



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

September 15, 2017

Upcoming Events



September 18-22

Fall Book Fair
Scantron Testing Window II

September 22

Quarter I Interim
Early Dismissal 11:30 am
Teacher Professional Development

September 25-28

Scantron Testing Week III

September 27

K-4 Think Stretch Assembly
8:20-9am Trinity Hall

September 28

Dress Down Day for Oktoberfest
Toy for prize booth donation

September 29

Oktoberfest/NO Ext Day
Early Dismissal 11:30 am

October 9

No School/Columbus Day

October 11

Assembling of Wreaths

October 12

Mass

October 13

Race For Education
Early Dismissal 11:30am

October 17

NJHS Dress Down Day
\$1 min donation

October 18

Lions Club Hearing/Vision Screening
Kindergarten Field Trip

October 19

Bishop Burbidge Visit
Mass with Student of the Month

October 20

Middle School Dance 7-10

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

GREETINGS...

We are almost settled in to another school year at SJES. We are approaching the end of week three at SJES and it seems to take three to four weeks for all of us to get back in the day to day routines. We know the students are tired but they are settling into the school year very nicely.

Our first week of Scantron Testing is almost complete for 6/7th grade as I write this note. Next week, third, fourth, and fifth grade will also test in Math, Reading, and Language Arts. The third and final week of testing (September 25-29th), is always designated for make-ups assessments. As a reminder from the previous bulletin, please avoid scheduling vacations and appointments during our testing windows. Scores will be sent home once again after the end of the first quarter. I am very appreciative of all who contributed to our Hurricane Relief Fund. A typical Dress Down Day for charity collects just over \$200 and we were able to collect just under \$900, what a great accomplishment! All money collected will go to the relief fund that Houston Texans football player, JJ Watt, began a few weeks ago. We are certain that it will be put to very good use. We will also hold an additional Dress Down Day on Thursday, September 28th in support of Oktoberfest. **In lieu of money, students are asked to bring a new toy of any value that will be used for the prize booth.** For new families, Oktoberfest is our largest parish fundraiser of the year and has been a tradition that has occurred for almost four decades. Rain or shine, it will be packed with many fun activities for children of any age.

We continue to look for an adult to "Step Up" and take over our Little Flowers Program. Ms. Smith started this program several years ago and it has been a splendid addition to our school. All volunteers working with students will be required to complete the Virtus training and the necessary background checks before working with our students. If you or someone you know is interested in leading this faith-filled program, please let Ms. Smith know.

Our annual Fall Book Fair will take place next week. Your children will have the opportunity to buy some great novels! All proceeds go directly to the Library for new books, materials, and our new Battle of the Books Program, currently taking place at both the elementary and middle school level. If you would like to volunteer for the book fair, please contact our school librarian, Mrs. Hammelman. Finally, I am delighted to share that Bishop Burbidge will be visiting our parish on Thursday, October 19th. He will celebrate Mass, visit the classrooms, and eat lunch with the faculty/staff of the elementary and preschool. To accommodate this visit, we will attend Mass on Thursday instead of Friday. All families are invited to attend our school Mass and we look forward to recognizing one student from each grade level for displaying respect and responsibility for the month of September. See you at our PTO-Sponsored Back to School Picnic today from 3:30-5:30pm. May we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

Temple W. Macdonald





School and Club News

- Our fall book fair is just around the corner. This year it will take place from September 18 to the 22nd in the school library. The book fair provides the means for our library to purchase new books for the children to read. Twenty five percent of the proceeds (our portion of the sales) go solely for new book purchases, but we have to reach at least \$3500.00 in total sales. Please support our school library by purchasing books for your children. Books make wonderful Christmas and birthday gifts. We will also have books for Battle of the Books, as well as, fun cookbooks, religious books and crafts books. If you would like to volunteer to help set up or help the little ones chose their books, please contact me at emailterrie@yahoo.com. We are setting up this Friday, September 15th at 3 pm in the school library. All are welcome to join us. The book fair is a wonderful way to meet other parents if you are new to the school. Thank you in advance and hope to see you all there.
- If you have not completed the **Emergency Care Form** through the Powerschool Parent Portal, please log on and complete ASAP. This piece is crucial in our crisis plan. If you need assistance with your log in information, please contact Melissa Quarry mquarry@sjesva.org
- **Supply fees** are due to your homeroom teacher. If payment has not been made please promptly submit to your child's teacher.
- **Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers & VIRTUS Requirements** As part of the diocesan initiative to maintain a safe environment for all of 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. All parents who wish to attend field trips or volunteer in support of classroom activities are required to complete the background check process and attend VIRTUS training. As we begin a new year, in accordance with diocesan policy, only those parents who have completed the criminal background check are eligible to volunteer in the school. Those who have not yet completed the background check process may request a packet of forms from the front office.

Notes from the Nurse



Welcome back to a great new school year. I am looking forward to a healthy 2017-2018. Please note the following:

- If you have not returned any health history updates, health forms, allergy or asthma action plans, or medication authorizations please do so as soon as possible.
- No forms from last year will carry over to this school year.
- There is a supply of sunscreen in the clinic should your student request it. If you do not wish for your child to use the sunscreen please alert the nurse.
- Please see the following page for sick day guidelines.

Mary Catts,
RN MSN

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.



Fall Clubs



Drama Club: The TORCH Drama Club is beginning its drama season with the EMBERS production of *The Frog Prince* (dinner theater)! This group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays after school at 4-5 PM in Mercy Hall and is open to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Casting is full and a wait list is started! chris@galvinproductions.com
Chris Galvin, Producer, TORCH



Tennis: Our practice schedule will be on Monday's and Thursday's each week until the end of the season, which is approximately Oct. 29th. Tennis is open to 5th-8th Grade Students. Contact Mrs. Chapman cchapman@sjesva.org for more information.



Soccer: Middle School Boys/Girls Soccer Club will meet on Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 beginning September 6th. Please contact Coach MacQueeney for more information tmacqueeney@sjesva.org



Cross Country: The team will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the CYO meet in late fall. Cross Country is open to girls and boys grades 3-8 of any level. Practice will begin next Thursday, September 7th. Contact Mr. Hechinger for more information rhechinger@sjesva.org



Mass Club: Please consider joining SJS at the daily 6:30 am morning Mass followed by breakfast! For more information please contact Kelley Smith ksmith@sjesva.org



Spanish Club: Will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:00 starting in October. Open to middle school students. For more information contact Mrs. Cutting lcutting@sjesva.org



Math Madness: Open to 4th and 5th grade students. Meets on Thursdays from 3:30-4:00 in the library. Contact Mrs. Hammelman lhammelman@sjesva.org or Mrs. Brueckl dbrueckl@sjesva.org for information.

Third Grade Book Club: Will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:00 in the library. Contact Mrs. Hammelman lhammelman@sjesva.org or Mrs. Hunt chunt@sjesva.org for information.



Middle School Battle of the Books Club: Will meet at lunch on Tuesdays in the library with Mrs. Hammelman. Please contact lhammelman@sjesva.org for information.

Elementary Battle of the Books (4th and 5th Grade) Will meet on Wednesdays during lunch with Mrs. Hammelman lhammelman@sjesva.org and Mrs. Hunt chunt@sjesva.org.

All participants must have a signed Parental Consent Form on file with the club coordinator.