

# St. John's Parish Day School Parent Newsletter

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**Please call or email when your child is absent.**

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## Early Childhood

The perfect ending for our EC school year- joyous bubble send-offs, as well as special treats, at the conclusion of our Closing Exercises in Church! Thank you to all of our families for your enthusiastic participation.

The EC Staff is most appreciative of all your kind words, notes and gifts that you have so generously shared throughout the school year.

### Reminders:

- ❖ To all those returning EC families, please save your St. John's tote bags for next year, as we want the children to use them again.
- ❖ Please pick up any medications, left with Nurse Morgan, in the EC office.
- ❖ Memory Books are available for pick up in the EC office.

### Pennies for the Playground

Many thanks to the families who dropped their change in the Pennies for the Playground jars! A total of \$470 was raised! The funds will be matched by a generous contribution by the Capodanno family and will be added to the portion of funds raised through the Parents' Association events allotted to Early Childhood Playground improvements. Thank you!

## Lower School

### Green School Contest

Congratulations to the 40 students who were selected to attend the Green School Conference. All students in the school wrote wonderful essays about St. John's as a Green School. Pieces of these essays may be used on the school website, in Impressions or the school newsletter. The essays were then judged by a committee to select twenty-five percent of each grade. The 40 children that were selected from grades K - 4 had one outstanding idea beyond a typical response, which was included in their essay.

If you did receive a field trip permission slip, your child has won the contest and is invited to represent our school. The event is tomorrow, Friday, June 4th and is called Maryland Green Schools Youth Summit. We will be traveling to Sandy Point State Park with 10 chaperones, who are a mix of teachers and parents. Students will be assigned to one chaperone with three other students. The School will receive the official certificate in an awards ceremony; take part in youth leadership workshops; learn what other Green Schools have been doing; understand how many students and schools are involved and discover some new ideas for SJPDS. Please have your child pack a lunch in a disposable bag, a large snack, and 2 water bottles. They should wear a white shirt, sunscreen and/or bug spray. Please arrive tomorrow morning no later than 7:45 in the Terrace Level lobby. For more information, please read the schedule below and check the following website, <http://maeoe.org/greenschools/youthsummithome.php>.

### Agenda

7:45 AM	Leave St. John's for Sandy Point State Park
9:00 AM	Arrive at the Youth Summit; tour MD Green School Digital Showcase
9:00-12:30	Environmental Literacy Workshops for Youth; On-going activities. Rotate through the area
9:40 AM	Check-in at Striped Bass Pavilion/find seats
10:00-11:30	Awards Ceremony B
11:30 AM	Lunch (after the ceremony)
12:30-1:00	Picture of group taken at Yellow Perch Pavilion with flag
1:00 PM	Join Art for the Sky (Polar Bear Cheering Section)
2:00 PM	Board bus back to St. John's
3:00 PM	Arrive back at school

The entire staff would like to sincerely thank the PA for the lovely "green" water bottles. Not only is the staff very hydrated, but we can feel positive about our environmental goals. The bottles were so thoughtful. Thank you for your extraordinary kindness this year!

Tiffany Rath  
Lower School Director

### Field Day

The Lower School Field Day will take place Wednesday, June 9th. Please have your child come prepared with a packed lunch and a beach towel for their "picnic" on the floor of All Saints' Hall! We will be watching a "G" movie, which will be announced shortly. Please have your child: wear sneakers, put sunscreen on before they come to school, bring a water bottle, and wear a hat. Sign-ups for volunteers will be done through Volunteer Spot. You should have already received an email to sign-up for your preferred time and job or you may visit for [www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/117-62330865866](http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/117-62330865866) to sign up for your preferred time and job. If you are not comfortable using Volunteer Spot please see Russell Ashton in the Lower School Office and she will guide you through the process.

### Note from the Nurse: Medication Pick-Up

If your child has medicine stored in the health room, it should be picked up before or after closing exercises in Mrs. Morgan's office on the last day of school. We cannot send home medicines in a child's bag. Medicines may be stored if your child is attending summer camp. Please email Ms. Morgan at [lmorgan@stjohnsec.org](mailto:lmorgan@stjohnsec.org) if you have any questions.

### Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise was born three years ago in order to send all of the children off to a happy summer as well as to send the fifth graders off to their new schools. We are continuing this special tradition on the last day of school - June 11th. Our students will parade throughout the school to say goodbye to friends, teachers, and familiar faces. As the students pass by, everyone will make "joyful noise" by clapping, cheering and playing instruments. The students are invited to bring in their own small instruments with which to make "joyful noise". To honor our graduates we invite you to join us for the cheerful, noisy festivities. Please assemble in ASH at 11:15 AM to greet the students at the end of their parade. Please stand around the edge of ASH against the wall to greet the students as they enter ASH. When the parade is over the children will go back to the classrooms with their teacher to collect their things. You may collect your child from the classroom and begin your summer vacation. Please also take note that June 11th's dismissal is at noon.

### Media Volunteers

The Media Center work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week. Parent volunteers are needed to re-shelve a multitude of books on Monday and Tuesday. Requests are being sent via Volunteer Spot or visit <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/46-6241505381562415053815> to sign up. Thank you!

## Parents' Association

### End of the Year BBQ

Come enjoy the End of School BBQ on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm, immediately following dismissal on the Upper Field.

## Dates to remember



### Wednesday, June 9

- LS Field Day

### Friday, June 11

- LS Joyful Noise in ASH, 11:15 am
- LS Early Dismissal, 12:00 pm
- PA End of the Year Celebration on the Upper Field and Playground, immediately following dismissal

### Saturday, July 17

- Used Uniform Sale in the Lower Commons, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Parents, students & siblings welcome. Teachers will be present for the first 20 minutes to allow for individual class gatherings in designated areas. Afterwards, the PA will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs & watermelon. Please bring your own beverages, blankets and chairs. Each class has been assigned an item to bring, emails will be sent through Volunteer Spot to sign up for one of the items or visit

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/117-62408870873> to sign up. Thank you!

**RSVP** to Amy Paulino (leette1ames@yahoo.com) no later than Friday, June 4 with the number of hot dogs, hamburgers or veggie burgers your family would like. Our celebration will be held Rain or Shine!

Many, many thanks to Eggspectation who has generously donated the hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers!

### **Volunteer of the Month**

Amy Abell is the lucky winner of the May Volunteer of the Month drawing! Amy has been a great Pizza Friday co-chair with Michelle Haskey this year, she is our K & 1st Grade Level Representative, and she helped Mrs. Green with the PE Presidential Fitness Award Testing in May. Amy will receive the coveted Volunteer Parking Space for the first month of our new school year as a token of appreciation for all that she does for SJPDS!

### **Used Uniform Sale**

Our summer used uniform sale will be held on Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 8:30 – 10:00 am in the Lower Commons of the school. If you have clean, gently used uniforms you would like to donate for the sale, please deliver them to the Lower School Office by July 9<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the Used Uniform Sales go to support PA programs and events.

### **2010 – 2011 PA Event Dates**

Save these dates for our PA events next year!

- ❖ Sat., Jul. 17 – Used Uniform Sale, 8:30 – 10 am
- ❖ Tue., Sep. 7 – EC Welcome Social, 10:30 am
- ❖ Tue., Sep. 7 or 8 – All School Picnic 6:00 – 8:00pm
- ❖ Wed., Sep. 8 – EC Welcome Social, 10:30 am and 1:30 pm
- ❖ Thu., Sep. 23 – Room Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm
- ❖ Sun., Oct. 3 – PA Orioles Game, 1:35 pm, Camden Yards
- ❖ Sat., Oct. 30 – Fall Family Fun Day, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- ❖ Thu., Nov. 11 – Room Parent Meeting, 9:00 am
- ❖ Mon., Dec. 13/ Tue., Dec. 14 – Christmas Bazaar
- ❖ Tue., Feb. 22 – Room Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm
- ❖ Thu., Mar. 17/ Fri., Mar. 18 – EC Health Fair
- ❖ Tue., Mar. 31/ Wed. Apr. 1 – World Fest
- ❖ Tue., May 3 – Room Parent Meeting, 9:00 am
- ❖ Sat., May 7 – Spring Carnival

## **In Our Community**

**Summer Worship at St. John's, June 19/20 through September 11/12, 2010**

### Sundays

Worship in the historic church: 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

All Saints Hall worship will resume September 26, 2010.

### Saturdays

5 p.m., Worship on the lawn, followed by cook out. (If there is inclement weather, worship will move to All Saints Hall.) Please join us for worship, fellowship, and food. Each Saturday, a cook out will follow in the Labyrinth Grove by Rose Hill. Please bring your own grill items, other food, and beverages. St. John's provides grill, charcoal, cooking implements, plates, utensils, and napkins.

### Weekdays

*Noon Prayer*, Monday - Friday, 12 noon, Resurrection Chapel, Parish Life Center

*Morning Prayer*, Tue., 8:30 a.m., Resurrection Chapel, Parish Life Center

*Centering Evening Prayer*, Wed., 6 p.m., Historic Church  
*Holy Eucharist*, Thu., 7 a.m., Resurrection Chapel, Parish Life Center

The Rev. Nick Szobota  
Associate Rector