



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

November 15, 2019

Upcoming Events



November 15

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

November 16

Embers Workshop 4-5
TORCH Workshop 7-10

November 18-22

SCA Canned Food Drive

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

December 8

VIRTUS Training 1pm at Mercy Hall

December 19

Christmas Program 7pm

December 20

Early Dismissal 11:30am
NO Ext Day
Mass w/ Student of Month

December 21

Embers Workshop 4-5pm
Sparks/Torch Workshop 7-10pm

December 23-January 3

Christmas Break

January 6

Return to School

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

The Advent season approaches. 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 the holiday season to share our faith and traditions with our family and school community.

Speaking of reflection, please note that the first trimester will end on Tuesday, November 26th. Report cards (hard copies) will go home on Friday, December 6th. This is a good opportunity to pause and reflect on academic/behavioral progress made for the first third of the 2019-2020 school year. A short conversation and continued interest in their spiritual, academic, and social develop will have a significant impact. If you have not logged in to Powerschool or are experiencing technically difficulties, please contact Mrs. Karhoff at lkarhoff@sjesva.org for further information.

As the weather begins to turn, I would like to notify all families that our inclement weather policy remained the same as the 2018-2019 school year. In short, we will follow Fauquier County Public Schools for three consecutive **snow** days. Exception- a local decision will be made if Fauquier County closes purely due to extreme temperatures. We do not have students standing outside in the cold weather for any length of time so we will make our own call if the cancellation is purely temperature-related. To review this policy in it's entirety, please refer to the Parent Handbook.

Speaking of safety, all diocesan schools will hold a meeting with the diocesan Risk Management staff in the coming weeks. We will continue to review security measures at SJES to see how we can improve. I am happy to report that all exteriors doors to St. John School have been re-keyed and although there have been some hiccups, upgrades have been made to our Ident-A-Kid system for visitor entrance. Your children's safety remains our primary concern.

Applications for the 2020-2021 Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program may now be submitted. The application deadline for elementary schools is in March but please complete the necessary paperwork as early as possible- early birds get the biggest worms. This is an excellent program that saw over 3 millions dollars disseminated to all diocesan families for the 2018-2019 school year. Those who do not meet the criteria for this particular program remain eligible for financial assistance through the Diocesan Scholarship Fund and/or our parish tuition assistance program. Specific information will following once it is received from the diocese.

Please keep Father Gould in your prayers as he transitioned to St. Francis de Sales in Purcellville. Several students shared their musical talents for him during our send-off Tuesday afternoon and I know our wonderful students. Please welcome Father Smith with open arms as he officially begins his St. John assignment on Monday, November 18th. He stopped by to visit last week and I am confident he will be a good fit. Today, and all days, may we pray, learn, and serve.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!
Mr. Macdonald





School News

DO YOU HAVE A RELUCTANT READER in grade 4-7? Now you can help motivate our students to get reading. We need some awesome GRAND prizes for our Globetrotters Game. While you're shopping Christmas sales, look for some big interest items you can donate as a prize: Remote control cars, a basic drone, giant stuffed animals, gift cards to kid friendly restaurants or stores, Science kits, craft kits, etc.. Anything that will motivate the kiddos to read enough books to get a chance at the grand prizes. If you want to help but have no time to shop you can always donate cash! Contact Mrs. Paccassi at tpaccassi@stjohntheevangelistschool.org or just drop off your donations in the office and mark them for the library, Thank you for all your help!

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 TORCHtickets@gmail.com 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!!

Grandparents Day is Tuesday, November 26. Please invite all grandparents to join us for the morning!

The annual Christmas parade in downtown Warrenton is on Friday, December 6, 2019! St. John School is excited to have a float again. We need some help prepping it and we need volunteers to participate and walk beside it. We need 3 handy volunteers to meet at the school on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend (November 30) from 12pm-5pm and help construct the Nativity scene. Trey Hooper has secured a large trailer, plenty of wood and an awesome design. If you are able to help, please email Treyhoop@gmail.com.

We do need some donations for the float: 12 bales of hay and 20 flat white sheets. We need all materials at the school by **Monday, November 25.** We need angels, Mary, Joseph, walkers, folks to bring candy and cookies, people to hold the banner, etc. This operates on a first come basis and if your child is in the parade, you must walk with the parade. There are no drop offs. Anyone is welcome to walk so if it fills up quickly, please just come walk with us! Please use the Sign Up Genius Link that was sent out. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the parade!

Calling all ex-gymnasts! Your expertise is needed in PE to help spot our students as they learn your craft. Please email Mrs. Worley if you are available to help in PE Wednesday, Thursday morning, Friday afternoon December 4th, 5th, and 6th.

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/>

The school will be hosting a Virtus Training Session on December 8th at 1pm in Mercy Hall. This seminar will start promptly at 1PM and will last 4 hours. Please arrive on time, as late-comers will not be permitted access to the session. If you cannot arrive on time, or if you must leave early, you must select an alternative session of which you can fully participate. Children may not attend this seminar and child-care is not provided. If you are in need of further assistance after speaking to your parish, you may call the Office of Child Protection and Safety in the Diocese of Arlington at 703-841-3847.

Canned Food Drive



Dates and Times

Monday November 18th- Friday November 22

On Friday all the cans have to be in the
classrooms by 8:00 A.M.

Points

Lower than 8 oz.= 1 point

8 oz.-16 oz.= 3 points

More than 16 oz.= 5 points

Prizes

1st Place- Pizza Party

2nd Place- Ice Cream Party

★ Remember this is for charity

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)



Grandparent's Day Schedule

8:15 - 8:25 a.m.

Upon Arrival to Campus
Proceed to Church

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Mass

9:40 - 10:00 a.m.

Principals Address
Trinity Hall

10:00 - 11:25 a.m.

Activities in the Classrooms

11:25 - 11:30 a.m.

Announcements and Dismissal

Academics • Tradition • Catholicism • Technology

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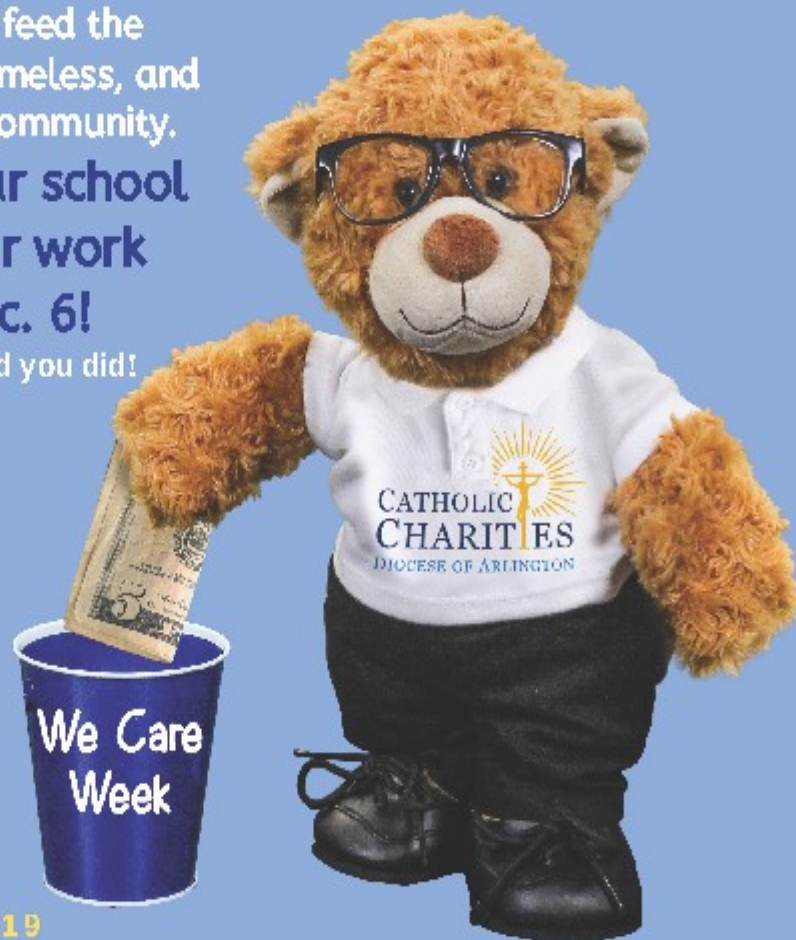
SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

You care. So does Catholic
Charities! Help us feed the
hungry, house the homeless, and
heal the sick in our community.

**FunRaise at your school
to support our work**

Dec. 2 - Dec. 6!

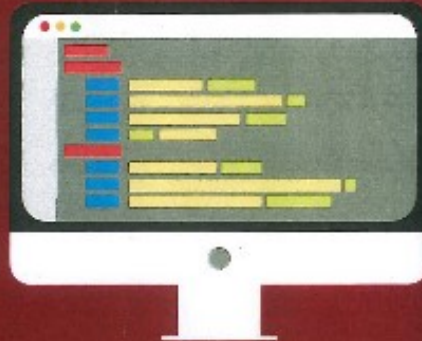
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**NO FEE
REQUIRED!**



**FOOD IS
PROVIDED!**

8TH GRADE
HACK BI III

DECEMBER 7, 10 AM - 10 PM

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

WHAT IS HACKBI?

A student-run coding event at Bishop Ireton High School, where 8th grade students can spend 12 hours learning how to code and work with friends to make an idea come to life.



PRIZES INCLUDE:

KEYBOARD, RASBERRY PI, AND GAMES

Many Workshops Offered
Prizes Awarded in Several Categories

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