



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

December 6, 2019

Upcoming Events



December 8

VIRTUS Training 1pm at Mercy Hall

December 14

Breakfast with Santa 9-11:30am

December 19

Christmas Program 7pm

December 20

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

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
New Alter Server Training 7pm

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

Please check the school website
for the complete calendar.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings,

I trust this note finds you well during this season of anticipation and preparation. It is time to break out the winter coats, hats, and mittens! As Father John Wall once said, "May we be renewed and energized in our faith, grounded in hope and transformed by His love to give witness... to the poor".

Similar to last year, blue bags for the St. Lucy "Reverse Advent" Program are going home very soon with the youngest child in each family. Please label your family name on this stapled form on the blue bag and make sure all bags are returned by Wednesday, January 8th. Shortly thereafter, all items will be picked by members of the St. Lucy Program staff. Let us continue to assist, encounter, and transform the homeless, the needy, and the vulnerable. The best thing we can do is to provide the gift of hope to those that are struggling through a difficult time or unexpected hardship.

A new trimester gives us all the opportunity to begin anew. Please allow me to ask for your cooperation in an arrival concern. I will be addressing chronic tardiness (8+ /trimester for third through eighth grade) with lunch recess reflection activities next week. We are hopeful that tardies will be reduced overall after we discuss some strategies with our students. In addition to lost instruction time, punctuality is a great skill for our students to master at an early age. Thank you in advance for honoring this request as we begin anew in trimester two.

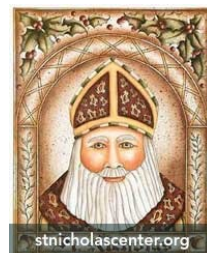
The infamous Christmas Program rapidly approaches. A special note of thanks to Ms. Hunt and Mrs. Hammelman for STEPPING UP this year so our 5th grade students can have their moment to shine in front of several hundred spectators. The Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. but don't forget the Preschool Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Both events will remind us all that Christ is the reason for the season.

Christmas break commences with an Early Dismissal on Friday, December 20th at 11:30 a.m. Extended Day **will not** be available and school resumes on Monday, January 6th, 2020.

I look forward to seeing several of our families at the Warrenton Christmas Parade Friday evening. Please support our Christmas Parade Chairs, our wonderful PTO, and others that have made this event a reality. Dress warmly and until next time, may we continue to Pray, Learn, and Serve.

As always.. for the children,

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!!

UPCOMING ALTAR SERVER TRAINING *NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING*: Tuesday, December 17 (7 pm in the church) – Open to all boys in the 3rd grade (or higher), who have received their First Holy Communion.

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

The annual Christmas parade in downtown Warrenton is this evening! A big thank you to to Mike Akro & Jordan Contracting, Jonathan Snow, Christen Snow, Brandon Jasionowski, Kristin Rollins / Patterson, ALBANCAT, Country Chevrolet and Trey Hooper for all your help with the float. We look forward to seeing you at the parade!

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.

Presents

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 14th
9AM-11:30AM



Join us in Trinity Hall for Breakfast with Santa
including Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Muffins,
Coffee, Juice and Hot Chocolate

- ❖ Picture with Santa
- ❖ Crafts
- ❖ Santas Giftshop
- ❖ Mrs. Claus Kitchen (decorate mini gingerbread houses) **LIMITED SPACE
- ❖ Christmas Card writing station
- ❖ Silent Auction for Christmas Centerpieces

Pre-Purchase Tickets (by Dec. 11)

Adults (12+) \$15.00

Kids (3-12) \$10.00

Children under 3 Free

Tickets at Door

Adults (12+) \$15.00

Kids (3-12) \$12.00

Children under 3 Free

Wrapped Gifts- 1 for \$3.00 or 3 for \$6.00

Gingerbread Decorating- \$4.00 ** Limited Tickets

Santa

DECEMBER 14th

9AM -11:30AM

Door open at 8:45 AM

Santa Arrives at 9:15 Am

Breakfast served 9AM-11 Am

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of tickets

Name: _____

Grade: _____

_____ # Adult Tickets

_____ #Children Tickets

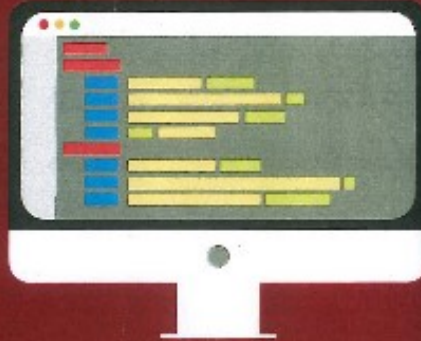
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Learn more at: www.hackbi.org

**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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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

