

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.

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All School News

Walk for Wamunyu – Friday, April 23rd

Pledge sheets for our annual Kenya fundraiser, Walk for Wamunyu went home last week. Pledges and donations are due by **Monday, April 19**. Additional pledge sheets are available in the Lower School Office. The children will be walking on the Upper Field – please join us to cheer them on! Please see the schedule below to determine when your child will be walking. One lap will be one time around the field for the Lower School children.

In addition to the pledge sheets, we will be raising funds by selling snowballs (\$2) and popsicles (\$1) to the Lower School students to enjoy after their walk. The Kona Ice Man will be on campus during the walk-a-thon to serve our Lower School students a refreshing treat. Order forms will go home today. *If you prefer not to purchase a treat, please send a snack for your student for after the event.* If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tami Green at tgreen@stjohnsec.org.

Walk Schedule

9:00 – 9:45	3 rd Grade
9:30 – 9:45	Mrs. Wagner's and Mrs. Joerdens' AM classes
10:00 – 10:45	2 nd Grade
10:15 – 10:30	Mrs. Illar's AM class
10:30 – 10:45	Mrs. Baumann's and Mrs. Rudnicki's classes
11:00 – 11:45	4 th and 5 th Grade
11:00 – 11:15	Mrs. Rice's and Mrs. Benzing's classes
11:15 – 11:30	Mrs. Grosso's class
12:45 – 1:30	Kindergarten
1:00 – 1:15	Mrs. Illar's PM class
1:15 – 1:30	Mrs. Pontier's class
1:45 – 2:30	1 st Grade
1:45 – 2:00	Mrs. Hoffner's class
2:00 – 2:15	Mrs. Dickinson's class
2:15 – 2:30	Mrs. Joerdens' PM class

All-School Family Movie Night and Alumni Get-Together

Come join us on the Upper Field at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 30th, the night before the Carnival for a Family Movie Night, sponsored by the Parents' Association. Popcorn will be available. Bring your blankets, chair, drinks and any other comforts you need for a movie night under the stars. Our friends at FunFlicks are providing the gigantic, inflatable screen. Alumni, coming at 6 P.M. for a Pizza Get-Together in Clark House, will be joining us with their families for a fun time of fellowship and entertainment.

CONGRATULATIONS Howard County Jr. Garden Club

The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland have awarded the Youth Involvement Award to the Jr. Garden Club for their Gourmet Bird Food Sale for this year! This is an ongoing project for the Jr. Garden Club. The Economics Lesson starts with a small business seminar. Research is done on what five of our native birds like to eat and recipes are compiled for ROBIN CASSEROLE, BLUE JAY JUBILEE, CARDINAL CRUNCH, CHICKA DELITE and ORIOLE OMELET. An assembly line is then set up at Math centers and the ingredients are weighed and measured and packaged. The children then sell their product for \$5.00 a bag at the Family Fall Festival and the profits are used to purchase Jr. Garden Club t-shirts for each member.

Early Childhood

2010 – 2011 School Year

It is difficult to believe we are already looking ahead to the next school year.

Each teacher in our EC Program brings her own unique style and talents. Please know that, when possible, your child will be placed in a class with one or two friends from the previous year. Because many factors are taken into careful consideration when class assignments are made, we ask that requests for placement with specific teachers and/or other classmates not be made.

EC teachers for the 2010-2011 school year are:

- o 2-day 3's – Mary Jane Rudnicki
- o AM 3-day 3's – Carole Baumann and Mary Jane Rudnicki
- o PM 3-day 3's – Maureen Illar
- o Extended Day 3's – Mary Jane Rudnicki
- o 5-day 3's – Sue Grosso and Maureen Illar
- o AM 4's – Stacey Benzing, Margie Joerdens, Pam Wagner
- o PM 4's – Margie Joerdens
- o Full Day 4's – Janet Dickinson and Lisa Rice
- o TK – Angie Pontier

Tea with Moms

Tea with Moms is a special time for you and your St. John's child. Please join us on Tuesday, April 20th – 2-day 3's and AM 4's at 11:00 or Wednesday, April 21st for AM 3 & 5-day 3's at 11:00, at 2:15 for Full Day classes, at 2:30 for PM 3 & 5-day classes.

For an event such as this, during the school day, it may be difficult for those children in Extended Day 3's and those going to Aftercare, to see other children leaving with Moms immediately following the Teas. Please share, with your children, your plans in advance.

Walk for Wamunyu – Friday, April 23

As explained in a separate flier, the EC children will join with the Lower School students, as we raise funds in support of a special needs school in Kenya. If you wish to be a sponsor, please fill out the form that was sent home and return it by *Monday, April 19th*. All of our children will participate in the walk (around the LS playing field), partnering with a Lower School class; the 3's for 10 minutes and 4's & 5's for 15 minutes. Thank you for your support of this event!

SAVE THE DATE – SAVE THE DATE – SAVE THE DATE –Our EC Spring Sings "Moving West" are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, May 4th, 10:45 AM

Mrs. Rudnicki 2-day, Mrs. Grosso, Mrs. Joerdens AM, Mrs. Rice

Wednesday, May 5th, 10:45 AM

Mrs. Baumann, Mrs. Rudnicki 3-day, Mrs. Illar AM, Mrs. Benzing and Mrs. Wagner

Wednesday, May 5th, 2:15 PM

Mrs. Illar PM, Mrs. Joerdens PM, Mrs. Dansie, Mrs. Pontier, Mrs. Hoffner and Mrs. Dickinson

Lower School

Garden Club News

The Howard County Jr. Garden Club of St. John's (all 33 second graders) and the Jr. Master Gardener Afterschool Program for 3rd-5th Graders is proud to announce their 5th Annual Flower/Photo Show coming on Thursday, April 29th and Friday, April 30th. It will be displayed in the lower lobby.

Dates to remember



Thursday, April 15

- PA Mother Son Night RSVP forms and payment are due

Monday, April 19

- PA Dining Out at La Palapa

Tuesday, April 20

- PA Dining Out at La Palapa
- PA Spirit Wear Sale, 10:30 – 12:30
- EC Tea with Moms (2-day 3's & AM 4's), 11:00
- Staff Hospitality Event sponsored by the PA

Wednesday, April 21

- PA Spirit Wear Sale, 10:30 – 12:30 and 2:00 – 4:00
- EC Tea with Moms (AM 3 & 5-day 3's), 11:00
- EC Tea with Moms (Full day 4's & TK), 2:15
- EC Tea with Moms (PM 3-day 3's & PM 4s), 2:30

Friday, April 23

- Walk for Wamunyu on the Upper Field, 9:00 – 2:30
- PA Mother Son Lego Event, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 28

- K/ 1st Grade Spring Music Program, 2:00 pm

Thursday, April 29 – Friday, April 30

- Howard County Jr. Garden Club Flower/Photo Show, Lower Commons

Friday, April 30

- Alumni Pizza Get-Together, 6:00 pm
- Family Movie Night, Sponsored by the PA, 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 1

- Spring Carnival Sponsored by the Parents' Association, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 2

- Labyrinth Dedication, immediately following the 11:15 service, approximately 12:30

Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 14

- LS Art School, Lower Commons

Tuesday, May 4

- EC Spring Sings, 10:45 am (Mrs. Rudnicki 2-day, Mrs. Grosso, Mrs. Joerdens AM, Mrs. Rice)

Wednesday, May 5

- EC Spring Sings, 10:45 am (Mrs. Baumann, Mrs. Rudnicki 3-day, Mrs. Illar AM, Mrs. Benzing and Mrs. Wagner)
- EC Spring Sings, 2:15 pm (Mrs. Illar PM, Mrs. Joerdens PM, Mrs. Dansie, Mrs. Pontier, Mrs. Hoffner & Mrs. Dickinson)

Thursday, May 6

- Gr. 4 & 5 Chorus and String Concert in ASH, 7:00 pm

Friday, May 7

- Time with Moms (K and Gr. 1) in classrooms, 2:00 pm

Friday, May 14

- Lower School Talent Show in ASH, 7:00 pm
Archived copies of the newsletter can be found at www.stjohnspds.org in the For Our Families section.

Mrs. Darlene Brotzman, a former St. John's Preschool Art teacher and past president of the Howard County Garden Club is coming on Friday, April 16th to teach the Jr. Garden Club members the basics of flower arranging. Each child will then be asked to bring in a flower arrangement they have made at home for the show. The theme this year is "A Flower and a Toy, Bring a Lot of Joy" and the containers that the arrangements are made in will be a toy of some sort. Mrs. Dessie Moxley and other Howard County Garden Club members will critique the arrangements and let the children know all they did well in their presentations.

Mr. Wright and Mrs. Vesuvio have been taking the second graders out to take close up pictures of flowers in bloom on campus. Mr. Wright taught the basics of photographing a close up in Technology class. Each child will then have a sample of their work in the photography category. The Jr. Garden club members are also invited to bring in shots they have taken at home. Mrs. Ficca and Mrs. Rose, the Lower School Art teachers, will then critique the pictures listing all the positive features of the pictures.

Please tell friends and neighbors about this chance to see the children's work. Grandparents and family members are all invited. WAY TO GROW Jr. Garden Club and Jr. Master Gardeners!

Attention Parents of Grade 4 & 5 Students

All fourth and fifth grade students who want to vote next week for the Black-eyed Susan Gr. 4-6 Chapter Book must turn in the Black-eyed Susan Reading Log/Rating Sheets by next media class (Mon. 4/19 for Gr. 4 & Wed. 4/21 for Gr. 5). To be eligible to vote, the students must have read 2 of the nominated books on their own and the log must contain parent signatures to verify this. Extra logs are available in the media center. Contact Mrs. Beyer with any questions.

Parents' Association

Get Your Spirit On – Spirit Wear Sale!

Please join us in the lobby next Tuesday April 20 and Wednesday April 21st for a Spirit Wear sale! T-shirts, shorts, flip flops, hair accessories, pencil cases, bumper stickers, and P.E. uniforms will all be available for sale in the main lobby.

- ❖ Tuesday, April 20 – 10:30 – 12:30
- ❖ Wednesday, April 21 – 10:30 – 12:30 and 2:00 – 4:00

Staff Hospitality

On Tuesday April 20th the 3rd grade & morning 4's families will host the final Teacher Appreciation Luncheon of the year. They will be providing a delicious lunch of quiches, salads, fruit and, of course, dessert! If the weather cooperates again we will be having it outside at Clark House! We hope all the teachers & administrative staff will be able to come! -- Kristen Conord & Pam Warburton

Dining Out

Join us for our monthly Dining Out Event at La Palapa in Ellicott City on Monday April 19th AND Tuesday, April 20th – ALL DAY. La Palapa has agreed to host a two-day event for our school, giving families more options for attending – so tell your friends! Plan lunch with your Early Childhood student, dinner for the family or Moms Night Out!

Mother-Son Event

Join us for an evening of building open to all Early

Childhood and Lower School boys and their mother, grandmother, aunt or other building buddy. The event will be held on April 23rd, at 6:30 pm and will feature a unique Lego/Duplo experience and ice-cream sundae bar. Remember, **RSVP slips are due April 15th** so that we can order the correct number of Lego kits.

For more detailed information or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Amy Abell at amy@sadiesgift.org or Sandy Kastantin at smkastantin@verizon.net.

Box Tops Contest

Would your class like a Free Dress or Pajama Day? The Lower School class collecting the most Box Tops between April 9 and May 3 will win a Free Dress Day for their class. The Early Childhood class collecting the most during this same period will win a Pajama Day for their class. So start sending in those Box Tops! Collection sheets are coming home today.

Volunteer Appreciation

Each month a volunteer name is selected at random from the pool of volunteers who have offered their time to our school during the preceding month. Remember to sign in at the Front Office when you volunteer to be eligible.

Congratulations to our April Winner of the coveted volunteer Reserved Parking Space, Shari Schalge! Shari is a Room Parent, who also recently helped with the EC Health Fair. Due to Spring Break, Shari will enjoy the parking space from April 12 – May 12. One more winner will be selected for the May- June end of year spot.

End of the Year Celebrations

Historically, classes celebrate the end of the year at individual parties. While you are certainly welcome to plan these as well, this year, the Parents' Association will be hosting and planning end of the year celebrations for our students. Please plan to join us!

Early Childhood Celebration - Friday, May 28th, following Closing Exercises

Lower School Picnic – Friday, June 11th, immediately following dismissal

In Our Community

Earth Day Concert

Celebrate Earth Day at a special concert, "Water, Water, Everywhere" performed by the Orchestra of St. John's on Sunday, April 18, 4:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church. Featured works are Handel's Water Music and Elgar's Sea Pictures. Tickets are \$15 for adults, free admission for anyone under 18, accompanied by an adult.

St. John's Labyrinth Dedication

Please join in the celebration on Sunday, May 2 at 12:30 pm, reception immediately following.

Did you know that Mr. Hiken's class will be responsible for care of the Labyrinth Garden? Also, additional Gifts in Thanksgiving or Gifts in Memory are possible according to the landscape plan and the needs of the garden, please contact The Rev. Dr. Carol Pinkham Oak to learn more about these opportunities at 410-461-7793.