



# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# School Bulletin

September 20, 2019

## Upcoming Events



**September 23-27**

Makeup Scantron Testing

**September 24**

Spirit Night @ Chipotle

**September 26**

K-4 Think Stretch Assembly 8:30am

**September 27**

Mass with Student of the Month

Early Dismissal 11:30 am

Teacher Professional Development

**October 4**

Mass with Rosary

**October 9**

Oktoberfest Dress Down Day

**October 10**

Mass

**October 11**

Interims

PTO Color Run

Early Dismissal 11:30am

NO Extended Day

**October 11-12**

Oktoberfest

**October 14**

NO School/Columbus Day

**October 22**

Lions Club Hearing & Vision

Screening

**October 24**

Mass with Student of the Month

4th & 5th Grade Field Trip

**October 25**

NO School/Professional Development

Trunk or Treat

**October 26**

Embers Workshop 4-5 pm

TORCH workshop 7-10pm

**November 1**

All Saints Day

Mass with Rosary

Photo Retakes

Please check the school website for the complete calendar.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents,

I am grateful to all the families that participated in our brief three question school survey at Back to School Night. As promised, we have reviewed your feedback and I would like to share your thoughts (as they appeared on the survey) with our school community.

What do you hope your child/ren will get out of this year?

- Learn and build positive self-image
- Develop a strong positive way to thinking
- Catholic mindset for education and friends
- Learn as much as possible
- More confidence in expressing his opinion, suggestions, and knowledge speaking in front of a crowd or in writing
- A love of school and of God
- The kids will grow in faith and have additional time with the priests/deacons in the classroom setting
- A love of learning- master multiplication facts, increase vocab, write well
- A great foundation, a love of learning, that hard work pays off
- Advance in learning and become more confident within himself
- A love for learning
- More reading, creative thinking
- Time management, preparedness, organization
- increase in reading/writing skills and participation with programs
- Time management
- Make lifelong friends, great education
- Sacrament Prep
- Improved reading, math, and self-reliance
- Stronger faith, confidence in academics
- A good year of learning

What can we do better at St. John? In order to show significant progress, we will aim to target a few of the following areas moving forward:

- Increased communication for clubs/upcoming events
- Reinforcing the sacraments in conversation, not just in books and mass (**noted**)
- Being on top of "Hours for Ours" (**This has been shared with our new PTO Board**)
- Consistently enforce proper uniforms (**We will continue to review expectations and increase documented uniform notices so that our students will strive to wear their uniform with pride**)
- Would love a school band (**We hope to start a MS Band Club soon!**)
- Additional references and visibility of the school at the parish, student presence at weekend Masses (in uniform and outside of Catholic Schools Week- (**good idea**))
- I would love more family events
- Less homework- **Here is the Diocesan Homework Policy that we follow:**  
**K (10 mins), 1-3 (10-30 mins total), 4-5 (30-60 mins total), Middle School (60-120 mins total)**

**FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FUTURE:**

- Automatic hand sanitizer
- New water fountain and toilet

**What do you love about St. John School?**

- Good learning environment
- The teachers are dedicated
- Father Gould
- The support and community of the school and teachers
- Everything
- Comfort and safety
- Small community and class sizes
- I love the school and the teachers
- The staff and kids
- The atmosphere, the religious values, that some teachers will teach outside
- The teachers and closeness between students no matter what grade they are in
- A strong, traditional Catholic education
- A caring environment full of dedicated parents and teachers. Lots of extra curricular activities
- Personalization- everyone knows everyone
- The faculty
- Everything, we wouldn't be here if we didn't love it
- Secure, friendly families and staff
- Close community in a great parish
- Community atmosphere
- The community and safety my kids feel coming here
- The Catholic Identity
- I love the faith-based approach to everything
- The staff is great
- Great peer relationships

Ms. Ceci has been working hard on Facebook page. Please find us, like us and share our page with your friends! Also, we invite all Kindergarten through Fourth Grade Parents to join us Thursday, September 26 for the Think Stretch Assembly at 8:30am in Trinity Hall.

May we continue to grow in God's grace and wisdom.

God Bless.

Temple Macdonald





## School News

- Please bring in BOXTOP clips before October 15 and help earn cash for our school! Got labels? Use the Box Top app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will automatically find the products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings on-line.
- Oktoberfest is right around the corner. Please paste the following link in your browser to sign up to volunteer. Confirmation candidates can receive hours.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054ca9aa2ea31-oktoberfest36>
- All fifth and sixth grade students are invited to participate in the Diocesan Battle of the Books team. Participants are required to read 15 books on the Battle list. We meet weekly to discuss the books and prepare for the competition held in May. Please let Mrs. Paccassi know if you would like to participate.
- Yearbook Club: Calling for Volunteers: Mrs. Karhoff is forming a yearbook club so students can be more involved with creating their yearbook. Students will learn photography, design and writing. Mrs. Karhoff is looking for volunteers to help run the club and guide the students in the development of the yearbook. The club will meet after school but the time will be determined based on volunteer availability. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Karhoff at [lkarhoff@sjesva.org](mailto:lkarhoff@sjesva.org).
- Middle School students interested in band please contact Mrs. Warhurst [mwarhurst@sjesva.org](mailto:mwarhurst@sjesva.org)

## Power School Updates: Emergency Care and Photo, Press, Audio and Electronic Media Release For Minors

Unfortunately we are still in need of many of our students Emergency Care Form and Photo, Press, Audio and Electronic Media Release for Minors forms. These forms are mandatory diocesan forms that have to be updated yearly. **The Emergency Care Form is a vital part of our crisis plan and we are not able to include your child in the yearbook without authorization.** Please take the time to log into PowerSchool and update the forms online. The website to access this information is [arlingtondiocese.powerschool.com](http://arlingtondiocese.powerschool.com) If you do not have PowerSchool login information, please email Lauren Karhoff at [lkarhoff@sjesva.org](mailto:lkarhoff@sjesva.org).

## 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://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/OPCYP_Application/)

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/virtus/>

**Dress code rules for Dress Down Days:**

- Out of uniform days are allowed on the student's birthday (if the student's birthday falls on Friday, the student should choose the Thursday before or the following Monday to dress down due to Mass) for school approved incentives and designated school Dress Down Days. Student's with summer birthdays can dress down on their 1/2 birthday.
- All dress down day clothing should be modest. Each article of clothing may be subject to the review and approval of the faculty and/or administration.
- Clothing should not be excessively tight or revealing
- Students must exercise good judgment in wearing shirts, blouses, or other clothing displaying messages or graphics.
- Spaghetti straps and tops which show the midriff may not be worn.
- Low cut shirts and blouses should not be worn.
- Students may not wear ballet slippers, heels, crocs, sandals, open toe, flip flops, clogs (without backs) or wheelies.
- Slacks/trousers must be worn at the waist.
- Leggings are not permitted to be worn as pants. They may be worn under skirts and dresses that are appropriate length.
- Baggy clothing, clothing with rips or tears, or clothing touching the floor may not be worn.
- Girls' shorts, skirts and dresses must not exceed two inches above the knee.
- Shorts (no short shorts) may be worn only during the Fall and Spring uniform season.
- Jeans without holes are acceptable.
- During the winter months, shorts may not be worn to school.
- At no time may students spray paint their hair or face.
- No make-up of any kind is permitted nor is nail polish permitted.
- Tattoos and transfers are not permitted.
- Students are to maintain neat hairstyles. Hair fads or unusual styles are not permitted. Streaking or any hair color is not permitted. Hair must not go below the brow and must remain out of the face. Boys hair should be neatly trimmed and above the collar.
- Boys' facial hair should be kept shaved.
- Girls with pierced ears may wear one pair of small post or stud earrings in the lower lobe. Hoops and dangling earrings may not be worn. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind.

When Dress Down Days are announced, students must comply with dress code guidelines specified above. If clothing is unacceptable, the student will be issued a uniform violation form and, if necessary, parents will be called to bring appropriate attire to the school office. Those who do not dress appropriately may lose dress-down privileges.



# ST. JOHNS PTO FARMER'S MARKET



Tomatoes  
Green Beans  
Green Peppers  
Squash  
Zucchini  
Cantalope

*Fresh Local Organic Produce*

Monday & Tuesdays in  
September  
2:55-4:00PM

Our table will be located inside the  
School. Please come check out this great  
fundraising event for the School.

Please bring your own bags!  
Email: [PTO@stjohntheevangelistschool.org](mailto:PTO@stjohntheevangelistschool.org)





**St. Johns would love to have you be a Parent Volunteer this year!**

**We have many events for you to choose from to enrich your child's education:**

- Back to School Picnic/Movie ( September 13th)
- Color Run ( Race for Education) OCT?
- Trunk or Treat (October 25)
- Polar Express Movie Night 4-8th grade( November 15)
- Christmas Parade (December 6th)
- Breakfast with Santa ( December 7th)
- Chili/Bingo Cookoff ( January 18)

Fill out our form below to let us know how you would like to help.

**School Spirit**

- ☐ Chair  
☐ Co-Chair  
☐ Event/Meeting Greeter  
☐ Welcome New Families  
☐ No Preference

**GALA Fundraising**

- ☐ Chair  
☐ Co-Chair  
☐ Auction Donations  
☐ Locating Sponsors

**Staff Support**

- ☐ Chair  
☐ Co-Chair  
☐ Staff Appreciation Lunch  
☐ Teacher Appreciation Day

**Events**

- ☐ Back to School picnic/movie  
☐ Color Run  
☐ Trunk or Treat pizza coordinator  
☐ Polar Express Movie Night  
☐ Christmas Parade  
☐ Breakfast with Santa  
☐ Chili/Bingo Cookoff  
☐ Father/Daughter Mom/Son  
 Dinner & Movie night

**Other School Activities you might like to see**

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PARENT(S) NAME

PHONE or Cell #

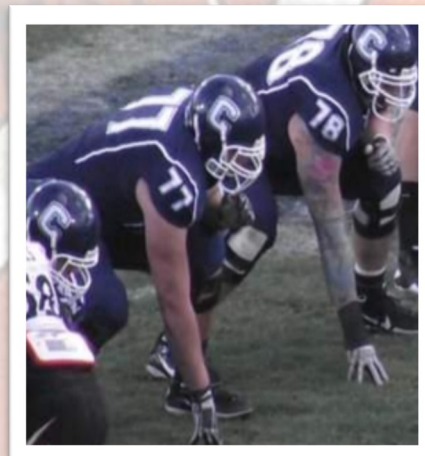
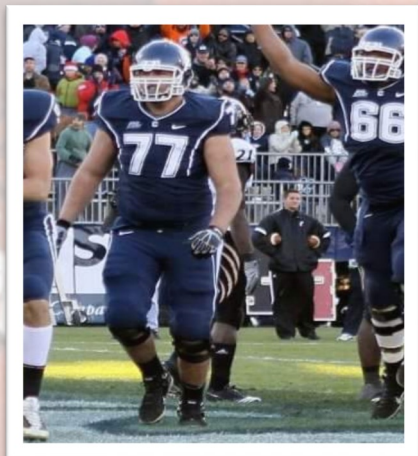
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**Thank you!**

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# Free mini football camp

Coached by Kevin Friend

Played Offense #77 for the University of Connecticut

Saturday, September 28, 2019

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Boys & Girls Ages 6 – 12

Location: Northern Fauquier County Community Park and Sports Complex  
4155 Monroe Parkway, Marshall, VA. 20115

Please RSVP to T.C. Williams at [tcwilliams50@gmail.com](mailto:tcwilliams50@gmail.com) or 703-843-6385

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