



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 24, 2012

WEBSITE: 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 Billiart focusing on joy, respect and kindness.

Saint Julie Billiart says: "Let us preserve the spark of faith which still exists in our society by the grace of the good God."

PRINCIPAL POSTING: Yesterday's greetings were filled with the joy of knowing the Patriots are going to the Super Bowl and the hope for a win when they meet the Giants in Indianapolis. However, when morning prayer had ended, the buzzing of bell announcing student arrivals had ceased and all the attendance folders were collected, another type of joy and hope filled the office, faculty room and classrooms. It was the joy and anticipation of Catholic School Week. Parents and staff began planning and putting together a schedule for next week. On **Monday**, true to our mission statement we will begin the week enriched by two presentations about "bubbles and simple machines". On this day each class will dress in a special color and create a kaleidoscope of hues and patterns. **Tuesday** is OPEN HOUSE from 8:00-9:30 AM. During this time, we welcome current and potential Saint John families to the school. Students Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be in full dress uniforms. **Wednesday** is the day that we honor our fabulous faculty and staff with a special luncheon. **Thursday** is gym day and in honor of the Patriots going to the 'Super Bowl' we will add red, white and blue t-shirts, sweatshirts and/or hats to our gym uniforms to pump up the spirit! On **Friday**, we will gather as a faith community for mass at 9:00 AM. The Fourth Grade will be collaborating with Ms. Castano and Fr. Tom to create a special liturgical celebration. Students Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be in full dress uniforms. The day will be topped off with hat day! Hats off to Saint John School and the joy of CSW! See you next week; come feel the JOY!

BUS RIDERS: On **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**, students who ride the bus will be dismissed at **11:20 AM** (rather than 11:30 AM). Please take note.

LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 – Early Dismissal (**11:20 Bus**)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 – Kane, Mungovan (Jennifer), Toli
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 – Glaeser, Jose, Mulroy
MONDAY, JANUARY 30 – Brooks, Elias, Prame
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 – Eldridge, Foley, Toli
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Bannon, Laird, Sullivan
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – Fantozzi, Murray, Prame
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – Battaglia, Bavaro, McDonough
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – Battaglia, Galligan, Laird

(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.



Catholic Schools Week is **January 29 - February 5, 2012.**

The theme is "**Catholic Schools - Faith. Academics. Service.**"

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

You are welcome to come and visit the classrooms on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 from 8:00 – 9:30 AM.** Our Open House is for current families as well as prospective ones.

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR OPEN HOUSE: Please be on the lookout for a letter from Mrs. Aldridge, with an attached flyer that was sent home with your oldest child today. Please share the flyer with a family that may be interested in our gem of a school! Thank you for spreading the word about our Open House.

LAWN SIGNS: If you live on a well traveled road and would like to help spread the word about our Open House, please stop by and pick up a "Lawn Sign" to display in your yard. These signs are available outside our Library. Thank you for your help.

LITURGY: Please join us on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, at 9:00 AM** for our monthly liturgy. Grade 4 will assist. **Reminder: Full Dress Uniforms are required for Grades K through 6. Don't forget your sweaters!** A reception for Grade 4 will follow the Mass.

TUITION – FINAL PAYMENT: The fourth and final payment of your 2011-12 tuition will be deducted from your account on **FEBRUARY 5.**

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.

WELLESLEY LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION: It is important that families interested in playing Wellesley Little League this Spring register by January 31. If you do not register and provide uniform size information by the end of January, there is a risk that your player's uniform may not be available prior to the start of the season. Registration for the Spring 2012 Baseball and Softball programs is available online at www.wellesleylittleleague.org.

Eligible players include boys and girls, Kindergarten thru 8th grade, living or attending school in Wellesley. All players must have been born no earlier than 5/1/97. All interested players are invited to register – please help spread the word by forwarding this email to families new to town, or new to the program (e.g., families with kindergarteners). Additional league information - e.g., key dates, league descriptions, clinic info - is also available on the league website. For registrations received in March and beyond, late fees will be assessed and uniforms cannot be guaranteed. If you have any questions, please email WLL at Admin@WellesleyLittleLeague.org.



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MONDAY, JANUARY 30

“Student Appreciation Day”

Enrichment Program (You are invited to join us.)

Bubble Trouble (Preschool – Grade 2) 10:00 AM

Simple Machines (Grades 3-6) 1:00 PM

Color Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

“Family Appreciation Day”

OPEN HOUSE (8:00 – 9:30 AM)

(Both Current Families and New Applicants)

(Dress Uniforms K-6)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

“Teacher Appreciation Day”

Staff Luncheon at 11:45 AM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

“Health and Fitness Appreciation Day”

Special Gym Program

Super Bowl Spirit Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

“Faith Appreciation Day”

Liturgy at 9:00 AM, Grade 4 assisting

(Dress Uniforms K-6)

Hat Day (during school, not at church)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

AUCTION 2012 - Check your email for an important message from your Auction Chairs, Susan Calcio and Sarah Young. Please let us know if you did not receive it: susan_calcio@yahoo.com.

Calling all March Madness fans! We can use your help in planning for the set-up of our March 30th Auction. We will be decorating with mini and regular-sized college school pennants and banners, as well as basketball-shaped balloons. If any of you would like to donate or lend us banners, we would appreciate the assistance. Or, if you have a suggestion for where to cost-effectively procure such items, please let us know. Email tylerbouldin@yahoo.com with any suggestions. Many thanks for helping to make our auction the most successful yet!

ENRICHMENT NEWS: An order form for books by author Grace Lin went home last week in the oldest child's folder. These books will be the topic of her presentations to the children in grades Pre-K to 6 when she visits Saint John School on February 13, 2012. If you wish to place an order please do so by this Wednesday, January 25. If you need another order form, they are available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Laurel Mullen at 781-696-0293.