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## For all Early Childhood Families



**Early  
 Childhood**

### Halloween Parades

Thursday, October 29th at 11:15, Mrs. Rudnicki's 2-day class will parade through the school. If you'd like to view the parade, please gather in the Upper Commons (2nd floor) at 11:15.

For all other classes, please join us Friday, October 30th at 10:45 or 2:30 on the lawn, by the Pumpkin Patch, as the children parade in their costumes and sing. The Full Day 4's and Transitional Kindergarten will parade at 2:30. In case of inclement weather, please go to All Saints Hall on the 2nd floor.

NOTE: Extended Day 3's will parade with their morning classes.

Dismissal will be from the classrooms immediately following the parades, at approximately 11:30 and 3:00.

Please send your child's costume in a bag with his/her name clearly labeled. Parents helping with class parties will assist the children with costumes. Please have the children wear appropriate shoes as they will be going up and down the stairs.

Accessories such as swords and guns are not permitted at school.

### Fire Department

Unfortunately, the Fire Department had a call on October 12th and weren't able to visit. We are hoping they will be able to reschedule.

Special thanks to Firefighter Tim Tucker, who visited our 2-day 3's and afternoon 3-day 3's classes. He showed us the clothing worn by firefighters and let us try on the helmet!

### Parent-Teacher Chats

Thur. & Fri., Oct. 22 & 23 - Parent-Teacher Chats  
 School is closed for Preschool children. Please sign up

outside your child's classroom for a convenient time. Childcare will be offered during your 15-minute conference time. On Thursday, please take your children to Mrs. Baumann's classroom (outside Early Childhood office). Friday, please go to Mrs. Illar's classroom (first floor second classroom on left).

### **Lunch and Learn**

Lunch and Literature - now signing up for Session 2 beginning Thursday, November 5th. Extend your child's school day until 1:15, while enriching his/her language development. Each child will eat a packed lunch in Mrs. Illar's room, listen to an exciting "Big Book" story, followed by story-related activities.

We are offering an additional session of Lunch and Learn Science with Mrs. Grosso. The classes will be Mondays from 11:45-2:00, beginning November 2nd.

### **After Care Charge**

If a Early Childhood student has a sibling in the Lower School being picked up at 3:30, there will be no after care charge for Early Childhood students from 3:00 - 3:30.

## For all Lower School Families

### **Picture Make-Up Day**

If your child was absent for his/her school picture, the make-up day is Tuesday, Oct. 27th.

### **Halloween Parades**

The Lower School Halloween parade will be at 10:15 on Friday, October 30th. Parents are welcome to join us for the parade by meeting us in the Upper Field around 10:15. Please have children bring their costumes to school to change in to. Costumes may not include swords or guns. Thank you for your help.

Thursday, October 22nd, is a date change for our *Where Do We Go From Here?* meeting. At 6:40 P.M. alumni will be



joining us to share information about their current middle school. Becky Reynolds, a school consultant from School Search, will be giving her presentation again this year at 7:00 P.M. Following Becky Reynolds' presentation, Summit Educational Group, our Independent School Entrance Exam

(ISEE) review class tutors, will present the results of each 5th grade student's diagnostic test to his/her family.

Pizza with Pop was a very popular event last year, to which

fathers, uncles, grandparents or a special friend are invited to eat lunch with your child. Please save the date on Friday, Oct. 23rd during your child's lunch time. Please use the form in your child's Thursday folder today to RSVP.

Have a wonderful week.  
Tiffany Rath  
trath@stjohnsec.org

## Parents' Association



### FALL FAMILY FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Calling all Bakers! We are in need of:

- ~ 42 sweet or savory breads
- ~ 7 batches of 24 cookies
- ~ 25 pies
- ~ 10 batches of miscellaneous baked

goods such as rice krispy treats, muffins, cupcakes, candy, etc.

- ~ 1 batch of 16 brownies
- ~ 9 cakes
- ~ 1 cake walk cake
- ~ 10 12 packs of 8 oz water bottles

We are also looking for volunteers to work the Bake Sale tables from 2:30-3 pm, 3-3:30 pm, and 3:30-4 pm. Craft table volunteers are needed from 2-2:30 and 3:30-4pm. Please see the sign-up sheets posted in the main lobby or contact Sue Holinsky (theholinskys@comcast.net) or Karen Clark (kccphoto@gmail.com) to sign up.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers next Wednesday, October 21 to assist with craft assembly. Meet us in Clark House after morning drop off. Any amount of time given will be appreciated!

### Mr. Harrison's Halloween Hullabaloo

Thank you for getting our Halloween costume contest for Mr. Harrison off to a good start! Be sure to stop by to see which costume choice is in the lead! We will be collecting change until Friday, October 16th in the school lobby. All monies raised will be used to support this year's Parents' Association goals of improving our playground and purchasing new PE equipment.



**BOXTOP REMINDER:** Please return your BoxTop collection sheets &/or collection baggies by Friday October 23rd. Every participant will receive a prize.

**GROCERY CARD REMINDER:** Please register or renew

your GIANT, SAFEWAY, TARGET and HARRIS TEETER cards by Nov. 1, 2009. Contact Amy Paulino with any questions or concerns: leetle1ames@yahoo.com

**SALLY FOSTER WINNERS:** Many thanks to all the families who placed Sally Foster orders this year! The profit is being calculated and actual numbers should be available in the near future but we had fantastic participation this year. Every Lower School class as well as a few Early Childhood classes (Mrs. Rudnicki (3-day), Mrs. Dansie and Mrs. Wagner's classes) had 75% participation and were entered into a drawing to win the Breakfast Bash with Mr. Harrison. In addition, all families who returned the orders by the deadline were placed in a drawing to win four front-row seats to their child's Christmas program or two Gala tickets.

And the winners are:

- o Bash with Mr. Harrison - Mrs. Dansie's class (EC) and Mrs. Robinson's class (LS)
- o Four Christmas Program Reserved Seats - Ayla Saksena's family (EC), Tyler McGill's family (EC), Aidan Moon's family (EC), James Kastantin's family (LS) and Shannon McGowan's family (LS)
- o Two Gala Tickets -Parents of Nima Rafei (EC), Parents of Kelsey King (LS) and Parents of Britt Ficke (All-School drawing)

**DINING OUT AT EGGSPECTION:** Our first Dining Out event raised \$400! Thank you for your support! Please plan to join classmates and friends at our next event to be held on November 5 from 5:00 - 10:00 pm at Mamma Lucia's.

### Apple Sale and Bake Sale!



**The Apples are Coming!!  
The Bake Sale is Coming!!**

**Who: The fifth grade families**

**What: Selling apples w/caramel dipping sauce and Baked Goods**

**When: Wednesday, October 21st during lunch (There will not be apples sold on Oct. 28th)**

**Where: ASH**

**Why: Fundraiser for Echo Hill**

**How much: \$1 for a plate of sliced apples and caramel dip**

### Update from the Nurse

#### Update on Flu Vaccines

We have no update on when seasonal flu and H1N1 flu vaccines will be available at St John's. Howard County has

postponed some of their flu clinics and some elementary schools have had to postpone their flu vaccines due to distribution issues. As soon as we know more we will update all of you.

### Parent Volunteers

Mrs. Morgan would love to have one or two parent volunteers who would be willing to organize leftover clothes at the school. We try to keep old spare clothes for children in case they need to change and they are spread around. Whenever you're available, please email her at [lmorgan@stjohnsec.org](mailto:lmorgan@stjohnsec.org). Thank you.

## Our Episcopal Life

**This week in chapel we are exploring "knowing God in time." We have been reflecting on the ways we offer each day to God through morning prayers to open ourselves to the day to come, and evening prayers to reflect on all that has passed. We have been noting the rhythms and cycles of the seasons of the year, and the seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost) that in their own unique way each remind us of God's presence with us at all times.**



**And as we celebrate Grandparent's Day we are lifting up all the ways our families have known God through time. The stories and traditions that pass on practices that increase in us love, gratitude, generosity, faith, and passion for life from generation to generation.**

**We invite you to spend some time this week telling family stories and remembering the traditions that are special to you, from holiday celebrations to everyday tasks. What increases in your family love, gratitude, generosity, and faith?  
Chaplain Jenni**

## Upcoming Church Events

**Invitation to St. John's Pasta Supper  
Sunday, November 1st, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in ASH**

**Love lasagna? Savor spaghetti?  
Then YAC (our youth group for high school juniors and seniors) invites you to join a dinner out with family and friends at our annual Pasta Supper in All Saints Hall.  
And all for a good cause!**



**Adults - \$9**  
**Children under 12 - \$5**  
**Families - \$25**



**Proceeds will support the YAC mission trip work camp in June 2010.**

## Looking for Open House Tour Guide Volunteers



**Have you ever wondered who provides tours for prospective families at St. John's? We have many wonderful parents who have volunteered as tour guides! Forty-five minutes before each open house we will review how to give a great tour of the school with easy talking points for you to use as a "cheat sheet". Having parents give our open house tours has given families interested in the school another helpful perspective. The open house dates and times are:**

**Tuesday, Oct. 20th 10:00 - 11:30 (Tour guides arrive at 9:15)**

**Tuesday, Nov. 3rd 6:00 - 7:30 PM (Tour guides arrive at 5:15)**

**If you are able to volunteer for one or more open house tours, please call or email Tiffany Rath. 410.465.7644 x 222  
 trath@stjohnsec.org**

## Mistletoe Village

**We are happy to announce our 1st annual Mistletoe Village- "A Gift Boutique", your one-stop shopping for holiday gifts. A collection of vendors will be on hand with a wide variety of specialty items. This event will be held in All Saints Hall on Thursday, Dec 3 from 6-10 PM that evening. Admission is free, and a portion of the proceeds go to SJPDS. Come out and support the school as well as local small businesses while getting your shopping done. Fliers with more information will be coming home soon.**



**Do you have a home-based business or provide a service? Sign up today to participate as a vendor. SJPDS families will have priority registration from now until 10/14, when outside vendors may begin to register until 11/16. Only one rep per company, first come, or -**

**first served. To take part as a vendor or for more information, please contact Lisa Hermodsson at [Hermodsson@verizon.net](mailto:Hermodsson@verizon.net) or (410) 696-2797 or Tracie Feron at [tracie.feron@verizon.net](mailto:tracie.feron@verizon.net) (410) 750-3191.**

### Save the Date!

**The Board of Trustees of St. John's Parish Day School cordially invites you to their annual Wine and Cheese Social on Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM. Plans are underway for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, tasty appetizers, delicious desserts, and, of course, wine! Music will be played by a jazz combo and a cameo appearance of our very own Margaret Prechtl.**



### Upcoming Events

Fri., Oct. 16 - Grandparents' Day  
3-day 3's, ½-day 4's, Transitional Kindergarten, and All Lower School classes



Fri. Oct. 16th - Board Wine and Cheese Social

Tues., Oct.20 - Field trip to Sharp's Farm for AM 4's  
- Lower School Open House 10:00 - 11:30

Wed., Oct. 21 - Field trip to Sharp's for PM and Full Day 4's

Thurs. and Frid., Oct. 22 and 23 - School closed for Parent-Teacher Chats

Thurs. Oct 22nd - Where Do We Go From Here? meeting for 3rd through 5th grade parents at 7:00 PM in the All Saints Hall

Thurs. and Fri. Oct. 22nd and 23rd - Early Childhood closed for conferences

Fri. Oct 23rd - Lower School Pizza with Pop

**Fri. Oct. 30th - Lower School Early Dismissal**

Sat. Oct. 31st - Fall Family Fun Day

Mon. Nov. 2nd - Nov. 6th - Book Fair

Tues. Nov. 3rd - Lower School Open House 6:00 PM  
- Kindergarten and First Grade Story Night 6:30 PM

Thurs. Nov. 5th - PA Dining Night Out - Mama Lucia's  
- Second and Third Fantasy Fiction Night 6:30 PM

Sun. Nov. 8th - Adult Forum w/ Steve at 10:15 AM

**Mon. Nov. 9th - Lower School Closed for AIMS  
conference**

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