



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 Billiart focusing on joy, respect and kindness.

Saint Julie Billiart says: "Let us all pray for one another that we may fulfill perfectly the designs that Jesus has upon us."

PRINCIPAL POSTING: This has been an exciting and busy month. Thank you to all the people who made Catholic Schools Week such a fabulous entry into February. The faculty, students and parents put their heart and soul into making Saint John School such a special place each and every day. I'm happy to announce that we will open a second kindergarten in September 2012! Thanks for spreading the "good news" about Saint John School and helping us flourish.

*"Our path has been marked for us, let us walk along it bravely, remembering that Jesus goes before us."
~ Saint Julie Billiart*

Today is the **100th** day. Joy abounds with the special activities and curriculum that mark the day. During this month, we celebrate **LOVE** in so many ways. We often think of **Valentine's Day** and our love of family and friends, the love of our country and the **Presidents** who served the nation. We have been learning about good health during **American Heart Month**. However, the greatest '**LOVE**' we celebrate is Jesus' love for all of us. May the good God bless us all with happy hearts and helping hands that reflect His love.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK THANK YOU: Mrs. Aldridge, the faculty and staff wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness during Catholic Schools Week. We are so grateful to the parents who kept our Faculty Room supplied with delicious food during the week. Thank you also to the School Council for the fabulous sandwiches on Wednesday. We appreciate your wonderful spirit and kindness. *(To those who brought food items, please be sure to check the lunch room for serving pieces.)* Thank you all for making last week a wonderful celebration of Catholic Schools Week!

LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – Battaglia, Miklus, Prame

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – Jose, Kelley, Mulroy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – Battaglia, Baughman, Neeser

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Battaglia, Kaye, Mullins

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

(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.

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

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)

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!**

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.

SAINT JOHN SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

OPEN HOUSE: We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped make last Tuesday's Open House a huge success. We had 20 families tour the school and the feedback we received was very positive!

First, thank you to Mrs. Aldridge for her assistance in helping us plan for this special event. She greeted each visitor warmly and was on hand to answer their questions.

A sincere thank you to Father Tom for lending us his moral support and welcoming visitors who came to the school.

A very special thank you to Mrs. Greco for the time she spent assisting us from beginning to end. Mrs. Greco answered our requests for supplies, edits, and copies with her cheerful smile and helped make our Open House materials look fantastic.

Many thanks to the teachers and staff who opened their doors and welcomed our visitors into their classrooms. Some faculty members were able to find a few moments, along with those who had free periods, to personally greet the visitors and answer questions. Our visitors were very grateful for their time and commented that the students were happy and engaged in learning their lessons.

We could not have toured the twenty families who visited without the help of our knowledgeable team of tour guides: Susan Bannon, Christina Brooks, Lisa Capasso, Mimi Eldridge, Mariam Elias, Daphne Gutz, Mary Kaye, Beth Orup, Wendy Miklus, Meghan Murray and Nancy Glaeser. You were wonderful representatives for the school! Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our school. A special thanks to Nancy Glaeser for doing double duty - supervising the "children's area" and touring a family when all the tour guides were busy giving tours. Another special thank you to Mariam Elias and Susan Calcio who helped with set up and clean up.

Our turnout was a result of the great publicity effort from Meghan Murray, Kira Nelson, Kathleen Rush, Beth Sullivan and Sarah Connolly. They ensured that word about our Open House reached parishes, newspapers, and front lawns both near and far!

As always, a tremendous thank you goes to Mr. Piselli for making Philbin Hall and the entire school look perfect for all of our visitors.

Finally, we must thank each and every Saint John family who helped spread the word about our gem of a school to friends and neighbors with a special invitation to visit our Open House. Many of our visitors were there because you invited them. We are also truly grateful for the many families who placed lawn signs on their front yards for passersby to see. Thank you! Please continue to spread the wonderful news about Saint John School! Thank you to all of you for your help!

~Laurel Mullen and Carol Mungovan