



SAINT JOHN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 27, 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: "Nothing happens by chance; it is always the disposition of the good God."

PRINCIPAL'S POSTING: Last week, Indian summer continued and the kindergarten enjoyed a day of apple picking at Honey Pot Farm. Although we had some cloudy and humid days, there was brightness and light in the halls of Saint John School. We ended the week with a lovely parent social at the home of Kerrie and Mark Grover. It was a joyous and lively evening as parents and staff gathered to welcome new families and celebrate the blessings of another school year together. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Grover's for a wonderful kick-off to all that is yet to be.

"The future is not something we enter. The future is something we create." Leonard I. Sweet, American writer and theologian

Tonight, we will come together again to celebrate your children as they launch into a new school year. Together with you, the faculty, staff and students, we will continue to create the future. The faculty and students have been busily preparing to welcome you to "Back-To-School Night". Once again, I look forward to sharing the evening with you. See you at 6:30 PM in Philbin Hall and feel the joy!

LUNCH DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – Anderson, Brooks, Grosso
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – Baker, Mungovan (Carol), Nelson
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 – McDonough, Mungovan (Carol), Nelson
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

(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.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Reminder: Back to School Night is **TONIGHT, SEPTEMBER 27 at 6:30 PM**. The evening promises to be informative and entertaining. This is your chance to meet the faculty and staff of Saint John School. All parents are encouraged to attend. We will begin in Philbin Hall where parents will be introduced to our School Council Officers. You may then proceed to the classrooms to meet the teachers.

CORI FORMS: Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks are required for ALL school volunteers each and every year. Accordingly, if you have not returned your CORI form for the 2011-2012 school year, you will not be eligible to sign up for Lunch Duty (and you will be required to pay the “opt out” fee), volunteer for field trips, etc. Anyone (including spouses) who anticipates volunteering in any capacity must complete a CORI form. Only the person named on the form can volunteer.

Additional forms are available in the school office. The next set of forms will be submitted to the Archdiocese on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR CORI FORM IN PERSON TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THIS DATE. (Mrs. Greco will be available at “Back to School Night” to verify your form.)

BUS: There will be no bus on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**. The Wellesley public schools are not in session due to Rosh Hashanah.

OPEN HOUSE PRESCHOOL – GRADE 6: There will be an Open House in Philbin Hall for Preschool through Grade 6 on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, at 8:00-9:30 AM and 6:30-8:00 PM**. **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 that date for Prekindergarten. Application fee: \$50.00 (non-refundable).

Reminder: *Siblings of existing students* must apply on or before October 4 to be eligible for sibling priority.

PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN STAY DAY: Stay day sessions begin **MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**. Dismissal time for stay days is 2:15 PM.

HOT DOG LUNCH: Hot Dog Lunch begins **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4** for students in Kindergarten – Grade 6. Additional Order Forms are available in the office. Orders are due by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**.

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.

WARM WEATHER UNIFORM: As our days begin to turn a bit cooler, you are reminded that **the last official day to wear your warm weather uniform is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**. Please refer to the School Handbook for our uniform policy for cold weather.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

THANK YOU: Many thanks to Kerrie and Mark Grover who hosted a wonderful Fall Social Friday night! It was great to see so many new faces there, as well as many teachers. Thanks to all those involved in planning, set-up and clean-up, including (but not limited to) the Murray's, the Calcio's, the Nelson's, Mary Kaye, and the Campbell's.

OPEN HOUSE TOUR GUIDES NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to serve as tour guides for our Fall Open House on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4** from 8:00 to 9:30 AM or in the evening from 6:30 until 8:00 PM. No experience necessary, just your enthusiasm for our gem of a school. We will give a tour guide walk through prior to the Open House. Please contact either Carol Mungovan at cmungovan@verizon.net or 781-237-5850 or Laurel Mullen at jay.mullen@comcast.net or 781-894-3377 if you are able to help. Thank you so much! As always, please spread the word of our wonderful school and the Open House to all of your friends!

SCHOOL AND FAMILY DIRECTORY/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNIES – Please watch the backpacks this week for our School Directory and our volunteer opportunity list that we ask you to review and return by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**.

YAHOO! THE GIFT WRAP SALE HAS BEEN EXTENDED! The ABSOLUTELY last day to enter orders will be this **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**. Don't forget that the top sellers receive an extra special lunch, the class with the highest percent of sellers will receive a dress down pass and every seller gets a special GOODIE BAG! Thanks and please call Kathleen Rush with any questions. 781-235-6585 or kathleenrush@verizon.net

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.

USED UNIFORM SALE: **WEDNESDAY, 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, 2011.** If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Capasso at (617) 969-2735. Thank you!