serve you but never let them intrude."

Once again, the Diocesan Financial Assistance Deadline is Friday, March 15th. If you have not applied at this time, please do so as quickly as possible. The diocese is very firm with this deadline. Thank you for your attention to this and I promise to do all that we can to assist as many families as possible.

The Spaghetti dinner is almost here. Please enjoy some music, silent auction items, and fantastic pasta (courtesy of the Knights of Columbus) in Mercy Hall on Saturday, February 23rd from 6-8 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the library. A special note of gratitude goes to Mrs. Hammelman, Mrs. Paccassi, and others for coordinating this event. May we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

Temple Macdonald





School News

The SJES Broadcasting Club wants you! No experience required. Your personal talents and experience will contribute to the success of the club and SJES morning announcements. There has been a change in schedule; We meet Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday right after school until 4:30 p.m. Learn public speaking, video/audio editing and improve your writing skills! Students interested in joining should email Mrs. Karhoff at lkarhoff@sjesva.org for sign up packet.

The Art Room is looking for some additional materials for projects planned this spring. If you have any of the following items you would like to donate please label the bag "art room" and send them in with your student.

- Yarn
- Beads
- Fabric scraps
- Bubble wrap (un-popped if possible :))
- Small pieces of wood
- Hot glue sticks (skinny)
- Masking Tape
- Colored wire

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.

Kids Heart Challenge Parents, it's time for your child to show heart! This year, we're launching the Kids Heart Challenge. It's your child's chance to be a Heart Hero by learning about heart health, spreading the word and raising funds to help children with heart issues. Together, with your child, go to heart.org/kidsheartchallenge. They can take one of the three challenges and email family and friends to ask for donations. Your child will earn a glow-in-the-dark wristband just for registering online. When they get donations, they will receive Echo, Finn and a clasp. Thank you for supporting the physical and emotional well-being of our students and the American Heart Association.

Tuition Assistance The online application for tuition assistance through FACTS for the upcoming year is now available. For more information about the diocesan tuition assistance program and the application process, please see the website for details and note the Elementary School Deadline is March 15, 2019.



Notes from the Nurse

We are in the peak time of flu season. Please stay vigilant with monitoring your children for symptoms of cold and flu. Also remind your students to wash hands often and to stay home when they don't feel well. The Sick Day Guidelines are attached to this bulletin.

I am tracking flu & strep cases on a daily basis. I have also talked with the VA Department of Health regarding our tracking. St. John's School is doing excellently in minimizing strep & flu thus far.

Please pray for a healthy, happy remainder of winter for all of us.

God Bless,

Mrs. Catts

School Nurse

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.

FUNDRAISER

Please join us for a spaghetti dinner sponsored by
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
to help benefit:
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
SCHOOL'S LIBRARY**
Adults \$10 - Kids \$5

Vocal Entertainment by:
**ELIZABETH
LAWRENCE
BAND**

**STARTS AT
6 PM
MERCY HALL**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY
23
2019**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARDS THE
PURCHASE OF BOOKS
FOR THE ST. JOHN THE
EVANGELIST SCHOOL
LIBRARY.
PLEASE HELP US FILL
THE LIBRARY SHELVES**

*Monetary donations are gratefully accepted,
please specify St. John School Library.
Mrs. Linda Hammelman, Librarian*

The Dark Side of Cyberspace:

The Internet, Smart Phones, Gaming, and Social Media

An eye-opening demonstration of how children are exposed to an over-sexualized culture.

*The dangers of social media sites like **Facebook, Instagram, Kik, Twitter**, and many others.*

Secret smart phone and tablet apps.

Disturbing trends in sexting, cyber bullying, web camera exploitation, and predators on gaming systems.

This is an adults ONLY presentation.



For more information call 703-753-6700

Eric Szatkowski was a Special Agent with the Wisconsin Dept of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation for 24 years, 16 assigned to the state's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in Milwaukee. He was recognized as Wisconsin Attorney General's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2014 and selected as Special Agent in Charge in 2015.

February 28, 2019

7:00 pm

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Gainesville, Virginia

St. John's TORCH Drama Club
Presents

The SPARKS in

Legends of the Ocean Realm

**March 1st & 2nd at 7 PM;
March 2nd & 3rd Matinee at 1 PM**

St. John's School Auditorium - 111 John E. Mann Street, Warrenton, Virginia

Tickets: \$8/person
or \$20/Priority Seating
(first entry for premium seats, free drink & popcorn)

Ticket information: contact TORCHtickets@gmail.com
or the school office at (540) 347-2458