

# St. John's Parish Day School Parent Newsletter

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PARISH DAY SCHOOL

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Please call or email when your child is absent.

Absentee Phone and Email  
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## All School News

### Class Photographs

Please remember Picture Days are now Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>! Please refer to the schedule for details:

#### Tuesday, March 9

- Illar
- Grosso
- Joerdens
- Junior Garden Club
- Rudnicki (2-day)
- Benzing
- Heath
- Durkee
- Rice
- Bates
- Hiken
- Wagner
- Master Jr. Garden Club

#### Wednesday, March 10

- Pontier
- Hoffner
- Dickinson
- Rotella
- Rudnicki (3-day)
- Baumann
- Brunner
- Appelbaum
- Schoenhut
- Robinson
- Student Council
- Rovnan
- Dansie
- Joerdens PM
- Illar PM

### Hand to Hand for Haiti

Come join your fellow St. John's families and broader community as we join hands to help those in need! Celebrate the donations that have been made for Haiti! St. John's Spread Our Spirit to Haiti Fund qualified us to participate in "Hand to Hand for Haiti"! (No additional donation is necessary to participate).

On Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00, make history as Rotarians, schools, non-profits and religious groups from all corners join hands to surround Centennial Lake and raise funds for Haitian earthquake relief and rebuilding - 100% of the event's proceeds will go to Haiti. Funds will be used for immediate food, water medicine and shelter and for projects providing long-term support and re-development in Haiti.

The path around the lake will be divided into 160 blocks of 25 participants. Participating groups will be issued a numbered fund-raising bucket containing instructions, 25 red wristbands, a map of their group's assigned section around the lake and directions on where to park to catch a shuttle bus to the lake.

Please have your child wear something that identifies them as SJPDS students, such as a uniform logo shirt or spirit wear item. Our tentative meeting place will be the boat house at Centennial Lake. Please look for email updates or corrections on the flier that comes home as we receive more detailed information from the Rotary Club.

For more information, check: <http://handtohandforhaiti.org/>

### Financial Seminar

As a service to our families, St. John's PDS  
Presents a Financial Seminar: "College Planning"  
Thursday, March 11, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
St. John's Auditorium  
Brian Avrunin of Ameriprise Financial Services  
Presenter

ALL ARE INVITED

Refreshments will be served

Though the seminar is complimentary, please call  
Anne Hanchett at 410 465-7644, ext. 400 to register.

### Gala News

The Gala may be over but the positive results linger on.....

Thank-you to all St. John's families for supporting the 8th Annual Gala to support Scholarship - Blazing West! Countless volunteers gave their time decorating, stuffing invitations, donating items, organizing lists and talking it up among friends and family - all of these things added up to a tremendously successful event.

Please check out our website and Facebook for a complete list of sponsors and restaurants who supported the Gala. When shopping or eating out, please consider visiting one these generous businesses. Tell them you know they supported the St. John's Gala and spread the good cheer! They help make a St. John's education accessible to many children. And don't forget - all of you do too!

All the lucky winners of auction items are posted at the entrance of the school. You can collect your winnings in the Clark House at Anne Hanchett's office through the end of this month. Payment can be made by cash or check or credit card with Meg Same.

You can also take a chance to win "Hot Diamonds" at the Gold Rush in the front entrance for \$20. Pony up, grab some sand and start shakin'. Some lucky winner will find the winning gold charm hidden in the sand. The winner will create her very own piece of jewelry from the "Hot Diamonds" collection at St. John's Jewelers. There are only a limited number of chances left! Additional auction items will also be on display for bidding through Friday. It's a great way to have some fun and support the school!

I am blessed and grateful to be a part of this generous, enthusiastic community!

Norma Richardson, Gala Chair

### Parents are Welcome to Chapel!

Please know that we always welcome our parents at Chapel! Not only on Thursdays, and on their child's birthday, but EVERY day! So please come and celebrate with us whenever you would like - we'll love having you!

## Early Childhood

What an awesome week we are having in Early Childhood!

Monday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was our privilege to hear the music of "**Time Out**", seven members of the US Army Field Band, who a year ago, gave their premier performance for our Tea With Moms! Thank you to SGM Tom Enokian, our very own Mrs. Enokian's husband, and the following soldiers MSG Vince Norman, SFC John Lamirande, MSG Jay Norris, SFC Phil Kiamie, SFC Paul Armstrong and SSG Adrian Hernandez, who entertained, not only the EC children, but our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders as well.

They had written special musical arrangements incorporating nursery rhymes. We even had the opportunity to do the Hokey Pokey! Thank you to the Enokians and all the Time Out Musicians. We look forward to being included in their tour for next year.

Our Dads are the greatest! The children enjoyed having Dad (or Grandpa) join them for donuts and juice and then having them come to Chapel, led by Mrs. Carole Baumann. Our visitors had perfect Chapel manners! Thank you for being a part of this special event.

The next **EC Staff Development Day, Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, will include Dr. Ronald Berger, a Developmental Optometrist, speaking on the topic of vision therapy and its benefits.

Morning students dismissal at 11:15

Afternoon students arrival 1:00-1:10

No change to full day and extended day schedules

**Lunch and Learn** openings remain for Monday Lunch and Science, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> and Lunch and Literature, beginning Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call or stop by the EC office for more information.

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year in Howard County Public Schools will be held March 1-5. Please email your request to Lisa Morgan ([lmorgan@stjohnsec.org](mailto:lmorgan@stjohnsec.org)) at least 24 hours before picking up your child's **health records**. Thank you.

## Lower School

### Enrollment Contracts Due

Please be reminded that re-enrollment contracts are due tomorrow - Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Dates to remember



### Thursday, February 25

- LS Grade Level Coffee (K and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade), 8:45 am
- Dad's Night (K and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade) at 6:30 pm

### Friday, February 26

- LS Early Dismissal at noon
- Re-enrollment contracts due

### Saturday, February 27

- Rotary's Holding Hands Ceremony for Hand to Haiti Program at Centennial Lake, 1:00 pm

### Monday, March 1

- Baltimore Zoo visits Early Childhood classes
- Mother-Son Event Planning Meeting, 8:45 am

### Tuesday, March 2

- PA Dining Out at Qdoba, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 3

- EC Staff Development Day
  - 11:15 am - Morning students dismissal
  - 1:00 - 1:10 Afternoon students arrival
  - No change to full day or extended day schedules

### Monday, March 8

- Sign-up for LS Conferences posted

### Tuesday, March 9

- Class Pictures (see schedule in newsletter copy)
- EC Art Show in the Lower Commons

### Wednesday, March 10

- Class Pictures (see schedule in newsletter copy)

### Thursday, March 11

- EC Health Fair sponsored by the Parents' Association
- Financial Seminar, 7:00 pm

### Friday, March 12

- EC Health Fair sponsored by the Parents' Association

### Monday, March 15

- LS Conferences

### Tuesday, March 16

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert, 9:30 - 11:00 am
- Dad's Night (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades) at 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 17

- Media Reading Passports due

### Saturday, March 20

- Father Daughter Dance sponsored by the Parents' Association

### Early Dismissal this Week

We have a half-day tomorrow for Professional Development, but are offering Extended Care for any of our families who may need it!

### Dad's Nights

All of our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Dads are cordially invited to Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Dad's Night tonight at 6:30! We will host (for the first time!) a Dad's Night for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades as well on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade concert is now scheduled for Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in ASH.

### Conferences

Lower School conferences will take place Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have no school, though childcare WILL be available! Conference sheets will be hung by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Media News

Next week, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, "Read Across America", and the 20th anniversary of Oh, the Places You'll Go, each K-5 student will receive an Official Reading Passport. Students who return these passports to Mrs. Beyer or Mrs. Bentivenga by March 17 will receive a special lucky prize. Parents of Kindergarten and First Grade students may help with the reading and completion of the passports, but Second- Fifth Grade Students should complete these on their own. Contact Mrs. Beyer or Mrs. Bentivenga with any questions. Please encourage your child to participate and celebrate the joy of reading!

### A Note from Mrs. Rath

Dear Parents,

I will be heading into surgery to fix my hip this Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. I will be able to return in approximately three weeks. All the staff has been and will continue to keep the school running as usual. I will have limited access to email while I am out so, if you do need assistance, please contact Russell Ashton in the front office and she can direct you. Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers. Know how much I am going to miss you and your children, but I am excited to think of walking all around campus with you again this spring.

Still Smiling,  
Tiffany Rath  
Lower School Director

## Parents' Association

### Dining Out at Qdoba

The Dining Out Event at Qdoba will be held Tuesday, March 2 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Qdoba generously donates a portion of ALL sales during this time slot – no voucher necessary – so tell your friends! Hope to see you there!

### Staff Appreciation

We would like to thank the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades as well as the afternoon 4 classes for helping to provide the delicious chocolate dessert buffet last Thursday! The teachers enjoyed it immensely! The families were so generous with their food that the teachers were able to feast on fruit & chocolate & desserts the rest of the day & even on Friday! The smell of chocolate filled the school and tempted those who gave it up for lent! The recipe for Michelle Wildman's amazingly popular Chocolate Caramel

Toffee Bars will be e-mailed out soon!

Kristen & Pam Warburton.

### Early Childhood Health Fair

The Early Childhood Health Fair is being held **March 11th and 12th**. We are very excited to have the Police Office, Firefighter and other special visitors for this wonderful event. We are always in need of volunteers for this fun event. Please look for the volunteer sign up this week.

### Mother/Son Event Planning Meeting

The meeting scheduled to brainstorm about a Mother/Son event has been re-scheduled and will be held on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 am in Clark House.

## In Our Community

### Kenya Connect Meeting

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenya Connect Committee will be Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in Mrs. Green's Classroom. We will be discussing our spring fundraiser as well as Mr. Ngila's visit in April (Head of School for Mbaikini Primary). We hope to see you there. If you can't make the meeting, please let me know that you're interested by e-mailing me at [tgreen@stjohnsec.org](mailto:tgreen@stjohnsec.org).

## Inclement Weather Policy

Please be advised that we will NOT be following Howard County's lead the rest of this school year as far as delayed openings/closings, etc. Please check your email, the school website, school telephone, and schoolsout.com.

### Information about school closures will be provided via the following media sources:

- WBAL 1090AM radio
- Our website, [www.stjohnspds.org](http://www.stjohnspds.org)
- [www.schoolsout.com](http://www.schoolsout.com)
- Information will also be placed on the school's answering machine. You may call 410-465-7644 to listen to our messages.
- Email notification to families