



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 31, 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: "The more you trust the good God, the more God will love you."

PRINCIPAL POSTING: Welcome to Catholic School Week. It was launched yesterday with a wonderful science enrichment program by Jeff Boyer on 'Simple Machines' and 'Bubble Mania'. It was inter-active, educational and very entertaining for students in Preschool through Grade Six. A big thank you is extended to the Enrichment Committee of our School Council. Today, we celebrated our OPEN HOUSE. We welcomed twenty new families this morning and enjoyed seeing the many parents who came by to visit their child's classroom. Thank you to all the parents who gave tours and served as ambassadors of welcome. The faculty and students provided the greatest invitation of all. Parents and visitors were encouraged to come into the classrooms and see what a Saint John School morning of learning is all about! They all received rave reviews.

In celebrating Catholic School Week, we honor the service and dedication of an exceptional faculty and staff that facilitates '*Academic Excellence*' in our talented students.

The faith that is lovingly celebrated by your family in the home is nurtured and extended in religion classes and daily experiences here at Saint John School. The '*Faith development*' of our students is deeply rooted in our rich Catholic values and traditions.

The bond that exists among the school staff, the students and the families of Saint John School is very special. They work diligently and collectively to create a very vibrant team that supports the initiatives of Catholic education for the students of Saint John School. This '*SJS Community*' is proud of its 46 year legacy.

Tomorrow, we dedicate the day to TEACHER APPRECIATION. Thursday will be *red, white and blue SPIRIT DAY*. There will be various classroom and cluster activities on Thursday and Friday. *HAT DAY* will be the last happening of the week.

The highlight of the week is Friday mass. Please join the Fourth Grade and the SJS community for liturgy at 9:00 AM on Friday as we come together to celebrate our accomplishments and to pray for the grace and strength to keep our school faith-filled, exemplary, vibrant and true to its mission now and into the future!

"Let us labor with the Holy Spirit at the work the good God has entrusted to us". St. Julie

LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

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

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

(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.

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.**

NURSE'S NOTES: This week Mrs. Kelley will be discussing "Why Smoking Tobacco is Bad" to Grades 1-6. After the talk, she will ask the children to draw a picture about was talked about. The pictures will be submitted to the Massachusetts Medical Society for a Calendar Contest. If you **DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE** in this, please send a note to the student's teacher. Thank you. ~ Mrs. Melanie Kelley, Mrs. Stephanie Morgan, School Nurses

HOT DOG LUNCH: The next Hot Dog Lunch is scheduled for **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7** for those who have prepaid.

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)

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.



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

Our celebration continues....

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)

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.