



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

November 13, 2020

Upcoming Events



November 12-20
Virtual Book Fair

November 16-20
Canned Food Drive Contest
for St. Vincent de Paul

November 18
1960's Theme Dress Down Day
\$1 minimum donation

November 19
Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program

November 24
End of First Trimester
Student of the Month
Early Dismissal 11:30am
NO Extended Day

December 3
8th Grade Placement Test

December 4
Report Cards go home

December 5
PTO's Visit with Santa 9am-2pm

December 7
Tentative Start of Winter Uniform

December 9
DDD for Catholic Charities

December 11
Early Dismissal 11:30 am

December 18
Early Dismissal 11:30am
NO Extended Day
Christmas Break

January 4, 2021
School Resumes

January 11-15
Scantron Testing Window I

January 15
Early Dismissal 11:30am

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

Thanksgiving and the Advent season are on the horizon. As Pope Francis once said, "The time of Advent...returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God." It encourages us to live closer to Christ and utilize this time to share our faith and look for ways to focus on prayerfulness and generosity for the month of December.

As the holiday season approaches, it will be very important that all of us do our part so that we can continue to physically offer a character education. Please keep your children home when:

- There is a new fever of 100.4 F or higher
- Shortness of breath
- Chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition
- A new loss of taste or smell
- If you have had close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 or traveled internationally.

I want to thank our school families that attended Parent Teacher Conferences and the hundreds of people that have followed all of the necessary precautions so that we can increase the likelihood of providing in-person learning moving forward.

We are pleasantly surprised how well the children have adjusted to the 2020-2021 school year and your kind words and appreciation has not gone unnoticed by our faculty and staff. We are also grateful that our school families surpassed our goal raising almost \$1,600 for Maria, Maura, Christina, and Virginia to ensure that they receive a faith-filled education once again in Mozambique, Africa. Also worth noting is the fact that our families (through the Box of Joy activity) helped us send 143 boxes overseas, allowing numerous children to receive at least one Christmas present this year.

Thank you for your gratitude and kindness and let us continue to pray, learn, and serve... the vulnerable and less fortunate

Mr. Temple W. Macdonald





School News

- SCA will be holding their annual canned food drive contest. The contest will be a friendly competition to see which grade can provide the most canned food products. Classes will be able to win one of three prizes: First place wins a pizza party, second place wins a donut party, and third place wins dress down day for the whole class. Your class will have to gain points according to the amount of ounces in each item you donate. Please remember this is for charity so remember to be kind. The contest starts November 16-November 20. Flyer is attached Saint Teresa of Calcutta reminds us “if you cannot feed one hundred people, then just feed one”.
- St. John Spirit Wear Masks are still available. Please see attached flyer.
- Our school is celebrating our 60th year of Catholic Education. Please have your children help us celebrate by joining us in a 60's themed Dress Down Day on Wednesday, November 18th.
- Due to lack of demand, Morning Care is no longer being offered. We will reevaluate at the start of the new year. Reservations are still required through SignUp.com for Extended day. Reservations can be accessed by visiting our school website at sjesva.org, scroll over Student Life tab, click Extended Day in the drop-down tab, scroll to the bottom where a Reservation Button is available to click, this will allow you to make the most current reservation. Emailed Reservation links will continue weekly to families who requested being a part of the group email, this would be marked on the Extended Day Family Data Information Sheet.
- One of the easiest ways to help contribute to our school is by using your **Harris Teeter** supermarket bonus card. This requires NO ADDITIONAL spending on your part. Harris Teeter allocates a percentage of your sales back to our school. Please visit Harris Teeter's website and use our account number 6937 to enroll in the TIE (Together IN Education) Program.
- After a recent meeting with the Office of Catholic Schools, it was discussed and deemed appropriate to allow parents to begin volunteering for outdoor recess for the month of November. If you are available anytime from 11:10am—12:40pm and cleared by the Office of Child Protection, we would love to have help with recess duty.
- ***Any Volunteer that has been a registered volunteer for St. John's School since 01/01/2020 is required to submit a signed copy of the [Policy on the Protection of Children/Young People and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and/or Child Abuse](#) in order to maintain a compliant status and be able to keep volunteering for the school. This policy with instructions can be located on our school website. If you have already completed this process, please disregard this information and if you have any questions please contact Shannon Lomax: slomax@sjesva.org***
- New Volunteers please find attached at the end of this bulletin the instructions for completing our required volunteer process.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School Mission Statement

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School provides a Christ-centered atmosphere that recognizes the God-given gifts inherent within each child on the journey toward spiritual and academic excellence.

Canned Food Drive



Dates and Times

**Monday, November 16 - Friday,
November 20**

**On Friday all the cans have to be in the classroom by
8:00AM**

points

Lower than 8 oz.= 1 point

8 oz.-16oz.= 3 points

More than 16 oz.= 5

Prizes

1st- Pizza Party

2nd- Donut party

3rd- Dress down day

**★ Remember this is
for charity**

**Discover Catholic
Schools Week**

November 16-21

**60's Themed Dress Down Day
November 18, 2020**



**Celebrate St. John the Evangelist
School 60th Anniversary**

Dear St. John Families,

Since we are not able to meet in the library, I have been bringing a sampling of books from the library for the students to borrow during their weekly class. This system works, but takes time, and I often don't get to the day's lesson or to read a book aloud. I want to try a new system.

On November 16, students will only be able to check out books that they have placed on hold. Each student has a library account that enables them to look through our library's online catalog. Each week students should put the books they would like to check out on "hold." Any students that puts on hold by the designated time, will receive the book at their next class. Each student may check out 2 books at a time. I encourage the students to pick a favorite or comfortable book and a second book of a different genre or topic.

To access the online catalog please follow these directions:

1. Go to <https://www.siesva.org/>
2. Click on the "My SJES" on the black bar. Do NOT worry about the drop down menu. Just click on the actual words "My SJES."
3. Go down the screen until you reach the Library, then click "Search."
4. Now you should be on the Follett Destiny site.
5. Look in the top right corner to "Log-in"
6. Your child's username is the first initial of his/her first name followed by his/her last name, no spaces, all lowercase.
7. The password is: St.m1chael
8. Now you should be on the Destiny Discover website.
9. Explore the site, you can adjust the search, by selecting Search options.
10. Once you've picked out the book the child wants to check out, simply click the "Hold" button. If you place a book on hold by the deadlines below, I will have the book ready for the next class.

Follow this schedule to insure your book on hold is ready for your weekly library class:

Kindergarten must place holds by **Sunday night**

1st and 2nd must place holds by **Wednesday night**

3rd must place holds by **Thursday night**

4th and 5th must place holds by **Monday night**

6th must place holds by **Thursday night**

7th must place holds by **Wednesday night**

8th must place holds by **Sunday night**

The children love checking out books, so please help them put books on hold by their designated time.

God bless you,

Teresa Paccassi, Keeper of the Books



NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 22

Enter code: **SJES2020** at checkout to
support St. John's Library!

www.GoodNewsBookFair.com/Virtual-Fair


Books delivered to your home!

Free Shipping on orders over \$25!

*When you browse, make sure to explore all the
age groups. If you can't find a particular book
in an age group, try searching for the title.*

St. John PTO school Fundraiser

Spirit Wear Masks

\$2.00 from sale of each mask sold will be donated to St. Johns PTO.
Thanks for your support!!

St. John PTO is working with 3Dfx Cafe in selling these customized St. John Eagle masks.

Small, Medium & Adult sizes available. The masks have adjustable straps, center seam for keeping mask away from your face, a place to add your own filter and a tab for easy labeling. The masks being sold in the office are pictured above and cost \$15.00 each. Cash or Checks accepted in the office please make checks payable to: Margherita Warhurst

Limited number is available in the school office .

If you would prefer to have your mask size customized or for other embroidery options you can place your order directly from their website www.3dfxcfe.com Prices will vary with added features to the mask or designs plus shipping.



Other Mask Options from 3DfxCafe:

- Add "ST. JOHN" Embroidery + \$5.00 regular price / +\$2.50 discount price
 - Add Monogram Embroidery (up to 3 letters) + \$5.00 regular price / +\$2.50 discount price
 - Add Nose Bridge Strip and Edge Stitching + \$3.00 regular price / +\$2.50 discount price
- All Sales Final**

Office for the Protection of Children and Young People School Volunteer Background Check Application Instructions & Procedures

The *Office for the Protection of Children and Young People* (OPCYP) would like to welcome you as a new volunteer to the Diocese of Arlington. The Diocese requires that all employees and volunteer, prior to beginning their employment or service, complete the OPCYP Background Check Application. Your continued employment or service is conditioned upon passing all background checks. The application process is electronic and should take you approximately 25 minutes to complete.

In an effort to assist you and ensure this is a quick process, please use the checklist under “**Information Needed**” to gather the following information prior to beginning the application process. Should you need to delay or stop the application process, you may save your information and return to it at a later date or time.

STOP! COLLECT THE FOLLOWING INFO PRIOR TO BEGINNING

Information Needed:

- ☐ Social Security or ITEN number (For all employees and those who have been issued either one – refusal to provide it could disqualify you from volunteering).
- ☐ Your addresses for the last 15 years of residence
- ☐ Your contact information for the last 5 years of employment (If you have worked for the same company for the past five years, please provide at least one other employer if possible)
- ☐ Criminal history information (i.e., charges/convictions, jurisdiction, approximate date)
- ☐ The Location – 393 – St John the Evangelist School and Position Title - Volunteer (General)

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Instructions to Complete the Application

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Step 1: Go to the Diocese of Arlington Child Protection landing page:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/>

or use the following URL to log into the OPCYP Background Check Application site:

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

Step 2: If you are a new user, choose “Create Account.” If you have logged in before, please use your Username and Password. If you have forgotten it, please input your email address and reset your password.

Step 3: Use your **legal name** and the information provided in your offer letter when selecting your location and position.

Step 4: Provide all the information requested and answer the questions as thoroughly as possible.

Step 5: Once you have completed the application, press the red Finish button. You will then be sent to a DocuSign site to review the information you provided which has been preloaded into the Diocesan forms.

STOP! PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CONTINUING

Review of Forms Process

The information that was collected during the application process has now been loaded into the Diocesan and State of Virginia forms. Please,

- Review the forms for accuracy
- Provide your electronic signature authorizing the Diocese
- Provide your electronic signature that states that you have received or read the documents
- Complete the application process by clicking finish once you have reviewed and signed the documents
- Once you have completed the application process, please **print a copy of the Central Registry Form page of the application.** This document is required to get notarized by you and then turned in to the school office. The school office will then mail this form out. You may contact our Parish Office at 540-347-2922 to schedule an appointment to have this form notarized free of charge by Rosemary Coakley.
- Print or save an electronic copy of the full Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct for your information.

Next Steps

Now that you have completed the application process, this is what you should expect:

- The OPCYP Liaison for your school (Shannon Lomax slomax@sjesva.org) will be reviewing your paperwork to ensure all the information has been correctly entered. If there is a question or an issue with your paperwork an email will be sent with instructions explaining the issue(s) and the next steps.
- Please keep your Username and Password in a safe place. It is the key to access your OPCYP portal.
- Make sure to get your Central Registry Form notarized after receiving approval of your application from the OPCYP Liaison. You may contact our Parish Office at 540-347-2922 to schedule an appointment to have this form notarized free of charge by Rosemary Coakley.
- Now that you have completed the online Background Check Application Process you will need to schedule your VIRTUS training course (if you have not completed this training previously). Please find scheduling information for VIRTUS at the website provided below.

- **virtusonline.org**

Nota Bene

The Diocese of Arlington is committed to ensuring the privacy and security of your information. It does not sell or share its information with outside vendors. To this end, regular electronic audits are conducted on our systems to provide you with the utmost confidence that your information is being securely stored and used appropriately.

Welcome to the Diocese of Arlington!

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. The Diocese not only desires to protect our youth but also your reputation and employment. Congratulations on your new volunteer position.