



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

March 23, 2018

Upcoming Events



March 28-29

No Kindergarten/EPSF Testing

March 29

Early Dismissal 11:30am

NO Extended Day

March 30-April 8

Spring Easter Break

April 9

Return to School

April 13

Mass with Rosary

End of Quarter 3

April 14

MS Battle of the Books

Spaghetti Dinner, Mercy Hall

6-8:30pm

April 18

Race for Education Celebration

Dress Down Day

(donations optional)

April 20

Mass

Report Cards

Battle of the Books

Middle School Dance 7-10pm

April 29

ACRE Testing

April 27

Mass with Student of the Month

Honor Roll Assembly

April 30

ACRE Makeup

May 4

Mass with Rosary

PTO Art Show and BINGO night

7-8:30 Trinity Hall

May 8

Dress Down Day

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed some addition time with their child/ren over the past two days, it was great to blow the dust off the shovel and make our own version of Frosty the Snowman. What an interesting way to officially start the Spring season!

You will see some new faces around St. John next week. We look forward to welcoming our incoming Kindergarten students as they participate in our annual Kindergarten Screening. A special note of gratitude goes to our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Dickson, and the testing team for their efforts each and every year. Speaking of preschoolers, I am certain many of you have noticed the progress on our preschool addition. Safety measures, wiring, outlets, etc are now items of deliberation so reality is finally setting in, what an exciting time for our school community. We all recognize the obstacles that present themselves on a project of this magnitude so we will continue to practice patience and wait with eager anticipation for the project to reach the end.

You will notice a letter in this parent bulletin from our superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Bigelow. All diocesan elementary schools will utilize a trimester system for the 2018-2019 school year in place of the standard four-quarter system. The 2018-2019 school year and beyond will consist of three twelve week quarters in lieu of the four nine week quarters that has been used in the past. It will have minimal impact on our school but I wanted to share a note regarding this initiative.

This is my final public announcement for the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl Program. We are called each Lenten season to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In regards to the latter, \$40 in your child's Rice Bowl Box will equal 1 month of food for a family, two years of seed for a farmer, and one emergency kit for refugees. Please help our school make a difference on a local and secular level. Don't forget to turn in your child's boxes after Lent, or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give. Let us continue to pray for the sick and find it in our hearts to provide spiritually and financially for those in need. May we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

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March 13, 2018

Dear Parents:

Greetings of Peace!

The Diocese of Arlington is undertaking a change in the grading period system that will become effective for the 2018-2019 School Year for our Catholic elementary schools. Catholic elementary schools will transition to a trimester system. This system divides the academic calendar into three sections and eliminates the quarter system. This system is utilized by a number of Catholic schools and dioceses including the Diocese of Harrisburg, Diocese of Charlotte, Diocese of Des Moines, Diocese of Orlando and schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The marking period moves from a four quarter 9 week system to trimesters consisting of 12 weeks. The longer marking period allows students more opportunities to learn material, internalize key concepts, and show growth and improvement. The trimester system also aligns with our Scantron Performance Series testing that takes place three times a year.

This change was made in consultation with all diocesan principals both at the elementary school and high school level. It was important for us to consider any implications related to transition to the high school setting. This change in marking period system will not impact a student's ability to be accepted at area high schools.

We look forward to full implementation next year. Your school principal can answer any questions you may have at the local level about how this change will impact your students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education and may God bless you during this Lenten season.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Bigelow".

Jennifer Bigelow, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



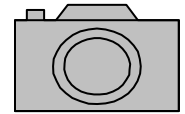
School and Club News

Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers 1 week day camps called Camp Broadway, Drama Bootcamp, Arts & Crafts Fun Camp, and Art Explorer Camp this July at All Saints in Manassas and the Church of the Nativity in Burke. Older Teens will enjoy advanced level training in Acting, Dance, Music, and Art while younger kids will be introduced to wonderful new activities through drama and art. Students are split by age group and placed in small classes to maximize instruction. All teachers are masters of their subject and are strong Catholics. This is truly a unique opportunity. See www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to learn more!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS-EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Parish is in need of 10 additional Volunteers to assist our Priests with serving Sat/Sun Masses, Holy Day Masses, Home Bound and Hospitalized Parish Members and/or Nursing Homes. Scheduling is flexible and training will be provided. For additional information contact the EM Coordinator

Jane_Hunt@comcast.net, [540-229-2286](tel:540-229-2286) cell.



We want your photos!

Good Afternoon Saint John Families and Teachers:

I would like to encourage all of you to upload photos for the 2017–2018 Saint John the Evangelist School Yearbook. It's very easy to do! Visit <http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/> and search for St. John the Evangelist School (2018). At this point, you will need to register for an account, which is also a very easy and straightforward process. If you registered last year, your username and password should still work.

I have included categories for each grade, Faculty & Staff, Activities, Sports and Clubs. The more pictures we have to choose from, the more interesting our yearbook will be.

Thank you so much for your participation in this project and for the countless things you do to enrich our school community.

God bless,

Lauren Karhoff

Masquerade in Vieux Carré- That's the theme for this year's PTO spring auction night. The PTO is already planning for the event, and we need your help. The ball will take place on May 19, 2018. We are looking for sponsors for the event and donations for silent/live auction. There are several levels of sponsorship for which you will receive advertising and recognition at the event. We are also looking for nice/new items that can be auctioned. This can include get away rentals, sports tickets, or tickets to local activities and events. If you, your business or someone you know might be interested in sponsoring the event or offer donations please contact Mary Catts at (540)347-2458 or auction@sjesva.org Tickets for masquerade ball will be available soon.

Catherine McClure is stepping down after many years as coordinator of our Pro Life Ministry at the Parish. Father Gould would like the names of those interested in serving as a "team" to head this ministry. If you are interested, or know of someone who might please send the names to the parish office or speak to Fr. Gould.

Thank you.



EGGS are
\$2 each
or \$5 for 3

• MYSTERY •
Easter
EGG SALE

For Sale March 26-29

Readers Eat Spaghetti



Please join us for a spaghetti dinner sponsored by:

The Knights of Columbus

to help benefit:

St. John the Evangelist School's Library

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of books for the St. John the Evangelist School Library. Please help us fill the library shelves!



Saturday, April 14 ~ In Mercy Hall
After the 5:00 Mass ~ 6:00-8:00

\$10 Adults ~ \$5 Kids



Vocal Entertainment by:

Elizabeth Lawrence Band



Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, please specify St. John School Library.

Miss. Linda Klamer-Mohr, Librarian