



# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# School Bulletin

March 12, 2021

## Upcoming Events



### March 15-18

Design For Excellence/Accreditation

### March 17

St Patrick's Day Accessory Day

### March 18

Early Dismissal 11:30am

### March 19

No School/Professional Development

### March 24

Dress Down Day for St. Lucy Project. Jam or Jelly donation

### March 22

Begin Spring Uniform

### March 26

Report Cards & Scantron Results

### April 1

Early Dismissal/No Ext Day

### April 2-11

Easter/Spring Break

### April 12

Students Return

### April 19-23

5th & 8th Grade ACRE Testing/Makeups

### April 24

PTO Cabaret Night 6-10pm

### April 28

Dress Down Day

### April 30

Early Dismissal 11:30am  
Trimester III Interims  
MS Spring Fling

### May 3-20

Scantron Testing

### May 11

8th Grade World Language Exam

### May 14

8th Grade Dinner Dance

Please check the school website for the complete calendar.

## DFE News

Dear Parents,

The week of March 15-19, 2021 will be a momentous week for the Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School community. During this week the Design for Excellence Accreditation visit will take place. The visit signifies both an ending and a new beginning. The ending is in the culmination of the 18-month self-study process, whereby the staff carefully examined and documented educational processes and practices within the school for the past several years. Through the report writing process, goals were identified for areas of possible improvement.

Over the course of four days, the visiting team will spend time getting to know our school. They will meet virtually, or in person, with Father Smith, Mr. Macdonald, and all staff members. In addition, they will visit the classrooms to see the students learning. On Thursday, March 18, 2021, Mary Pat Schlickemaier, the visiting team chair, will share its findings with the administration and the staff. They will offer suggestions for improvement as well. The end of the visit marks the beginning of the next phase of the school improvement process. Guided by the school mission, the staff will generate a plan based on the recommendations of the committee. This plan will serve to illuminate the path for our journey toward spiritual and academic excellence over the next five years.

Saint John the Evangelist School recognizes and values the role of the parents in the educational process. Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot hold the public session to introduce this dedicated team of professionals to you. In lieu of the public session, we offer you a glimpse of the team by way of short biographies. The visiting team is composed of five educational consultants and teachers selected by the Office of Catholic Schools. Combined, this team represents close to 100 years of educational experience primarily in the Diocese of Arlington. We are grateful for their time and attention in helping us by identifying those special strengths that make our school unique, as well as offering suggestions for growth. We ask that as you read the short biographies below, you offer a simple prayer of gratitude for the opportunity to learn from this team. As always, we thank you for your support of Catholic education, where Christ is the center of everything we do.

May God continue to bless your families,

Mrs. Jill Evans  
DFE Co-chair



*DFE VISITING TEAM***Mary Pat Schlickemaier, Chair**

Mary Pat Schlickemaier retired as the principal of St. Rita School in July, 2019 after twenty one years. Mrs. Schlickemaier holds a master's degree from the University of Virginia in School Administration and Supervision. She has a Post Graduate Collegiate license from the State of Virginia with endorsements in Administration and Supervision preK-12 and Biology as well as an Advanced Catechist license from the Diocese of Arlington. She is currently mentoring principals for the Diocese of Arlington and is an adjunct in the education department at George Mason, a faculty supervisor for the University of Phoenix as well as an adjunct member of the faculty of the Catholic School Leadership Program at Marymount University. In 2015 she received the National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Principal of the Year and the National Distinguished Principal Award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals

**Ellen Pitts, Core Team Member**

Ellen Pitts is a New York native. Her husband is retired from the Air Force, and as an Air Force Family, they lived in places from Alaska to Florida. In 1981 the family moved to Virginia for what was expected to be another two year assignment. That was almost 40 years ago, and they have never left, so that may make them both Virginians! (But they still love New York!) Ellen and her husband retired in 2011 and live in Gainesville with their new Golden Retriever puppy, Titan! They are fortunate to have their grown children and 6 grandchildren, ranging in age from 24 months to 24 years, living close by. Ellen retired after 28 years at St. Thomas More School, where she taught 4th grade for 24 years, and then was Assistant Principal for the last 4. She feels that she is simply a teacher at heart and loves working on these visiting teams to help where she can! Over the years Ellen has been on many, many DFE teams (more than 15) and in fact, she was part of your last visiting team at St. John's!

**Marie Scheessele, Core Member**

Hello! I am Marie Scheessele, and I am excited to be a part of the Visiting Team for Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School. Currently, I am the Assistant Principal and Preschool Director at Saint Ann Catholic School. As an educator in the Diocese of Arlington for 27 years, I have taught third and fifth grades as well as middle school language arts and social studies. I have a Bachelor's and Master's of Art in Speech Communication from Purdue University and Ball State University respectively. My teaching certification is also from Ball State while my MEd in Catholic School Leadership and Administration is from Marymount University. My faith is important to me which is why I am committed to the mission of Catholic education. I attended Saint Bernard School and Parish growing up. Upon moving to the Washington, DC area, Saint Dominic Church, where I serve as an Extraordinary Minister, became my parish.

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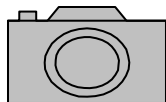
**Melissa Manaker, Team Member**

Melissa Manaker has been an educator in the Diocese of Arlington since 2000 serving as a principal, assistant principal, and classroom teacher. Her educational philosophy is grounded in the belief that every child is a unique, unrepeatable gift from God (Pope Saint John Paul II) and that it is the mission of educators to work collaboratively with parents and students to help each child reach their fullest potential. Mrs. Manaker holds Masters degrees in School Administration and Supervision as well as Systematic Theology.

**Dr. Patrick J. Rozmajzl, PhD, Team Member**

Dr. Patrick J. Rozmajzl, PhD, has served on the Science Faculty of St. Paul VI Catholic High School since 2009, serving as Department Chair for 5 of those years. Patrick came to St. Paul VI after retiring from the Navy. He served for 20 years as a Medical Service Corps Officer, working in the areas of Public Health, Preventive Medicine and Infectious Disease Research. Patrick holds a BA and MS in Zoology from Miami University as well as a PhD in Microbiology from University of Mississippi Medical Center. At PVI, Patrick has actively supported the Theater program, several sports programs and been active in Campus Ministry. Patrick and his wife, Pamela, have been married for 34 years and have four children who all attended St. Paul VI and have since graduated from college. He is an active member of St. Leo the Great Parish and the Knights of Columbus.

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## School News

### We want your photos!

Good Afternoon Saint John Families and Teachers:

I would like to encourage all of you to upload photos for the 2020–2021 Saint John the Evangelist School Yearbook. It is a straightforward process! Download the Entourage Link mobile app or visit <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/SJESVA2021>. If you registered last year, your username and password should still work. New users will need to register for an account, which is also a very easy and straightforward process. I have included instructions from Entourage Yearbooks. See attached flyer. Photo categories have been created for activities, Sports/Clubs, and each class. Feel free to create new categories if needed. The more pictures we have to choose from, the more interesting our yearbook will be. Thank you so much for your participation in this project and the countless things you do to enrich our school community.

God bless,  
Lauren Karhoff



On Wednesday, March 17th, students will be allowed to wear St. Patrick's Day Accessories with their designated uniform. Accessories will be limited to socks, headbands, bows, ties, bracelets and necklaces. Please note that wigs, face paint, hair dye and temporary tattoos are not allowed.



The Dress Down Day on Wednesday, March 24th will benefit the St. Lucy Project. All students and staff are asked to donate jam or jelly (no glass jars please) Flyer is attached.

## John Paul the Great High School Events

### April 20: Spring Open House

Want to learn more about John Paul the Great and becoming a member of the Wolfpack? Save the date for our Spring Open House! John Paul the Great looks forward to hosting interested 4-7th graders and parents for this in-person open house. Stay tuned for details and information on how to RSVP for this event. Please contact [admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org) with any questions.

### May 8: JP Outdoor Gala

Save the date for John Paul the Great's annual Spring Gala, this time outside! More information to come soon. If you have any specific questions at this time, please contact our Gala coordinator at [gala@jpthegreat.org](mailto:gala@jpthegreat.org).

### 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.

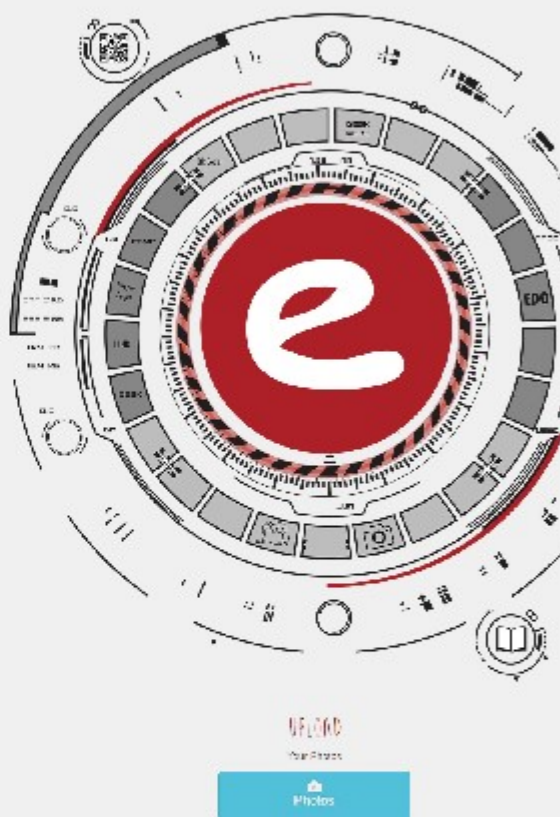
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## DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Academic Year 2021-2022**



### ***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](https://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 18, 2021**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**March 17, 2021**

### ***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.

**\$3,688,975 awarded in 2020**

### **● For more information ●**

#### ***Questions regarding process***

Mallory Sigmon  
703.841.2519  
[mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mallory.sigmon@arlingtondiocese.org)

#### ***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/>

# JAM On It!

**Help feed the food  
insecure!**

**Donate jam and jelly to  
support St. Lucy Food  
Project**

*No Glass Jars Please*



**In Virginia, 39% of all households live below the  
ALICE Income Threshold\* with 1 in 4 being children**

**\*United Way ALICE Report, 2020**





ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL PTO INVITES YOU TO AN EXCITING RED CARPET EVENT

# CABARET NIGHT

TICKETS ON SALE MARCH 22

FEATURING "The Torch Graduates"

SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2021

6-10PM

**INCLUDING**

DINNER, DRINKS, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE,  
& A NEVER BEFORE SEEN VARIETY SHOW PERFORMANCE!

**RED CARPET ATTIRE**

SEATING IS LIMITED

MASK REQUIRED

ADULT ONLY EVENT

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