



# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# School Bulletin

January 15, 2021

## Upcoming Events



**January 18**

No School/MLK Day

**January 19-22**

Scantron Testing Window II

**January 25-29**

Scantron Testing Window III

**January 27**

Used Uniform Sale

**January 28**

Dress Down Day

**January 29**

Early Dismissal 11:30am  
Trimester II Interims

**January 31**

Catholic Schools Week Mass  
10:45 am Students in Uniform

**February 1**

Re-registration

**February 1-5**

Catholic Schools Week

**February 5**

Early Dismissal 11:30am

**February 6th**

Open House

**February 12**

Early Dismissal 11:30am

**February 8**

Priority Registration

**February 12**

Early Dismissal 11:30am

**February 15**

No School/President's Day

**February 16**

Open Enrollment

**March 12**

End of Trimester II

Please check the school website  
for the complete calendar.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

I want to thank all of our parents for your support during these additional early dismissals, this is not typical but necessary as we continue our Design for Excellence Self-Study for recertification. Our DFE report will go to the printers very shortly and we look forward to showcasing our school to the incoming visiting team from March 15-18th.

As we reflect on recent events and past history, please note the letter from Bishop Burbidge regarding the riot at the Capitol on Wednesday, January 6th in this bulletin. The following prayer seems appropriate at this time:

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen. (National Catholic Reporter).

1960 was a defining point in history. The United States entered the Vietnam War, John F. Kennedy became the 35th president of the United States. Chubby Checker and the twist started a new dance craze. The classic American novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee was published. John XXIII was the Pope and.. Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School opened its doors in Warrenton, Virginia.

Under the direction of Rev. Robert O'Kane and the school's first teachers Sisters Mary Antoinette and Mary Magdeline, we opened in September 1960 as a co-ed Elementary School. Growing in spiritual and financial support, by 1987, Fr. Philip Majka and Sisters Joanne, Carmelita and Annamae oversaw the construction of our current school. As we have grown and changed with the times, we still remain committed to our mission of providing a Christ-centered atmosphere that recognizes the God-given gifts inherent within each child on the journey to spiritual and academic excellence.

We wish to recognize this monumental achievement in a celebration Mass on Sunday, January 31st at 10:45 a.m. to kick off Catholic Schools Week 2021. This Mass will be held in honor of Saint John School families, alumni, and all who have supported us on our journey. For those who are unable to attend this special Mass in person, it will be live-streamed so that all may be able to join us in celebration.

As a part of Catholic Schools Week, SJES is excited to, once again, partner with FACTS and the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) to be part of Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. We encourage you to help our school achieve its goal this year of \$5,000.00 by participating on Tuesday, February 2, 2021! This giving day provides the opportunity for our alumni and community to help us continue to provide an excellent academic education rooted in faith and one that encourages its students to serve others while growing in the image of Christ. Every gift, no matter how small, will make a difference and is greatly appreciated. All funds will directly benefit our students and facility. "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and truth" (St. John the Evangelist)

Let us continue to pray, learn, and serve.. the vulnerable and less fortunate.  
Mr. Temple W. Macdonald



**They Know Us by Our Love: A Reflection on the Riot at the U.S. Capitol**

by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

At some point in our lives, we all experience events that will be documented in history books. January 6, 2021, was one of these days.

Watching as large groups of people climbed over barricades and broke through doors and windows at the U.S. Capitol was shocking and saddening. Elected officials and staff members were told to shelter in place for a time, unclear as to what they might face as people rushed the building. Capitol police were overwhelmed as our elected officials worked to carry out their fundamental, constitutional duties related to certifying the results of the Electoral College. Tragically, due to the riot, four civilians and one Capitol police officer have died and we keep them and their families in our prayers.

The mutual respect we must have for law and order was disregarded. Rather than being treated with respect for the inherently noble work with which they are entrusted, police officers and federal agents in and around the Capitol buildings were, in many cases, attacked, injured and harassed in the line of duty. We should all thank them for their courage and service.

There is grave danger presented to us all when the U.S. Capitol and the constitutional process at the core of our democracy are the target of violent attacks and lawlessness. In many ways, fueled by social and news media, and harsh rhetoric at every level, America has declined in how we treat one another, and it has simply manifested itself in the most pernicious way in the political arena.

I pray that none of us ever witnesses such events ever again. But for us to move on from this event and chalk it up to yet another angry, violent demonstration, following a year of violence and chaos, would be a tragic mistake. Unfortunately we saw this kind of behavior in the past year, in which private businesses, federal buildings and state capitols were attacked. Last week, however, was a new, symbolic low due to the location and occasion of the riot. Consequently, we must reflect on what this means and how we avoid it going forward.

There have been many tensions growing in our country for quite some time, and our nation is desperately looking for a way out of this downward spiral. As men and women of faith, we have the answer! We know what is needed to point this great nation in the right direction. It is Jesus Christ and the truth of his Gospel, and we must be witnesses of his truth to bring about the conversion and civility this country needs. We must see Christ in one another, and, especially when we disagree, we must be respectful and loving. We also must be instruments of healing, reconciliation, and peace.

The question is not whether serious, passionate disagreement will take place within our legislative chambers, townhalls, city councils, school boards, and community associations. That will most certainly happen-and it should. The question is whether we all operate with the proper principles to guide how we treat one another.

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St. John the Evangelist offers very sobering truths about how our love for one another reflects our love of God. “Beloved, we love God because he first loved us. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar” (1 Jn 4:19). We simply cannot hold hate in our heart and love God at the same time. The two are incompatible with one another.

In Scripture, Jesus says, “I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:34-35). On social media, on the street, and during a peaceful protest, we show others *whom* we belong to by how we love, act, and speak.

When we experience outrage at an occurrence in the political arena, we must put on the mind of Christ and embrace the moment with both conviction and love. We never compromise what we believe, nor accept what is evil and unjust. However, we must always be willing to listen to our brothers and sisters and show that we love them. It is not enough simply to hold love in our heart; we must act with love as well. For, as Saint Paul tells us, “Love never fails!”

I ask all Catholics in the Diocese of Arlington, and people of good will, to join with your families to pray for this country on a regular basis. We know that any struggle or hurt we experience can be mended and healed by Our Lord Jesus who willingly gave his life for us. May we always retreat into his divine and calming arms, as we walk humbly with our God.

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**St. John the Evangelist School  
Catholic Schools Week 2021**

	EVENT	TIME
<b>Sunday</b> 1/31/2021	<b>Celebrating Parish</b> Mass- Students can attend in uniform.	10:45 Mass will be streamed
<b>Monday</b> 2/1/2021	<b>Celebrating Community</b> DDD Favorite Sports Team Students 5th-8th grade will make Rosaries to give to RE and St. John First Communion Students K-4th Making Rosary Bracelets to distribute to other children.	
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/2/2021	<b>Celebrating Students DDD- Wacky Day</b> Movie & Popcorn	Middle School 12:40-2:10 K-5 Time TBA by teacher
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/3/2021	<b>Celebrating Vocations DDD- Professions ( Doc, Lawyer, Astronaut, Teacher)</b> K-5th Having one or two parents from students zoom in and talk about their job ( TBA teacher) 6-8th Life-sized Game of Life. Designated Teachers are the playing pieces and the students tell them which direction they should take. ( Virtually )	(TBA Teacher) 12:40-2:10
<b>Thursday</b> 2/4/2021	<b>Celebrating Family DDD-Twin Day</b> Students will play Pictionary or Charades with their class. (TBD by Teacher)	
<b>Friday</b> 2/5/2021	<b>Celebrating Our Teachers &amp; Staff DDD- Dress Maroon &amp; Grey</b> Teacher and Staff Breakfast and Treats <b>All activities Specials Teachers are included</b> 6th-8th Grade play Win Lose or Draw Virtually Teachers vs.Students K-2nd Name that Tune or Hangman 3rd-5th Name that Tune or Win Lose or Draw?	
<b>Saturday</b> 2/6/2021	<b>Celebrating Our School</b> Open House	9-11AM



## DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Academic Year 2021-2022**



### ***What is the program?***

The Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program provides financial assistance to families in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington through funding from diocesan parishes as well as the *Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope* Capital Campaign Endowment. It is open to all qualified students whose parents might not otherwise be able to pay the full cost of tuition.

### ***Who is eligible?***

- Students attending or accepted by a Diocese of Arlington Catholic school (K-12).
  - *Preschool and Pre-K are not eligible.*
  - *Not applicable to students of private Catholic schools associated with the Diocese and/or international students.*
- Students who are Catholic and members of a parish in the Diocese of Arlington or military base parish.
- Families who reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington and are registered and active members of a diocesan parish or a military base parish.

### ***How do I apply?***

- Submit financial aid assessment application and all supporting tax documentation by due date
  - Applications will be completed electronically online at [online.factsmgt.com/SignIn](https://online.factsmgt.com/SignIn)
    - *Only one application is required per family.*
- Remit processing fee.
- Families seeking aid for students in **BOTH ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL** should follow the high school submission date.

**Due Dates: HIGH SCHOOL**

**January 18, 2021**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**March 17, 2021**

### ***Awards***

Awards are made for **ONE ACADEMIC YEAR** and are based on each family's demonstrated financial need. Individual schools determine the amount and the distribution of all awards for each academic year. The schools will contact families when award decisions have been made. Once these final award decisions have been made, the schools will then credit the tuition accounts of approved families.

**\$3,688,975 awarded in 2020**

### **● For more information ●**

#### ***Questions regarding process***

Mallory Sigmon  
703.841.2519  
[mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org)

#### ***Questions regarding application***

FACTS Grant & Aid  
1.866.441.4637  
<https://factsmgt.com/parent-resources/grant-and-aid/>

#### ***Award decisions***

Please contact [your school](#).

#### ***Diocesan Tuition Assistance***

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Tuition-Assistance/>