



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 4, 2011

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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 ask that God may send us his spirit of charity, of goodness, of simplicity which makes us docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

PRINCIPAL'S POSTING: Thank you to the faculty and parents for a wonderful back to school night. The year has been officially launched! Thank you for entrusting your children to our care at Saint John School and for the privilege to work with you in helping your child to grow in "grace and wisdom."

"A young child, a fresh uncluttered mind, a world before him - to what treasures will you lead him?" asked Gladys M. Hunt, writer and lecturer.

You have loved your children into life, welcomed them into your family and brought them into your community of faith and friends. Your journey with them has brought you to Saint John School. You have already lead them to several of life's treasures. Together we will help your child open themselves to the beauty and possibilities the world has to offer, to grow in faith, spirit and goodness and to gain knowledge and to integrate all these experiences into wisdom.

Today and tonight(6:30-8:00 PM), we have OPEN HOUSE. Thank you to the many families who are participating by giving tours and/or sending friends and family to come and see what Saint John School is all about.

Hot dog lunch started today for Grades K-6. Please take time to join us for liturgy with Fr. Tom and the fifth grade at 9:00 AM. There will be light refreshments following the mass for Grade 5 and their family and friends.

The calendar has flipped to the month of October. Take time to celebrate the explosion of autumnal colors, the crisp air and harvest of fruits and vegetables that mark the season. Mark your calendars for the Council meeting next Tuesday, October 11th in the library.

LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 – Anderson, Grosso, Mungovan (Carol)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6 – Eldridge, Nelson, Sullivan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 – Baker, Clark, Nelson

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 – NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 – Kane, Laird, Nelson

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 – Cronin, Eldridge, Kane

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 – Bannon, Capasso, Miklus

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 – Fasse, Gill, McCormick (Tina)

(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.

OPEN HOUSE PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6: There will be an Open House **TONIGHT at 6:30-8:00 PM** in Philbin Hall for new applicants entering Preschool through Grade 6. **Applications for Preschool – Grade 6 for the 2012-13 academic year will take place at that time.** Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2012 to apply for the Preschool program and 4 years old by this date for Prekindergarten. Application fee: \$50.00 (non-refundable).

Reminder: Siblings of existing students must apply TODAY to be eligible for sibling priority.

LITURGY: Grade 5 will assist in the Liturgy on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 at 9:00 AM.** You are welcome to join us. Reminder: Students in 1-6 are to dress in warm weather uniforms.

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 10,** as we observe Columbus Day.

WINTER UNIFORM: Beginning **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12,** winter uniforms are required for children in Kindergarten through Grades 6. On Thursdays, a gym uniform is also required. Please refer to the uniform section of the school handbook which you received last month.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

USED UNIFORM SALE: TOMORROW, OCTOBER 5, 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON in Philbin Hall. This is a great opportunity to purchase some winter and spring uniform items at a fraction of the cost; all items are **\$1.00 - \$5.00. We have plenty of shorts, skorts, pants, oxford and polo shirts.** All proceeds are donated to the School Council. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale, please place them in the bin at the bottom of the stairs by the library. **The winter uniforms must be worn starting Tuesday, October 11.**

LUNCH DUTY SIGNUPS: It is the responsibility of each family who has a child in Grades K through 6 to supervise the lunchroom and schoolyard during lunch and recess. In addition to providing necessary supervision, serving lunch duty is a great opportunity to meet the children in your child's class, as well as to meet other parents. We are currently projecting that each family is obligated to cover six days, although this is subject to increase. If you have not yet signed up for lunch duty, please email Maura Murphy at mmurphy@rackemann.com with preferred dates. There are a handful of dates available in October and November, and lots of available dates after that. Parents who are unable to work all six shifts due to other commitments, are permitted to opt out of some or all of them by paying a fee of \$15.00 per shift, but please recognize that this will require other parents to pick up extra shifts, so we ask that you not opt out if it is at all possible for you to serve at least some of your shifts. **You are only permitted to sign up for lunch duty if you have submitted a CORI form to Mrs. Greco.** Please feel free to contact Maura Murphy with any questions.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the School Council will take place **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 7:00 PM** in the Library. All parents are members of the School Council and are invited to attend.