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For all Early Childhood Families

Many of our 3's, 4's, and 5's are celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with our Lower School friends.

Mrs. Rudnicki's 2-day class had a wonderful feast, provided by class parents, with Mr. Hiken's 5th grade students. The fifth graders performed a Thanksgiving story they had written and then helped the 3's make centerpieces for the holiday.



Mrs. Illar's 3-day class will be feasting with Mrs. Appelbaum's 4th graders. Together the children will create Pilgrims and Native Americans from cardboard paper rolls.

At their feasts, the four's classes will be entertained with Native American songs, poetry, and a Bear Dance performed by Mrs. Brunner's and Mrs. Schoenhut's classes.

Mrs. Pontier's class and Mrs. Rotella's first graders worked together creating holiday placemats for the residents of Fairhaven Retirement Community in Sykesville.

Mrs. Grosso's and Mrs. Illar's Pilgrims and Native Americans will be enjoying time together, with a feast prepared by the children.

The morning 3-day 3's will be celebrating together with food prepared by Mrs. Rudnicki's class parents and special Thanksgiving projects organized by Mrs. Baumann's class parents.

We are thankful, indeed, for our St. John's Parish Day School community - those who teach, those who learn and those who allow us to share in the spiritual and academic development of their children.

As the Early Childhood grand prize winners of the Sally Foster contest, Mrs. Dansie's class was treated to

a "Dessert Bash" with Mr. Harrison and his friend "Mr. Nice Dragon." The children enjoyed fresh fruit kabobs, muffins, and juice. Mr. Harrison read a Thanksgiving story and then joined the children on the playground. What a special afternoon!!! Thank you to our Sally Foster Chairs, Julia Rineman and Katie Martinez, and all Mrs. Dansie's class families, whose support of Sally Foster made the event possible.

Each Christmas, our Early Childhood Programs work together with the Church's Outreach Commission, as we sponsor a toy drive for many deserving families. This year, we are sponsoring 32 families with a total of 60 children.

Beginning December 1st through December 10th, we will invite each of our Early Childhood families to purchase a toy to be presented in Chapel by your children. The children begin to understand the joy of giving as we talk about the friends we are helping. The Staff will then sort the toys, which will be delivered by parishioners, who will be providing food for each of the 30 families.

We will assign a specific age-range to each class and offer some suggestions from the wish lists of the children. Should you wish to participate, we ask for only one gift. Your support of this project is always overwhelming. Through your generosity, we can brighten the holidays for those less fortunate than us.

Watch for specifics to be sent home November 30th and December 1st.

For all Lower School Families

Echo Hill

Our fifth grade students are currently camping for three days and two nights at the Echo Hill Outdoor education camp on the eastern shore of Maryland. This camping experience has been not only a fun one over the years, but full of lessons in both independence and team work. The campers are enjoying themselves and we pray for good weather!



Native American Museum

Our second graders are studying a unit on Native American life. This week they did an excellent job leading Chapel and sharing with the school what they had learned. If you have not already, please feel free to stop by and see the Native American museum made by our second grade classes in the Lower School lobby.

Thank you

Thank you to all of the families who donated food for our Thanksgiving baskets. We have so much to be thankful for here at St. John's. I am happy we can share that with the community.

**Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards**

Our next parent teacher conferences are scheduled for the afternoon on both Monday, Nov. 23rd and Tuesday, Nov. 24th. Conference sign-up sheets are hung outside of classrooms. If the conference times listed are not convenient for you, please see your classroom teacher to arrange another time. To schedule a conference with a specialist teacher, please contact them directly.

Friday, Nov. 20th - We are intending to send home first trimester report cards in backpacks.

Monday, Nov. 23rd - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences. There is extended day care, after care and drop-in conference care.

Tuesday, Nov. 24th - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences. There is drop-in conference care, but there is no extended day care or after care.

Christmas Program

It's almost that time of year. Our Christmas programs are quickly approaching. Please save the dates!

K and 1 - Mon. Dec., 14th at 7:00 PM

2nd - 5th - Tues. Dec., 15th at 7:00 PM

Warmly,
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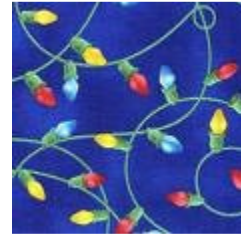
Parents' Association

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING: Please save the date for our Parents' Association General Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm.

SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS: Save the Date! Our second annual walk through the festive Symphony of Lights will be held on Friday, December 11 from 4:30 to 5:45. More information on how to participate is coming soon. Please contact Sue

Holinsky at theholinskys@comcast.net or Karen Clark at kccphoto@gmail.com for more information.

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Now that we are in the full swing of a great new school year we thought it would be nice to show our teachers how much they mean to us and our children. Kristen Conord and Pam Warburton, our Staff Hospitality Chairs, thought of a great way to remind them each month! Families will have the opportunity to participate in preparing a special meal for the teachers. Kristen and Pam will provide ideas, direction and a sign-up sheet for each month as well as set-up and clean-up help and the Grade Level Reps will coordinate the donations, families will provide the food. The items do not have to be home-made or extravagant; we just want to make our teachers feel special. Early Childhood classes and Lower School grades will be paired up and assigned a month so that each family would have an opportunity to participate at least once during the year.



We are going to kick off this program with a lunch for the teachers for the 1st day of conferences. Look for information from your Grade Level Reps and Room Parents as your class' date approaches.

The tentative schedule is listed below:
 November 23, 2009 - 2nd grade and 3 year old classes
 December - Staff Luncheon (sponsored by the Parents' Association)
 January - 1st grade and TK
 February - 4th and 5th grades and PM 4s
 March - Kindergarten and Full-Day 4s
 April - 3rd grade and AM 4s
 May - Parents Association Officers and Committee Chairs

JUICE BAG COLLECTION BINS: Please deposit your empty juice pouches (Capri Sun, Honest Kids and Kool-Aid pouches) in the Neon-Orange recycling bins located in the main foyer, cafeteria, and 2nd floor commons. For more information, please visit www.terracycle.net or contact Amy Paulino at leettle1ames@yahoo.com. Many thanks to Mrs. Appelbaum and her 4th grade class who will be taking on the collection management of this program for the Parents' Association!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH PARKING: Please remember to honor their hard work of our Volunteer of the Month prize winner by leaving the space open for the winner weekdays from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Sign in when you volunteer at the Front Office to be eligible for the drawing.

UPCOMING PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

- Thursday, November 19 - PA General Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 1 - Dining Out at Mimi's Cafe
- Friday, December 11 - Symphony of Lights Walk-Through from 4:30 - 5:45 pm

Parent Help

St. John's is looking for parents interested in helping write and format newsletters, Impressions and a variety of reporting around the school. If you are interested, please contact Steve Harrison sharrison@stjohnsec.org.



Mistletoe Village



St. John's First Annual Mistletoe Village - A Gift Boutique
Thursday, December 3rd 6-10pm in All Saints' Hall

Come join us for a festive evening. Bring your friends and family and enjoy shopping our specialty vendors while getting into the holiday spirit!

Current vendor list as of 11/9/09:

Angela Moore, Beady Eyed Cat, Silpada, Usbourne Books, PTA Spiritwear, Lia Sophia, The Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, DG Designs, Shine Your Light, Longaberger, Creative Memories, Southern Living, Arbonne, PartyLite, NYR Organic, Little Princess Designs, Greenberries, Beijo Bags, Maryland Gift Baskets, Lynda's Lyfe Lynes, Country Girl Crafts, Nature Portraits, Soft Touch, Cookie Lee Jewelry, The Purple Tulip and The Breadery.

Limited Vendor Space Available. If interested, please contact:

Lisa Hermodsson at Hermodsson@verizon.net or (410) 696-2797 or Tracie Feron at tracie.feron@verizon.net or (410) 750-3191.

We hope to see you there!

A portion of the proceeds benefits St. John's Parish Day School.

Upcoming Church Events

JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION

Please help us collect needed over-the counter items for our next Jamaica Medical Mission. This year we are in most need of the following items:

Sudafed decongestant or generic equivalent
 Gyne-Lotrimin/Monistat or generic equivalent
 Ibuprofen for adults- 200 mg caps or tabs
 Allergy Eye Drops (Naphthcon-A, Vasacon-A, or generic equivalent)
 Multivitamins for adults and children
 Head and Shoulders dandruff shampoo or generic equivalent
 Lotrimin AF ointment or cream or generic equivalent

The items can be dropped off in the bin near the Welcome Center in the Narthex of the Church, or the bin near the Sunday School table in the Education Building. If you forget what's on the list, you can also pick up a brown paper bag marked Jamaica Medical Mission, located at the Welcome Centers in the Historic Church and CME building. Inside each bag is a label for a needed item that can be purchased and returned to one of the bins.

Any questions, contact Nancy Zonarich
 @nzonaric@cnmc.org or Elaine Trogdon @
 elainetrogdon@gmail.com.

Thanks so much for your support!

J2A will be hosting a 'Parents Night Out' on Friday December 4th

Parents, wouldn't you love to go out for a nice evening - alone? The J2A youth of St. John's will take care of your children for you. On Friday, December 4th, from 6 to 10 p.m., the youth will have a variety of fun activities available in the church's Media Center for children aged 2 (no diapers) through 12. The cost is only \$20 per child for the evening, and includes a snack and a craft. To reserve a spot, please contact Colleen Citrano in the church office, or via email; ccitrano@stjohnsec.org .

Upcoming Events

Wed. Nov. 18th - Nov. 20th - 5th grade
 Echo Hill Outdoor Education trip



Friday, Nov. 20th - Lower School Report cards will be sent home in backpacks

Monday, Nov. 23rd - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 24th - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - EC Thanksgiving Services in the Church 10:45 (AM classes) and 2:00 (PM & full day classes)

We invite all morning families to join us at 10:45 and our afternoon & full day families at 2:00, in the Church, for our Services. Dismissal will be from the classrooms, immediately following the Church Services. (Earlier than usual.)

*No aftercare and no extended day for LS or EC

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 25-27 - School Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Monday, Nov. 30 - School resumes

Tuesday, Dec. 1st - PA Dining Night Out - Mimi's Cafe - 4:00 - 10:00 PM

Wednesday, December 2 - Early Childhood Staff Development

Morning classes dismiss at 11:15

Afternoon classes arrive 1:00-1:10

No change to full day and extended day

Tuesday, December 8 - Evening Christmas Program 6:30 PM

Mrs. Dickinson	Mrs. Joerdens' AM
Mrs. Baumann	Mrs. Rudnicki 3-day
Mrs. Grosso	

Wednesday, December 9 - Evening Christmas Program 6:30 PM

Mrs. Hoffner	Mrs. Joerdens' PM
Mrs. Dansie	Mrs. Illar's PM
Mrs. Benzing	

Thursday, December 10 - Evening Christmas Program 6:30 PM

Mrs. Pontier	Mrs. Rice
Mrs. Wagner	Mrs. Illar's AM
Mrs. Rudnicki 2-day	

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