



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Bulletin

February 14, 2020

Upcoming Events



February 17

No School
Presidents' Day

February 22

Embers Workshop 2-3pm
Sparks Workshop 4-6pm
TORCH Workshop 7-10pm

February 26

Ash Wednesday

February 28

Mass with Student of the Month

March 2

Stations of the Cross 2:15pm

March 6

Mass with Rosary

March 7

TORCH Auditions 4-7pm

March 9

8th Grade Vocations Mass

March 10

Stations of the Cross 2:15pm

March 13

Early Dismissal 11:30 am
End of 2nd Trimester
Middle School Dance 7-10pm

March 16

NO School

March 18

Stations of the Cross 2:15pm

March 19

Dress Down Day

March 20

Report Cards

March 25

Open House/Coffee and Chat 8:30am

March 26

Stations of the Cross 2:15pm

March 27

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

April 3

Mass with Rosary
Stations of the Cross 2:15 pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to extend greetings of peace as we begin preparations for the Lenten season. We will attend Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, February 26th and our first school-wide Stations of the Cross will be Monday, March 3rd at 2:15 p.m. We will attend Stations of the Cross once a week during Lent rotating days each week. Please refer to the school calendar for weekly dates, all are families are welcome to attend.

Speaking of the calendar, the final day of school for students will be **Friday, June 5th**. Catholic Faith Camp will be available to various grades from Monday, June 8th -June 12th in various areas of the school.

For your 2020-2021 planning purposes, the first day of school for students will be **Wednesday, August 26, 2020**. The Office of Catholic Schools Christmas break is currently set from December 23-January 1 but there is flexibility in this part of the schedule. The last day of school with 3 snow days will be **Friday, June 11th** if the proposed OCS Christmas break is implemented. If St. John decides to extend the Christmas break for next year, the last day of school for the 2020-2021 school year will change to **Tuesday, June 15th**. A final decision regarding the length of the Christmas break will be made before the Easter break. Please note that the last day of school moving forward will not move up therefore I would ask that you please avoid scheduling family vacations until after the middle of June next year.

As always, I remain grateful to our school families. Many of you are so giving of your time and more importantly; your commitment to charity. The four young girls (Christina-Grade 5, Maria-Grade 4, Virginia-Grade 2, and Maura-Grade 2) that we sponsored from Mozambique, Africa last year continue to do well. Their school began last week and I am pleased to report that we have raised over \$1,000 to date for the Sunshine Foundation Approach this year. It only takes \$300 to give a young child a Catholic education for one year so we are approaching four students once again this year. Mrs. Terrie Larson, director of the Sunshine Foundation Approach, would like to extend her sincere gratitude for your assistance. Until next time, let us continue to pray, learn, and serve the vulnerable and less fortunate.

Mr. Macdonald





School News

It is time to start thinking about the end of the year **CYO Sports Banquet**. To make this event a success I need a few parents willing to be on a planning committee. The dinner is not until May 28th, but we need to start planning now. We will meet just once or twice a month until May. If you are interested please contact Kelly Worley kworley@stjohntheevangelistschool.org. Thank you and Go Eagles!

TORCH Drama Club News!

TORCH is gearing up for several productions this spring! The next monthly workshop(s) will be held on Saturday, February 22nd in Trinity Hall.

* **The EMBERS (ages 8-10)** will be meeting at 2-3 PM for their final cast-call for the EMBERS-FEST in April. This is the last chance to sign up for the one-act play festival.

* **Please note the time change for EMBERS! ***

***The SPARKS (ages 11-14)** meet at 4-6 PM. This workshop concentrates on team-work and screening for the upcoming cast in the early fall. Cost is \$5.

* **The TORCH-bearers (ages 15-19)** are hosting preliminary AUDITIONS for their upcoming spring production, NEWSIES! Open call for actors, singers, dancers, and gymnasts should check out the workshop at 7-10 PM. Cost is \$5. Final call-backs will be in March.

FOR more information on all three groups, contact Chris Galvin at cgalvin4030@gmail.com.

Box Tops-Please continue to send in clipped box tops. For scanned box tops please use your receipt and box top app.

Our clinic is in need of girls white tights. Please considering picking up an additional pair to donate to the clinic. We like to have them on hand in the events of emergencies.

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/>



Many Gifts, One Nation
A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

It is with sincere gratitude that we **THANK YOU** for giving to Saint John the Evangelist School during the Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. We are pleased to have you as part of our parents, alumni and community of supporters. Your combined generosity yielded a single day of giving in the amount of over \$13,000 to our school.

Your gift helps Saint John the Evangelist School fulfill our mission to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere that recognizes the God – given gifts inherent within each child on the journey toward spiritual and academic excellence. Your gift will be used to provide technology, reading, math and science upgrades to our classrooms. As you know, Catholic school education is a financial sacrifice but is a worthwhile investment.

Here is some news and updates to share from the Day of Giving:

- SJES received over \$13,000 in 24 hours!
- Over 80 donors contributed to our Day of Giving.
- The SJES 5th grade was represented with the most gifts.
- The Alumni Classes of 2003, 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2012 were represented with generous donations.
- Our Facebook and Twitter pages gained several new followers and climbed throughout the week!

We will continue to keep you updated about what is happening at Saint John School. We also invite you to visit our campus when you are able, to see your gift in action! Just contact the Elementary School at 540-347-2458 or the Preschool at 540-347-5341 to arrange at time that works best for you. **Finally, please save the date for our Spring Gala to be held in Mercy Hall, on Saturday, April 25th.** Look for more information to follow on our school website at www.sjesva.org and in the parish bulletin.

Again, thank you for all you do in support of Catholic education!



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Dear St. John Families,

With this being flu season and the recent outbreak of the Wuhan (2019-nCov) Coronavirus, it is only sensible to remind families of the precautions set forth by the CDC.

Coronaviruses are a large family of respiratory viruses that range from people being mildly sick to people being severely ill. Symptoms can include:

Fever
Cough
Difficulty breathing

The CDC believes at this time, that symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 after exposure.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. Preventative measures are the same ones we take to prevent the spread of the flu, the common cold and other viruses. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The CDC recommends these preventive actions:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
Stay home when you are sick.
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, then wash your hands as mentioned above.
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

In addition, school guidelines state that students need to be *fever free for 24 hours* (CDC considers a person to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperature of at least 100.4 °F [38 °C]) **without** the use of fever reducing medication before returning. The 24-hour rule also applies to illnesses involving diarrhea.

We are taking precautions to ensure the health and well-being of all our students and staff at St John. The teachers and staff are reinforcing the preventative actions mentioned and the staff are executing extra cleaning measures. There are several hand sanitizer stations throughout the buildings. It would be most helpful to review these preventative measures with your students.

Your Primary Health Care Provider, local Health Department and the CDC website have more detailed information available.

Thank you for keeping our school healthy,

Andrea Konsin, RN

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DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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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.factsmgt.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

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Questions regarding application

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

Award decisions

Please contact [your school](#).

Diocesan Tuition Assistance

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