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**IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE -**

There will be no aftercare on the following dates for Early Childhood:

**November 24, December 18, May 21, and May 28**

Monday, November 2nd, our Community Bulletin Board will be on display in the Lower Commons. If you have a flier you would like to post, (for a month) regarding class offerings, business ads, etc. that would be of benefit to our families, please see Tiffany Rath, Judy Robbins, or Steve Harrison.

If you know of someone who is not receiving our email newsletter, please notify the EC office.

Please drive carefully on our campus. Upon entering, be aware there is two-way traffic. One-way begins at the stop sign near Clark House continuing around Preschool playground.

Lunch and Literature-Session II is scheduled to begin Thursday, November 5. Openings remain. Please call or stop by the EC office for more information or to sign-up.

Lunch and Learn Science on Mondays beginning November 9th - two spots remain. Please call or stop by the EC office to register.

**TOO MANY HALLOWEEN TREATS???**

Dr. Teresa Doyle Adams, a Howard County dentist, is participating in the second annual Treats for Troops. Please bring any candy you would like to share to St. John's

beginning Monday, November 2nd. There will be a clearly labeled wooden cart in the Lower Commons for donations. Dr. Doyle Adams will see that the candy is shipped to our troops. Thank you for your participation in this holiday outreach.

### For all Lower School Families

\*\*Remember to bring a lunch and drink tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 30th, if you child is staying for extended day care.

#### **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. Students and parents who are signed up to do the Halloween party will go to their class party. Dismissal is at noon. Please have children bring their costumes to school in a bag to change into before the parade. Costumes may not include swords or guns. Thank you for your help.

\*\*I know how challenging it is for children who are sick to miss a class party, but our sick policy for students and staff will continue this Friday. If your child has had a fever within the last 24 hours, they are not able to attend.

#### **Student Council**

All student council candidates did an outstanding job on their speeches. It takes a great deal of courage and confidence to stand in front of the entire school and give a speech. Each student was extremely well-prepared and had thoughtfully written how they could best help serve the students and school.



Congratulations to the candidates who were voted into office. You will represent and serve the students well. To all the candidates, know that when you proudly spoke on Wednesday afternoon you were all winners in my eyes.

2009-2010 Student Council Officers:

President: Mitch Wingert

Vice President: Taylor Wildman

Secretary: Sydney Archuleta

Treasurer: Zach Blice

Safety Patrol: Ava Pirie

#### **Celebrating Reading**

Kindergarten and First grade children are invited to Story

Night on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd from 6:30 - 7:30. Come see many exciting mystery readers!! All students are invited to wear their pajamas!!



Second and Third grade children are invited to our Folk Tales and Legends evening on Thursday, Nov 5th at 6:30 - 7:30. Come hear Native American legends and tales from around the world! Second and Third grade students are invited to wear pajamas! \*The title of this evening has changed from the Fiction Fantasy Night.

### **Please Bring Fabric for Special Chapel Week**

November 10-13 will be a special chapel week for the Lower School division at St. John's.

We will be celebrating together our Creativity that Comes from God!

Chaplain Jenni will be visiting classrooms during that week, and part of the week before, to involve the students in a special liturgical art project . Each student is asked to bring in a long strip (up to 3 ft) of fabric, ribbon, or other material from home to weave into a banner for our worship space. The fabric may be patterned or plain, but should feature one of the liturgical colors of our church year: Blue, White, Green, Purple, or Red. (For the church year, these are true, rich colors rather than pastels or neons). The fabric may be new material, or may be taken from something you already have.

Please bring in your fabric **beginning Monday, November 2nd** to be ready for your classroom visit! You may want to bring it in a Ziploc bag labeled with your name for safekeeping.

### **PE Update**

Students in grades 1-5 have performed skills to practice for Presidential Fitness. Over the past several weeks, these students have been timed for the shuttle run, sit-ups, and mile run. They also practiced their skills in the sit-and-reach and pull-ups. What a wonderful job they all have done!! They should be proud of themselves!! We will use this information to set goals for ourselves and make improvements throughout the year. A special "thank you" goes out to all of our parent volunteers who helped to make

this experience a successful one. I'd like to specifically thank Danielle Blice and Marilyn Faura for their continuous dedication over the past week. Thanks, ladies!!

Our unit on soccer has ended and we have moved on to racquet sports. This past week we have been working on strengthening our wrists through a birdie balancing exercise as well as learning about our grip and practicing an underhand serve. The PE Department respectfully asks that we take care of our equipment - especially the badminton nets up on the field. They are both borrowed and fragile and should be handled with care both during and after school. We are looking forward to learning the rules of badminton and playing in teams throughout the next few weeks. We will also continue to learn about fitness routines and how to stay healthy.

### Child Care

Conferences for Lower School parents on Nov. 23rd, Nov. 24th, March 15th and May 21st will have drop-in child care. There will not be extended day care or after care on Nov. 24th, Dec. 18th, and June 11th.

Happy Halloween  
Tiffany Rath  
trath@stjohnsec.org

### Parents' Association



**FALL FAMILY FUN DAY: Get your Halloween costumes ready! Fall Family Fun Day is this weekend, Saturday, October 31st from 1 - 4 pm, rain or shine! In the event of rain, all events and activities, including our Trunk-or-Treat, will be held inside the school. Be sure to visit all 40 of our Halloween themed trunks! Admission for each child to the Trunk-or-Treat is \$2.00, which includes an orange trick-or-treat bag.**

**Also, if you have signed up to volunteer, we will be sending you an email confirmation this week. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you all there! Costumes for all ages encouraged.**

**SPIRIT WEAR IS COMING: Please look for the Spirit**

**Wear display at Fall Family Fun Day. Spirit Wear will make a great holiday gift! Please come and check out fun and exciting items to show your school spirit! If you have questions or would like to place an order, please contact Amy Auman at [amyauman@gmail.com](mailto:amyauman@gmail.com), Jennifer Walker at [jlwalker9320@comcast.net](mailto:jlwalker9320@comcast.net), or Pat Weibking at [clapton824@aol.com](mailto:clapton824@aol.com).**

**ATTENTION ALL JUICE DRINKERS...HELP THE PLANET, HELP OUR GREEN SCHOOL INITIATIVE!!! St John's PDS PA is pleased to announce a new recycling program as part of this year's passive-fundraising efforts. The school will receive 2 cents for every CAPRI SUN, HONEST KIDS and KOOL-AID drink pouch you send in. The juice pouches will then be upcycled into pencil cases, backpacks and handbags. Please help us earn money for our school while contributing to our Green School recycling efforts. Please deposit your empty juice 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](http://www.terracycle.net) or contact Amy Paulino at [leettle1ames@yahoo.com](mailto:leettle1ames@yahoo.com).**

**Congratulations BOXTOPPERS!!! Thanks to your clipping efforts, we collected over 6000 boxtops this month. Way to go!!! All of this month's participants will receive their prize by the end of next week.**

**Look for your November BOXTOP\$ collection sheet in this week's Thursday folder! You are welcome to turn in multiple sheets as well as collection baggies. Please note your name, grade and teacher on each sheet. Please do not include expired boxtops. Additional Boxtop\$ and Campbells collection sheets are available at the PA table in the main foyer.**

**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: [leettle1ames@yahoo.com](mailto:leettle1ames@yahoo.com)**

**SALLY FOSTER FOLLOW-UP: This week you should have received your Sally Foster and Classic Cookie Dough orders. As a reminder, if you find any discrepancies in your Sally Foster order, please contact Julia Rineman at [mjrino@comcast.net](mailto:mjrino@comcast.net) or (410) 884-0474,**

or Katie Martinez at [katie0421@aol.com](mailto:katie0421@aol.com) or (301) 617-9983, but no later than November 4th.

Since cookie dough is new this year, we just wanted to remind you that the cookie dough has a shelf life of 1 year when frozen, 6 months in the refrigerator and up to 21 days at room temperature. Enjoy!

Thank you again for your support of St. John's Parents' Association.

**DINING OUT AT MAMMA LUCIA'S:** Please join us at Mamma Lucia on Thursday, November 5 from 5 - 10 pm for food and friendship and help us raise funds to be used toward our PA goals of improving the playground and purchasing PE equipment. Mamma Lucia pays us a percentage of ALL sales during that time. So don't worry about remembering a coupon; bring your friends and family! Mamma Lucia is located in the Gateway Overlook shopping center at 6630 Marie Curie Drive, Ste. L. Visit their website for directions or to check out the menu at <http://www.mammaluciarestaurants.com>.

**UPCOMING PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS:**

- Saturday, October 31 - Fall Family Fun Day from 1 - 4 pm, RAIN or SHINE!
- Thursday, November 5 - Dining Out at Mamma Lucia from 5 - 10 pm
- Tuesday, December 1 - Dining Out at Mimi's Cafe
- Friday, December 11 - Symphony of Lights Walk-Through from 4:30 - 5:45 pm

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. John's Parish Day School from November 2-November 6. We will be open daily from 8:15 am- 4:00 pm. In addition, we will be open Tuesday 11/3 from 5:30-6:30 pm and Thursday 11/5 from



7:30-8:30 pm. Preschool students may shop with their parents before or after school or during the evening hours. Lower school students will have an opportunity to buy during media class or another designated time during the school day. Parents are welcome to shop any time - remember, books make great Christmas gifts! A letter with more details and a Scholastic book flier highlighting some of the titles available will be sent home this week. Please

contact Mrs. Beyer or Mrs. Bentivenga with any questions. All proceeds from the Book Fair benefit the media center and help us continue to enlarge the library collection. We thank you for your support.

## SJPDS Sunday

Come celebrate Parish Day School Sunday on November 15th!

Each year St. John's Church looks forward to celebrating St. John's Parish Day School, and our church and school common life, on a designated Sunday with special prayers, music, and readings. All PDS families are warmly invited to attend the 9 am service in the Historic Church on Sunday, November 15th. St. John's students, who will be singing during the service, are asked to wear their uniforms.



St. John's also welcomes all children, including visitors, for Sunday School at 10:30 am. For help in finding your classroom or with any other questions, please check in that morning with Nancy Narrett, our director of Children's Faith Formation, at the Sunday School table located near the Lower School office.

## Our Episcopal Life

As we have been celebrating all aspects of God's Creation this past month in chapel, we have heard in our Creation story from Genesis 1 that "God looked on everything God had made; and God said it was very good!"



God looks upon you and upon me and says we are very good!

This week we have been reflecting on the image of God in which we are made, on the goodness deep down within all of us, and on the ways we can continue to grow out of that place of goodness more and more into God's image. At St. John's we strive to nurture within ourselves and each other those characteristics that are deep in the heart of God - love, faithfulness, compassion, patience, gentleness, creativity, mercy, kindness.

How would you most like God to help you grow today?

## 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.**

*Season Opener: VIVA ITALIA!*

*Sunday, November 8th at 4 PM, marks the opening concert of the Orchestra of St. John's, Howard County's first professional orchestra, composed of 15-30 professional musicians selected from a wealth of regional talent!*

*The concert will be performed in the Church, with light refreshments to follow. Tickets are \$15 for adults; admission is free for those under 18, accompanied by an adult.*

*To learn more about the Orchestra of St. John's, and listen to excerpts from previous concerts, please visit the orchestra's website at [www.stjohnsec.org](http://www.stjohnsec.org).*

*We hope to see you there!*

## Yard Sign Return

**Thank you to all the families who have placed a yard sign in their yard to advertise the Lower School SJPDS open houses. After Nov. 3rd, please return the yard signs to the labeled box in the Lower School lobby.**

## Inclement Weather Policy

If Howard County schools are closed because of inclement weather, St. John's will be closed. If Howard County schools open late (regardless of one hour or two), the Lower School will begin at 10:00 AM and morning Early Childhood



will be closed. Student drop-off for Lower School will be from 9:45-10:00 AM. Full day Early Childhood student drop-off will be from 10:00-10:15 AM. Extended day 3's will go to Mrs. Rudnicki's classroom.

In addition:

1. No *Before School Care* will be available.
2. Late morning openings will not affect afternoon classes.
3. If Howard County should make an announcement by Noon to close early due to snow or inclement weather:
  - a. AM classes will dismiss at the regular time.
  - b. Full day classes will dismiss at noon.
  - c. There will be NO afternoon Early Childhood.
  - d. *After School Care* will be canceled.
  - e. A phone tree will be activated to notify families.
4. If the decision to close early is made later than noon:
  - a. We will follow the same decision as Howard County.
  - b. *After School Care* will be canceled.
5. In all other irregular situations that may affect the safety or usefulness of the school environment, we will make the decision to close the school on a case-by-case basis and will contact parents by all the methods listed below. Irregularities include, but are not limited to: electrical disruption, heating/air-conditioning problems, plumbing issues, etc.

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

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 provided. 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, 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](mailto: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.

Thank you



The fifth grade families thank all who



**purchased apples and baked goods from their sale to earn money for their Echo Hill Outdoor Education trip this November. We wish them happy travels!**

### Upcoming Events

Fri. Oct. 30th - Halloween parades  
10:15 - LS parade  
10:45 and 2:00 - EC parade

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



Sat. Oct. 31st - Fall Family Fun Day

Sun. Nov. 1st - SJEC Youth Mission pasta supper

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

Wed., Nov. 4 - Staff Development Day for Early Childhood  
Morning classes dismiss at 11:15  
Afternoon students arrive 1:00-1:10  
No change to full day and extended day schedules

Thurs. Nov. 5th - PA Dining Night Out - Mamma Lucia's  
- Second and Third Folk Tales and Legions Night 6:30 PM

Note: The Adult Forum with Steve Harrison on the 8th has been changed to the 15th.

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

Wed., Nov. 11 - Transitional Kindergarten to Sharp's Farm for a Pilgrim History visit

Thurs., Nov. 12 - School picture retakes for Early Childhood

Sun. Nov. 15th - SJPDS Sunday at 9:00 AM  
- Adult Forum with Steve Harrison at 10:15 at SJEC

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

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