



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

October 1, 2021

Upcoming Events



October 7

Dress Down Day for Oktoberfest

October 8

Early Dismissal 11:30 am
NO Extended Day
1st Trimester Interim

October 8-9

Oktoberfest

October 11

Columbus Day/No School

October 22

Photo Retakes
Middle School Dance

October 28

Mass with Student of the Month

October 29

NO School
Professional Development
PTO Halloween Trunk or Treat

November 1

Mass
All Saints Day

November 1-12

PTO Cookie Dough Sales

November 10

Early Dismissal 11:30 am
Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7pm

November 11

NO School/Veterans Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences 8-12am

November 12

Used Uniform Sale 3:30-4:30pm

November 15-19

Discover Catholic Schools Week

November 16

Coffee & Conversation Open
House 8:30am

November 17

Dress Down Day for Mozambique

November 18

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

November 19

Cookie Dough Distribution

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

We have all but conquered September so welcome to the month of October! This month we will emphasize the virtue of Temperance with increased focus on the traits of honesty, self-control, and orderliness. We welcome you with open arms to our Student of the Month mass on Thursday, October 28th, the more... the merrier. October is also the month of the rosary. It has been my prayer of late, that we can continue to provide a healthy, happy, and most-importantly holy, education for our students each and every day, in-person. Thank you again for daily health checks at home and all other health measures that allow us to accomplish this objective.

I am pleased to share that we have already passed last year's Color Run goal of \$15,000! This is significantly more than we raised two year ago and the third largest amount raised over the past 10 years, it is quite an accomplishment. For historical reference, \$20,000 has only been accomplished once. If we raise \$25,000 this year, I will be happy to put some joy on the faces of our students, by sleeping on the school roof.

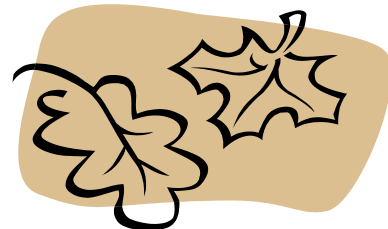
Two items of note over the next few weeks. As the first interim ends on Friday, October 8th, I encourage all parents to log-in to Powerschool to review your child/ren's current grades and make any necessary adjustments to current study and work habits. Scantron Parent Summary Reports will go home on Friday, October 15th, opportunities to discuss standardized testing and classroom performance will be available at Parent/Teacher Conferences, held on November 10th and 11th.

Looking further ahead, the first trimester will end on Tuesday, November 23rd and similar to past years, report cards will go home the following week on Friday, December 3rd. Please remain involved in your children's spiritual and academic formation, it makes a huge difference.

If you are a new family, I highly encourage you to spend some time next weekend at our annual parish Oktoberfest. Beginning over 40 years ago, this excellent weekend remains a wonderful opportunity to build community by meeting our priests, ministry volunteers, and parishioners.

May God continue to bless these parish grounds and let us continue to pray, learn, and serve... the vulnerable and less fortunate.

Mr. Temple W. Macdonald
SJES Principal



FROM THE HEALTH COORDINATOR...



I would like to offer some clarification at this time in regards to our school's policies and procedures, this school year, for managing reported positive COVID test results for an individual.

If an individual informs our school administration a positive COVID test has been received the following actions will take place:

- We will contact the health department to report the positive COVID case.
- A 48-hour time frame prior to the start of an individual's symptoms (if asymptomatic the positive COVID test will be the date used) will be determined.
- Contact tracing will be completed to identify "close contacts" and those that may have had a higher potential risk of exposure during those 48 hours.
- Non-vaccinated individuals found to be a "close contact" will be contacted as soon as possible and informed they will need to quarantine for 10 days from the determined last contact with the positive case (the date of last contact will count as day 0 when determining a return date). These individuals may choose to receive a COVID test **5-7 days** after last exposure. If the individual is symptom free and a negative test result has been received, the individual can return to school.
- If vaccinated (with the second dose being greater than 2 weeks prior to the exposure) and determined to be a "close contact" the individual may return to the school the next day as long as they are symptom free, continue to self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure, and wear a face covering appropriately.
- Proof of vaccination will need to be provided for these individuals. It is also recommended by the Virginia Department Health (VDH) that vaccinated individuals found to be a "close contact" receive a COVID test **3-5 days** after exposure.
- Those found to be a higher potential of risk for exposure will be notified via email as soon as possible so they can monitor for possible symptoms.
- To uphold HIPAA requirements that include individual confidentiality, if contact tracing for a reported positive COVID case reveals there to be no "close contacts" or individuals identified at a higher potential of risk for exposure in our school community, there will be no notifications communicated to our school community regarding such cases.

I hope this information offers some better transparency in regards to how we will be executing our response to any reported positive COVID test this school year and our intentions for how we plan to keep our school community as safe, healthy, and protected as possible.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Dress Down Day for Oktoberfest is Thursday October 7th-Students should donate a minimum \$1.00 toward our school Silent Auction Basket as well as bring in bottled water, canned soda or a bag of charcoal.

BOX TOPS-Join me in earning cash for our school by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they add up fast! Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love!

Use this referral code QEPA195D when you sign up and you'll get 50 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 09/26/2021, while supplies last! Download the Box Tops for Education app:
https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifikw?referral_code=QEPA195D

Middle School Field Trip-Our Middle School traveled to DC to experience the *Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience*. This is a 20,000 square foot light and sound spectacular featuring two-story projection of one of history's greatest artists and his most compelling works. The museum was followed by a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where Fr. Nicholas held mass. The students picnicked on the lawn and enjoyed a lovely day in DC. Thanks to Mrs. Bruce for planning this event and a big shout out to all the chaperones, volunteers and substitutes that ensured this field trip could take place!

