

St. John's Parish Day School Parent Newsletter

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All School News

Save the Date!

If your child will be attending Kindergarten at St. John's in the fall, your family is invited to attend a special Welcome Reception on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 PM in All Saints Hall! Meet other families, our kindergarten teachers, and gather information about this exciting next step in your child's education. A separate invitation will be mailed this week.

Talent Show!

Come enjoy the fun!!!! The 4th grade is hosting their annual Talent Show on Friday, May 14th at 6:30 pm (please note the time has changed from 7:00 pm) in All Saints' Hall!

Early Childhood

News from Mrs. Smith's EC Science Room

It is a very exciting time in science. The 11 miniature Bantam chicks are a week old now, and they are growing. They are starting to develop feathers on their wings and tails. They are much more active now and are starting to hop around the box. Soon they will start flapping their wings as they begin figuring out how to fly.

Two of the four other eggs have hatched and one is an Araucana chick, as expected, but the other is a Turken or naked neck chick. Turken look like a cross between a chicken and a turkey, but they are not, they are just funny looking chickens! They are easy to identify because there are no feathers on their necks. They are only a couple of days old.

Our tadpoles are also developing. Last week they had back legs and this week several of them have also gotten their front legs.

You are always welcome to stop by the science room to let the children share these exciting life cycle explorations with you.

Fairhaven Retirement Community Field Trip

As our six yellow school buses pulled up at Fairhaven Retirement Community, residents came to greet us, saying how much they had been looking forward to our visit. Your children, wearing their Spring Sing shirts, gathered on the stage of Fairhaven's Community Room and sang beautifully for the "Grandmas and Grandpas". At the conclusion, the children filed past the residents, everyone smiling, shaking hands and sharing in the joy of the morning. Thank you for allowing your children to be a part of this special field trip.

EC Closing Exercises

The last day of school will be Friday, May 28th. Please join us in Church with Chaplain Jenni, for Closing Exercises.

We'll begin at 9:30 AM for all morning and full day classes (including Extended Day and Transitional Kindergarten) and 1:00 PM for the afternoon classes. Drop off times will be as usual for the children. The 2-day class is invited to participate and may be brought to Mrs. Rudnicki's classroom at 9:00. Families may then proceed to the Church.

Dismissal will be at approximately 10:00 and 1:30, from the classrooms. Please note there is no Extended Day or Aftercare for EC on May 28th.

EC Field Day

Friday, May 21st, the 3 and 5-day afternoon classes will join the morning classes for this special event. Arrival time is 8:50-9:00 and dismissal for all

classes will be at 11:45, from the classrooms. There will be no Afternoon EC classes, including Extended Day, Full Day 4's and Transitional Kindergarten, as well as Aftercare. The activities will be held outside, weather permitting. In the event of rain, Field Day will be held inside.

Lower School

LS Art Show – Thank You!

Mrs. Rose would like to thank the following lovely people for together having logged in over 30 hours of volunteering for the Lower School Art Show: Daryl Bentivenga, Danielle Blice, Kathy Chappell, Mary Down, Marilyn Faura, Tracie Feron, Janet Klingaman, Julia Rineman, Evan Rose, Anne Schoenhut, Jane Tolen, Denise Vesuvio and Genie Wessel. She couldn't have done it without your help!

Parents' Association

PA General Membership Meeting

Please join us for the PA General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 pm in the Lower School Music Room. We would love your feedback on this year's PA sponsored activities and ideas for next year. We will also be voting on the position of President, approving the Slate of Officers and approving By-Law changes. We must meet a quorum to vote on any business so we hope to see you there! Thank you!

PA Slate of Officers for 2010-2011

Our By-Laws require that a Recruiting Committee be formed by March 1 to solicit volunteers for the following school year's officer positions which include President, LS Vice President, EC Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President is voted on at the General Meeting and the Slate is approved at the same meeting. Current nominees for these positions are Jaime Kline for President, Anna Loomis for LS Vice President, Dori Capodanno for EC Vice President and Katie Martinez for Treasurer. There have been no nominees for the position of Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Rives or Stephanie Havrilla, this year's PA Secretary, for more information. Attached are biographical information for the nominees.

In Our Community

Youth in Jazz Concert, Sun., May 16, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Featuring the Douglass High School Jazz Band and the Winston
Jazz Band

St. James' Episcopal Church, 1020 W. Lafayette Avenue

St. John's Church has maintained a "covenant relationship" for more than a decade with St. James Episcopal Church – Lafayette Square in west Baltimore City. St. James operates an after school program, "St. James Academy," serving about 50 elementary school age children. The chair of the Academy's board, Dr. Charlene Griffin, also serves on the St. John's Parish Day School Board of Trustees, and members of St. John's support the Academy Board and its finance committee. The Jazz Concert is the annual fundraiser for the Academy. It is not only an opportunity to support the good work of the after school program, but an opportunity to enjoy a "flavor" of entertainment that is uplifting and different.

All proceeds support the St. James' Academy after-school tutorial and cultural enrichment program, for more information, visit www.sja-lafayette.org. For tickets or more information, please contact Tom Brandt at

Dates to remember



Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 14

- LS Art School, Lower Commons

Friday, May 14

- Lower School Talent Show in ASH, 6:30 pm

Monday, May 17

- EC Irvine Nature Center Field Trip (Mrs. Baumann, Mrs. Illar PM and Mrs. Rudnicki 3-day)

Tuesday, May 18

- EC Irvine Nature Center Field Trip (Mrs. Grosso, Mrs. Illar AM and Mrs. Rudnicki 2-day)
- Music Lab Recital (Mrs. Pontier) in the Auditorium, 2:15 pm

Wednesday, May 19

- Music Lab Recital (Mrs. Dickinson) in the Auditorium, 2:15 pm
- Author Visit by Ned Tillman in ASH, 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 20

- Clark's Pond Field Trip (TK)
- Music Lab Recital (Mrs. Hoffner) in the Auditorium, 2:15 pm
- Welcome Reception for incoming Kindergarten, 6:00 pm, ASH

Friday, May 21

- EC Field Day, 9:00 – 11:45 am
 - No PM classes, including Extended Day 3's, Full Day 4's & TK
- LS Early Dismissal, 12:00 (child care will be available during conference times).

Tuesday, May 25

- PA General Meeting in the Music Room, 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 27

- 2nd grade play in ASH, 7:00 pm

Friday, May 28

- EC Closing Exercises at 9:30 AM and 1:00 pm in the Church for children and families (including 2-day 3's)

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Award Winning Author, Ned Tillman, May 19 at 7pm

St. John's Parish Day School and Church continue the Earth Day celebration in May by bringing award winning author, Ned Tillman, to campus for a talk and book signing Wednesday, May 19, at 7:00pm in All Saints Hall. Local environmentalist, Ned Tillman will discuss environmental sustainability and share anecdotes from his book, *The Chesapeake Watershed: A Sense of Place and a Call to Action*, including stories of St John's Parishioner Senator Jim Clark, the Howard County Conservancy, Manor Lane, and hiking and canoeing along the Patapsco River from Sykesville, and through Ellicott City to Elkridge.

Tillman will also discuss the important role schools and church communities play in the understanding of our relationship with the natural world and how these communities are becoming leaders in our society's transformation from exploiting the earth to becoming its stewards. You will also learn about the important environmental initiatives taking place at St. John's and how you can take action.

This event is free and open to the public. *The Chesapeake Watershed: A Sense of Place and Call to Action* will be available for sale. Ned Tillman will be available to sign books following the presentation. Signing following the talk.

Cub Scout Pack 305 Open House, May 20 at 7:00 pm

Cub Scout Pack 305 invites Kindergarten through 4th grade boys to our Spring Open House at 7pm, Thursday, May 20 at the St. John's Episcopal Church auditorium. Come join us to learn about scouting, and to take part in some fun activities - including water rockets! For more information, please contact Cubmaster Kevin Yant (410-750-2689, pack305@gmail.com) or visit us online at www.cubpack305.org