

Upcoming Events

November 8 White Table Ceremony Used Uniform Sale Early Dismissal 11:30am NO Extended Day Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7pm

November 11 NO School/Veterans Day Parent/Teacher Conferences 8-12

November 12 Winter Uniforms Begin

November 13 DDD for St. Vincent de Paul Please bring in canned food

November 15 Early Dismissal 11:30am K-4 Polar Express Movie Night

November 16 Embers Workshop 4-5 TORCH Workshop 7-10

November 19 Prospective Families Coffee & Conversation 8:30am

November 21 8th Grade HS Placement Test K Thanksgiving Feast

November 22-24 SPARKS Production

November 26 End of 1st Trimester Grandparents Day Mass with Student of the Month Early Dismissal 11:30am NO Extended Day

December 5 Dress Down Day for Catholic Charities-minimum \$1 Donation

December 6 Mass w Rosary St. Nickolas Day Report Cards Warrenton Christmas Parade

December 7 Breakfast with Santa

Please check the school website for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Congratulations to our first graders as they dress up and prepare for their Saint Presentations on All Saints Day - one of many wonderful long-standing traditions at SJES. A special note to the following Seminarians: Ethan Gould, Jordan Evans, Mike Nugent, and Kevin Kelly- all four have a strong St. John connection. May all seminarians and those called to serve have the wisdom to teach, the guidance to lead, the strength to endure, and the hope to believe a better place the world they will leave.

I am very proud of our professional staff here at St. John School. As busy as they are, several faculty members are attending Adoration during lunch, others are working on their Masters, and some are visiting other schools to review best practices in their subject area or implement new clubs and/or service programs so that they can enhance our students' educational experiences.

Our Color Run has raised over \$13,200 so far, and we are very grateful to our school community and our PTO Board for knocking our fall fundraising goal out of the park just like the Nationals! Pizza parties have already occurred and various prizes for individual achievements will be recognized in the coming days. We are ever grateful for your help as we attempt to update and enhance our technology at SJES.

Your patience with our upcoming Early Dismissals is most appreciated. Friday, November 15th marks a big day for our school community. For veteran school families, it has been almost six years since we began our last DFE (Design for Excellence) re-accreditation process. We will spend the next several months in the "Self-Study" process as we review our successes, national benchmarks, and most important, opportunities for growth over the next six years.

Please continue to check the upcoming events on the left side of this bulletin for important events. Don't forget next Friday, November 8th is an Early Dismissal. Please show your child(ren) the value of education by signing up for a Parent/ Teacher Conference either on Friday November 8th from 1-7:00 p.m. or Monday, November 11th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children and we hope all families will formally meet to review strengths and identify areas of needed improvement. Your active participation and support will provide much-needed clarity and consistency for our student body. May we all pray, learn, and serve as we approach the holiday season.

Mrs. Gay wanted me to congratulate all Washington National fans, and the students enjoyed the Baby Shark soundtrack over the PA! After championships by the Capitals, Mystics, and Nationals, Washington might be considered the new CITY OF CHAMPIONS! May we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

Temple Macdonald



School News

TORCH DRAMA CLUB NEWS!!

Go back in time to the Medieval Era with the SPARKS (middle-school members) will be performing their annual play production, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, next month on Friday and Saturday, November 22-23rd at 7 PM; and Sunday, November 24th at 2 PM in St. John's School Auditorium. Admission is \$10/person. Ticket orders are at <u>TORCHtickets@gmail.com</u> or call the school office (540)347-2458.

Put down those cellphones and join us for an evening of live entertainment! Collegiate members and beyond will be performing *GODSPELL* during the holidays!! Mark your calendars for January 3-5, 2020 for our special reunion appearances from our ORIGINAL TORCH members (ages 21+) who have a great message to spread! With high stepping, harmonizing, and improvising--this show would be a perfect Christmas gift to bring the joy of Christ and his followers into the Epiphany Season! Keep watch for more information!!

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 promptly complete on line paperwork.

https://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/OPCYP_Application/

https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/

Notes from the Nurse

The Warrenton Lion's Club was at St. John's on October 22, 2019 for hearing and vision screenings. The event was very successful. We screened about 120 students and staff members.

Letters & results have been sent to all families whose students were recommended for further assessment. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Catts.

Mary Catts School Nurse mcatss@sjesva.org

TORCH Drama Club Presents The SPARKS in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court"

St. John's School Auditorium November 22 @ 7pm; November 23 at 1pm & 7pm; November 24th @ 2pm

Tickets: \$10 per person

Contact: Torchtickets@gmail.com or the school @ (540-347-2458)



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 3rd • 1:00pm - 4:00pm



SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Register at jpthegreat.org • admissions@jpthegreat.org • 703.445.0218



Free mini football camp





Saturday, November 9, 2019 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Boys & Girls Ages 6 – 12 Location: Northern Fauquier County Community Park and Sports Complex

4155 Monroe Parkway, Marshall, VA. 20115

Please RSVP to T.C. Williams at tcwilliams50@gmail.com or 703-843-6385

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