



# SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 1, 2011

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 Billiart focusing on joy, respect and kindness.

*Saint Julie Billiart says: "Draw great advantage from all trials. Nothing causes trees to be more strongly rooted than great winds."*

**PRINCIPAL POSTING:** Haunted Hallway, Halloween Parades, Classroom Parties and Trick-or-Treating have come and gone. The celebrations, costumes and fun activities helped us mark this exciting holiday.

Today, we turn the calendar to November and there is a different type of celebration that awaits us. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of All Saints' Day (also called Allhallows). It is a time to remember all of those in heaven who do not have an assigned day on the Church's calendar of saints. Saints are men and women who are very human and very real and, at the same time, very close to God. Saints also include members of our own families who have lived good lives. All Saints' Day is a holy day and we go to liturgy with prayers in our hearts and receive the Eucharist, if we are able, for those who are already in heaven with God.

*Dear God, thank you for the living saints who enrich our lives. We pray for those people who have touched our lives. We pray for those who teach us about God. May we be saints to the people we meet today.*

Following All Saints' Day is the day to remember All Souls, a day to pray for all those who have died, but especially for anyone we know who has died, like a relative or a friend. We include in our prayers those who have died because they are part of the great communion of saints that we speak about in the Apostles' Creed.

*O God, we miss family members and friends who have died. We know that they are happy with you, but sometimes it is difficult to remember that when we think about them. We pray today for all people who miss someone who has died. May we all one day be united with You.*

As the month continues, we remember certain saints who are on the church's calendar like: St. Martin, St. Charles, St. Elizabeth, St. Leo, St. Rose, St. Margaret and many others. Each saint was known for something special they did in their lifetime. Some dedicated themselves to helping the poor, to educating others and to reform and renewal in the Church.

*Dear Jesus, you gave us your life in service to others. May we devote our lives to something that will last, something that will live on and on forever. Amen.*

Remember to bring in your candy to share with the children of needy families, so they can have a sweet treat when they go to the food pantry to get some food for dinner. These children may not have been able to trick-or-treat because their families and friends did not have enough money to buy candy or costumes. When you share your candy, you will brighten the day of another child and bring a smile to their face!

### **LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

\*THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – Kapples, Sullivan (Beth), McCormick (Tina)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – McCormick (Tina), McDonough, Murphy

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – Fasse, Gill, Mabbs

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – Capasso, Kaye, Laird

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 – Grela, Kapples, Kelley

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – Fasse, Mabbs, Rush

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – Capasso, Mullins, Murray

**\*PLEASE NOTE: ON NOVEMBER 3, LUNCH DUTY WILL BEGIN AFTER THE FIELD TRIP.**

**(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.

**REPORT CARDS:** Marks will close this **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**, for Grades 1-6. **Report cards will be distributed on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18.**

**TUITION:** You are reminded that on **NOVEMBER 5** the next tuition installment will be deducted from your account on record with FACTS.

**HOT DOG LUNCH:** The next Hot Dog Lunch will be on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** for those who have prepaid.

**NO SCHOOL:** Reminder – There will be no school on the following dates:

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (Veteran's Day)**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (Thanksgiving Day)**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (Vacation Day)**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (Parent Conferences)**

**Don't Forget!**  
**Set your clocks back one hour this weekend.**

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

**GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER:** Thank you to all of those who participated in our gift wrap fundraiser. **Together we raised over \$3,500 for the school.** Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our top selling families. Our top sellers were:

Finlay McCormick  
Francesca Anselmi  
Amanda Brown  
Sophie Eldridge  
Caroline Rush  
Molly Morgan  
Max Baker  
Jimmy Woods  
Declan Carroll  
Tommy Bavaro  
The Murphy Family

Thank you to the students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. 66% of the 4th grade class participated and they all will receive a dress down pass. Thank you again for your help with this fundraiser!!!

## TREES & TRIMMINGS

T&T '11 is well underway, and there are many ways you can help:

**DEC PREP WORKSHOPS:** Needed: People to have a great time chatting and working at **Dec Prep Workshops**. You will have so much fun! If you really cannot stay to work, please come and we will give you things to do at home. For more information, please call Susan Calcio (781-237-3780 or [susan\\_calcio@yahoo.com](mailto:susan_calcio@yahoo.com)).

### **Dec Prep Workshop Days:**

Wed 11/2    Thurs 11/3    Fri 11/4  
8am-11am    8am-2pm    8am-2pm

### **Decoration Preparation Workshop Evenings:**

**Mon - 11/7, 7-9pm;** Pre-S and K Class Night  
**Wed - 11/9, 7-9pm;** Pre-K and Gr 1 Class Night  
**Tues - 11/15, 7-9pm;** Gr 2 and Gr 3 Class Night  
**Thurs - 11/17, 7-9pm;** Gr 4, Gr 5, and Gr 6 Class Night

**SILENT AUCTION:** We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction. In past years we've had autographed sports memorabilia, Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins, and Patriots tickets, tickets to the Theater, Ballet, and concerts, artwork, etc. If you have something that you would like to contribute please contact [Laurel Mullen](mailto:jay.mullen@comcast.net) ([jay.mullen@comcast.net](mailto:jay.mullen@comcast.net)). Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**TOY RAFFLE:** A fun way to help is to contribute to the Toy Raffle! We're looking for exciting toys or donations to our fund. We will pool donations and purchase a few of this year's in-demand toys to raffle. Recent hot items have included an iPod, Rock Band for Wii, a RipRider, a Coach purse for a teenage girl, Nintendo DS, and an American Girl Doll, to name a few. To donate an item please contact [Kati Bannish](mailto:katib.mac@mac.com) ([katib.mac@mac.com](mailto:katib.mac@mac.com)) or [Marie Carroll](mailto:marie.caroll@petribaking.com) ([marie.caroll@petribaking.com](mailto:marie.caroll@petribaking.com)). Donations may be left with Mrs. Greco. If you choose to donate to the raffle fund please make your check payable to Saint John School T&T and send it via backpack to Kati Bannish c/o Tate Bannish Gr. K.

**SANTA'S BAKESHOP:** Please help us stock Santa's Bakeshop! Donate your favorite Christmas treat to sell. Many items are needed because Santa's Bakeshop sells out quickly every year. Please drop off all baked goods at Philbin Hall on **Friday, December 2nd** from 8AM-3PM. We will wrap and decorate all packages. Baking ideas and suggested amounts:

- Cookies: 4 dozen
- Decorated Christmas Cut-outs are BIG SELLERS!
- Shortbread: 2 dozen
- Cookie Bars: 3 dozen
- Cakes & Pies: Any favorite recipe
- Candy, Nuts, Lollipops
- Specialty Treats such as fudge and cookies-on-a-stick

**2011 FONTAINE RAFFLE:** Trees & Trimmings is happy to announce this year's Fontaine Raffle prize: a SIGNED framed print "**Summer Bouquet**." This print is emblematic of artist, and former Saint John parishioner, E. Joseph Fontaine's unique style. It vividly captures a New England summer waterfront garden scene. Approximate size is **31 x 25** framed. Tickets may be purchased from a Saint John School student, after the 8:45 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday November 13, 20 and 27, or at the Trees & Trimmings event on December 3. Raffle ticket packets will be sent home with each Saint John School's "oldest child" on **Friday, November 18th**. 1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$25.

*More information to follow regarding event staffing and venue preparation!*