



# SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 14, 2012

WEBSITE: [www.saintjohnschool.net](http://www.saintjohnschool.net)

Saint John the Evangelist School educates children from pre-kindergarten through grade six offering a strong academic program enriched by the arts and deeply rooted in Catholic tradition. The school reflects the ideals of Saint Julie Billiard focusing on joy, respect and kindness.

*Saint Julie Billiard says: "All will go well if we allow the good God to act."*

**PRINCIPAL POSTING:** Fat Tuesday is just a week away and it seems like we just finished putting away the Christmas decorations. Liturgically, we move from Ordinary Time into Lent. With that comes time for contemplation, sacrifice and almsgiving. We move through these next 40 days on our Lenten journey. Soon, the calendar changes and winter evolves into spring. Each season brings new challenges and gifts. February vacation gives us time to take pause and contemplate the change of both seasons ahead. It also grants us the time to be with our children and families. There was a book I once read, **To a Child, LOVE is Spelled T-I-M-E**. Time is so precious and such a rare commodity in our busy lives. The book points out that love and our time is all that our children really want or need. Hopefully, you will be able to reserve some of your time to create joyful memories. Saint Valentine was a priest in late third century Rome, who was put to death for teaching about Christianity. Sending 'valentines' on this day comes from the belief that birds in Rome begin their mating season on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Written valentines began to be sent about the year 1400. February is the month of **LOVE**. For Saint Valentine it was his love of his faith, Lent reminds us of Jesus' great love for us and it is when spouses, family and friends declare their love for each other. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

*Saint Julie tells us that our charity must not be limited by the love we have for one another. It must make our hearts as wide as the world.*

This Lent, we will show our love for the world by supporting the mission work of the Sisters of Notre Dame through our prayers, sacrifice and almsgiving. Please join us on Monday through Friday mornings for 7:00 AM Mass followed by Lenten breakfast at the school and/or for Stations of the Cross on the first four Fridays in March at 1:00 PM in the upper church.

**LENTEN BREAKFAST:** Lenten Breakfast will begin on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (when we return from February vacation)**. All are invited to participate in the regularly scheduled 7:00 AM weekday Mass in the church. Families and students are invited to join for breakfast in Philbin Hall (\$1 donation requested) following morning Mass during Lent. **Please contact Tricia Wynn (781-431-0096) if you can help. We would love some new families!**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY:** Grade 5 will lead our February assembly. You are invited to join us **TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 15, at 9:00 AM** in Philbin Hall.

### **LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – Adler, Battaglia, Grela

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – Clark, Jose, Mulroy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 through FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – Baughman, Cronin, Foley

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – Ellms, Meara, Mungovan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

**(REMINDER: YOU ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN IN FOR LUNCH DUTY BY 12:00 PM. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.)** Please note that a \$30.00 penalty is assessed to anyone who does not show up for his/her scheduled day or does not arrange for a substitute. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CALENDAR CORRECTIONS:** Please make note of the following dates:

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**      ASH WEDNESDAY (instead of February 29)  
(during School vacation)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30 (9:00 AM)**      LITURGY, Grade 3 assist (instead of March 2)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Grades K-6):** MARCH 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 1:00 PM, Saint John the Evangelist Church.

**TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS:** This year's Talent Show will take place on **FRIDAY, MARCH 16**. Guidelines and forms for the Talent Show were distributed last week to Grades 3-6. **PLEASE NOTE: The form must be returned by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.**

**REPORT CARDS (Kindergarten – Grade 6):** Marks close on FRIDAY, MARCH 2. **Report cards will be distributed on MONDAY, MARCH 12.**

**ATTENTION YOUNG SINGERS:** Children in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the St. John's Parish Easter Youth Choir. High School Assistants are welcome. There are 5 rehearsals: **3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1** at 10:50-11:50 in the Chapel. **Sign up and first rehearsal 3/4.** The Children will sing at the 8:45 AM Family Mass on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. For more information call Maria Wardwell 781-237-2148 or [maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org](mailto:maria.wardwell@stjohnwellesley.org).

*SCHOOL VACATION: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
HAVE A GREAT WEEK!*

## **SAINT JOHN SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**SAINT JOHN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING** – Our next school council meeting will take place on **THIS EVENING, FEBRUARY 14, at 7:00 PM**. As always, you are welcome and encouraged to join us.

**AUCTION 2012** – Please join us for a **MEETING on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 15** right after drop off in the morning (7:45-8:45 AM) in Philbin Hall. Late arrivals are welcome! Siblings are welcome! We will discuss our current donations, staffing, the invitation, decorations, set up, and check out. Something for everyone, so please come. Contact Susan Calcio at [susan\\_calcio@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_calcio@yahoo.com) or Sarah Camougis Young at [scamougis@edwardswildman.com](mailto:scamougis@edwardswildman.com) to discuss anything further.

If anyone is interested in contributing to a fund to buy items to raffle or auction, please contact Lucy Kapples at [lkapples@comcast.net](mailto:lkapples@comcast.net) asap. Thank you!