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**Message from Mr. Harrison**

I want to thank the entire St. John's family for the wonderful installation service that was planned for me last Thursday! The solemn beauty of the Historic Church at night, the fluttering streamers during the procession, Bishop Raab's colorful vestments, the endearing song from our students in attendance, the profusion of gifts presented in the service for my professional edification, Rev. Pinkham Oak's meaningful homily on leadership, the lovely reception in ASH, and much more all combined in a celebration of welcome for me and my family to the larger St. John's family. I was moved by the beauty and meaning of the service and humbled by the number of people who took time out of busy schedules to attend. I definitely felt God's blessing on the commencement of my time here at St. John's Parish Day School as the headmaster in this blessed and loving community.



May we all work together to see St. John's PDS prosper and grow!  
 Grace and Peace,  
 Steve Harrison, Headmaster

**For all Early Childhood Families**



We look forward to Parent-Teacher Chats on October 22nd and 23rd. School will be closed for the children, as our teachers and families get to know each other through conversation. The focus during these chats is getting to know more about your child, personally.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board outside your child's classroom on October 12th. Please sign up for a convenient time. Care will be provided from 8:00-3:00 in the Auditorium for your children during your scheduled time. Please indicate when you sign up for a chat, if you wish to use this service.

**Thursday-Oct. 22**

Mrs. Rudnicki - 2 day  
Grosso  
Mrs. Illar - 5 day  
Mrs. Dansie  
Mrs. Joerdens - PM  
Mrs. Dickinson  
Mrs. Hoffner  
Mrs. Pontier

**Friday-Oct. 23**

Mrs. Baumann                      Mrs.  
Mrs. Rudnicki - 3 day  
Mrs. Illar - 3 day  
Mrs. Benzing  
Mrs. Joerdens AM  
Mrs. Rice  
Mrs. Wagner

**LUNCH AND LEARN**

Lunch and Literature - now signing up for Session 2 - beginning Wednesday 11/5. Extend your child's school day, while enriching his/her language development. Your child will eat a packed lunch in Mrs. Illar's room, listen to an exciting "BIG BOOK", followed by story-related dancing and crafts. Join friends as each week they will be led on an interactive story adventure!

We are offering an additional session of Lunch and Learn Science with Mrs. Grosso. The classes will be Mondays from 11:45-2:00. Please check in the EC Office for the beginning date.

Thank you to:

Mrs. Martinez and Sophia, for Sophia's donation of the kitchen set that was used in the Sally Foster display. Mrs. Rovnan's Kindergarten friends are thrilled!

Mrs. D'Alonzo and Mrs. Dodman, who assisted the photographers on picture days.

Mrs. Laurel Harrison, for visiting Mrs. Smith's science classes and sharing information about turtles with the children, including an up close look at her box turtle!

**EC Christmas program schedule - 6:30 PM**

**Tuesday, December 8th**

Mrs. Dickinson    Mrs. Joerdens AM  
 Mrs. Baumann    Mrs. Rudnicki - 3 day  
 Mrs. Grosso

### Wednesday, December 9th

Mrs. Hoffner    Mrs. Joerdens PM  
 Mrs. Dansie    Mrs. Illar - 3 day  
 Mrs. Benzing

### Thursday, December 10th

Mrs. Pontier    Mrs. Rice  
 Mrs. Wagner    Mrs. Illar - 5 day  
 Mrs. Rudnicki - 2 day

This week in Chapel, Mrs. Tiffany Smith has shared the story of God's creation of the world, as well as the creation of our love for each other.

For all Lower School Families

**There will be drop-in childcare for Lower School students during your parent-teacher conference time on Friday, Oct. 9th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**



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


Please be reminded that PE uniforms are in the Lower School office! If you haven't already, please drop by to pick up any uniforms you may have ordered. Thank you!

Our first parent-teacher conferences are approaching quickly on Friday, Oct. 9th. **Lower School will be closed for students on Friday the 9th.** These are goal-setting conferences and give you a chance to share more about your children with their classroom teachers. Please feel free to contact any specialist teacher in person, by email, or by phone, if you would like to conference with them as well.

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. More information will follow.

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

### Parents' Association



Thank you to all our families who participated in the Sally Foster fundraiser! Remember, we receive funds for purchases made all year, so if you need to re-stock, order online at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) and use the SJPDS account number 507204. Sally Foster offers free shipping on online orders over \$70.

### **Sally Foster Orders Delivered: October 26**

Please contact Kathy Chappell at [chappellfamily@comcast.net](mailto:chappellfamily@comcast.net) if you are able to help organize orders when they are delivered to school.

### **Fall Family Fun Day: Saturday, October 31**

Fall Family Fun Day is coming soon! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 31 from 1-4 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, including crafts, face painting, games, bake sale, cake walk and dancing with DJ Mark Whipple. Please use our sign-up sheets posted in the lower lobby. We are in need of bakers, especially bread and pie bakers, parking attendants, and much more!

### **New This Year - Trunk-or-Treat**

Trick-or-treating is coming to Fall Family Fun Day! Don't miss out on the fun! Our Trunk-or-Treat spaces are full! If you would still like to participate in our Trunk-or-Treat, contact Sue Holinsky or Karen Clark to be placed on a waiting list. Small fees will be charged for Trunk-or-Treat,

face painting, the bake sale and the cake walk. All proceeds raised will support this year's Parents' Association goals of improving our playground and purchasing new PE equipment.

### **Mr. Harrison's Halloween Hullabaloo**

Mr. Harrison needs your help! He cannot decide on a Halloween costume and is leaving the decision to you! Voting on a costume will take place during the week of October 12-16 in the lower lobby of the school. Bring in your change and put it in the jar of your favorite costume. Or place change in a baggie marked for the costume of your choice! The jar with the most money raised at the end of the week will be the winner! Possible choices are Wicked Witch, Dracula, Mummy, Clown, or Moses. Mr. Harrison will be wearing his new costume at Fall Family Fun Day. Again, all monies raised will support this year's Parents' Association goals of improving our playground and purchasing new PE equipment.



Questions? Contact Co-Chairs Karen Clark (kccphoto@gmail.com) or Sue Holinsky (theholinskys@comcast.net)

### *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:**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14th 10:00 - 11:30 (Tour guides arrive at 9:15)**

**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

### Read for the Record

On October 8, 2009, St. John's Parish Day School will join hundreds of thousands of people around the world to read Eric Carle's beloved book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. This will help Jumpstart reach 1,000,000 children, as well as support Jumpstart's yearlong literacy programs to ensure that children from low-income communities have the quality early education experiences they deserve. In 2008, SJPDS helped break a world record as nearly 700,000 readers shared the classic children's tale, *Corduroy*. On one day, one amazing book was read aloud in classrooms, libraries and homes from Japan, Germany and Brazil to cities and rural communities across America. Children around the world simultaneously experienced the joy of reading. Ask your child about how their class helped break the world record this year!



### Lower School Open House Yard Signs

In an effort to promote our Lower School Open Houses more fully this year, we will be asking for families to volunteer to put an 18" X 24" St. John's Open House sign in your yard to advertise this event. These signs will be available for pick-up the week of October 5th and should remain in your yard until after the last Open House on November 3rd. We ask that the signs then be returned to the school so that we can simply change the dates and re-use them the following year. The signs will be free, but \$5 donations will be gladly accepted to help defray the expense of their creation.

### 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 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 Church Events

#### St. John's Pumpkin Patch

Buy your pumpkins from St. John's this year! The pumpkin patch will be on the front lawn near Frederick Road from October 4th - October 31st. Hours are Monday-Friday 3pm-6pm. and Saturday-Sunday 10 am-6pm. Feel free to walk over and join us after school. We'll also have an "easy patch" area near the driveway circle for those who come through pick-up line. Proceeds from the pumpkin sales support St. John's youth preparing for a pilgrimage to Iona in Scotland.



### Sadie's Gift



In 2007 Jason and Amy Abell (parents of Julia (3rd grade) and JJ (K)) established a charity, Sadie's Gift, in memory of their daughter for Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Sadie's Gift has raised over \$180,000 and has committed to establishing an endowment to fund a training program for PICU doctors on the east coast.

"Team Sadie" is comprised of over 70 people running in the Baltimore Running Festival October 10th. Team Sadie is still accepting runners. Also, several members of St. John's community have signed up to run and could use your support! If you would like to find out more about Sadie's Gift or make a donation in support of Mrs. Durkee, Julia or JJ Abell, Danielle Blice, George, Brady or Katie Trenchard, or Sue & Ron Holinsky, please visit the website at [www.sadiesgift.org](http://www.sadiesgift.org). All donations are 100% tax deductible and directly benefit the Sadie Elizabeth Abell Endowment for Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

### Upcoming Events

Thurs. Oct. 8th - Gala meeting after drop-off

Fri. Oct 9th - Lower School closed for parent conferences

Fri., Oct. 9 - Staff Development - School Closed for Early Childhood Classes

Mon., Oct. 12 - Visit from Howard County Fire Dept. for AM 3's  
 - PM 3's have a visit with Retired Firefighter Tim Tucker  
 Tues., Oct. 13 - Visit from Firefighter Tim Tucker for 2-day 3's

Wed. Oct. 14th - Lower School Open House @10:00 AM

Thurs., Oct. 15 - Grandparents' Day  
 2 and 5-day 3's and full day 4's classes

Fri., Oct. 16 - Grandparents' Day  
 3-day 3's, 1/2-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

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**

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