



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

December 20, 2019

Upcoming Events



December 20-January 5
Christmas Break

December 21
Embers Workshop 4-5pm
Sparks/Torch Workshop 7-10pm

December 23-January 3
Christmas Break

January 6
Return to School

January 10
Mass w Rosary

January 13
Re-registration Begins
Scantron Testing Week I

January 17
Early Dismissal 11:30am
Middle School Dance 7-10pm

January 18
Chili Cookoff & BINGO Night

January 20
NO School

January 21
Scantron Testing Week II

January 22
DDD for CYO Sports

January 24
March 4 Life

January 25
EMBERS Workshop 2-3
SPARKS Workshop 4-6
TORCH Workshop 7-10

January 26-February 1
Catholic Schools Week

January 27-31
Scantron Testing Week III

January 26
School Mass 5:30pm

January 31
Mass with Student of the Month
Interims
Early Dismissal 11:30am

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents,

As Michaelann Martin once said, "It seems fitting that Advent is the beginning of the liturgical calendar, for it is a season of spiritual preparation marked by an eager longing for the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ." It encourages us to live closer to Christ and utilize the time to share our faith and traditions with our family and school community. We gathered together as a school community for the final time Monday morning for our Advent Wreath Ceremony with continued emphasis on prayer and song. It is a wonderful time of year!

Believe it or not, it is almost time to begin re-registration for the 2020-2021 school year! Re-registration will begin on Monday, January 13th for current students and will close on Saturday, February 1st. Open registration for new families will begin Monday, February 3rd following Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic families will be charged \$6,700 for one child, \$12,000 for two children, \$16,300 for three children, and \$18,000. Any additional students from the same family may attend the elementary school at no cost. Families of other faiths will pay \$8,200 per child. The Office of Catholic Schools (on behalf of the Diocese of Arlington) continues to ask that parish schools be less dependent upon the church. In an effort to limit increases, the Materials Fee will continue to remain at \$250/child. This fee includes the cost of maintaining equipment used for student instruction, software licensing, workbooks, and other consumable supplies. Our finance manager (Greg Mott- gmott@sjel.org) will once again add the Materials Fee to your FACTS account around the end of February. You will receive more information regarding deadlines for the 2020-2021 Materials Fee after the holidays. Please remember to send in jackets, hats, and mittens for the children. The weather was cool this week and we certainly expect similar temperatures over the next few months. We want to give our students the opportunity to play outside as often as possible during recess so please help us give them this opportunity.

Our second round of standardized testing will commence Monday, January 13th and the last day for testing is Friday, January 31st. Our third through seventh grade students will once again be assessed in Reading, Language Arts, and Math to check their progress in these particular areas. Please make every attempt to have your child/ren present during this testing window to minimize make-up assessments and alternative schedules. Students will test in the morning but the afternoons will potentially be used for extended time and make-up assessments.

In closing, let us all be attentive, reflective, and responsible to Christ during this holiday. Merry Christmas to one and all and may we continue to pray, learn, and serve. God bless you for all you do for our wonderful school community.

Mr. Macdonald



School News

SAVE THE DATE! The **FINE ARTS FAIR** will be held on Saturday, February 1st at 6:30 pm in Trinity Hall. We need students to sing, dance, recite poetry, play their instruments and display their artwork: paintings, sculptures, photography, etc ... Start thinking about what you want to do so you'll be ready to sign up after Christmas break. **PLEASE HELP US!** We still need help **coordinating door prizes and the reception**. These are not essential to the program, but a lot of fun. We will only have these two parts of the program if parents step up to make it happen. Please contact Teresa Paccassi before Dec. 20 if you can help. tpaccassi@stjohntheevangelistschool.org.

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!!

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!!

Please help the St. Lucy Project "Feed the Hungry and Nourish the Souls" Bags are requested back after the Christmas Break.

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/>

Merry Christmas



DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Academic Year 2020-2021



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.factsmgmt.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 10, 2020

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 18, 2020

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.

\$3,678,975 awarded in 2019

● For more information ●

Questions regarding process

Mallory Sigmon
703.841.2519
mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org

Questions regarding application

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

Award decisions

Please contact [your school](#).

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

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



Reverse Advent

"Feeding the Hungry, Nourishing the Soul"

Suggested list of Non-Perishable Food Items for each day of Advent:

Day 1: Canned Chicken

Day 2: Canned Tuna

Day 3: Beef Stew

Day 4: Canned Fruit

Day 5: Jelly

Day 6: Peanut Butter

Day 7: Cereal

Day 8: Oatmeal

Day 9: Rice, 1-2 lbs.

Day 10: Beans, canned or dried

Day 11: Canned vegetables,

Day 12: Canned tomatoes

Day 13: Pasta Sauce, no glass

Day 14: Shelf Stable Milk, 6 pack

Day 15: Baked Beans

Day 16: Mini Canned Pasta

Day 17: Flour

Day 18: Sugar

Day 19: Oil

Day 20: Healthy Juice

Day 21: Instant Mashed Potatoes

Day 22: Stuffing

Day 23: Macaroni and Cheese

Day 24: Granola Bars



Fauquier Holiday Gift Wrapping

Does holiday shopping have you stressed? Are gifts starting to pile up with no end in sight?

If so, let the FHS Track and Field team take one thing off your holiday to do list, by letting us wrap your gifts.

The wrapping paper, bows, boxes, and other wrapping accessories will be provided.

Saturday, December 21st 9am to 4pm

&

Monday, December 23rd 3pm to 7pm

Warrenton Presbyterian Church

(Corner of 5th & Main Street in Old Town Warrenton)

ALL DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND WELCOME

THANK YOU

Satisfaction Guaranteed
