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# Honor to Veterans on VETERANS' DAY



## FROM ST. JOHN'S!

For all Early Childhood Families

**Thank you to all the children who donated their Halloween candy to our soldiers. We filled Mrs. Sue Grosso's minivan with 165 lbs. of candy. (Mrs. Grosso weighed it!) The candy was**



**delivered to Dr. Teresa Doyle Adams, a Howard County dentist, who will see that the candy is shipped to our troops. Thank you students, Dr. Doyle Adams, and Mrs. Grosso!!!**

**You might be surprised to discover all that our Early Childhood children are thankful "4"! The Staff thought a tree would be a beautiful way to share those things with you. Please visit our "We Are Thankful 4" tree in the Lower Commons.**

**Thanks to all who visited the Book Fair and so generously purchased books as gifts for our classes. Each of our EC classes, as well as the Science Room and Art Room, received many new books and toys for us to enjoy!**

**Thank you to the Kline Family, especially Hannah and Dylan, for donating a doll bed, high chair, doll and doll clothes, as well as a school house and doll house, both with furniture. The children in several classes are thrilled with the new additions.**

**Please take a look at our Community Bulletin Board in the Lower Commons. If you have a flier you would like to post, with information that would benefit our families, please see Tiffany, Judy or Steve.**

For all Lower School Families

### **AIMS Conference**

This past Monday, the Lower School staff went to the annual AIMS conference at the Baltimore Convention Center. The keynote speaker was David Oliver Relin, the author of *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*. His presentation was extremely motivating and enlightening as he discussed the necessity of education for students all around the world. We then enjoyed sessions throughout the morning and afternoon covering the importance of oral history, SmartBoard technology, removing the fear of math and many others topics.



### **Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards**

Our next parent teacher conferences are scheduled for the afternoon on both Monday, Nov. 23rd and Tuesday, Nov.

24th. Conference sign-up sheets are hung outside of classrooms. If the conference times listed are not convenient for you, please see your classroom teacher to arrange another time. To schedule a conference with a specialist teacher, please contact them directly.

Friday, Nov. 20th - We are intending to send home first trimester report cards in backpacks.

Monday, Nov. 23rd - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences. There is extended day care, after care and drop-in conference care.

Tuesday, Nov. 24th - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences. There is drop-in conference care, but there is no extended day care or after care.

Warmly,  
Tiffany Rath  
trath@stjohnsec.org

### Parents' Association



**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING:** Please save the date for our Parents' Association General Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm.

**SPIRIT WEAR IS COMING:** Thanks to all who stopped by the Spirit Wear display at Fall Family Fun Day. Look for new items coming soon! Spirit Wear will make great holiday gifts! If you have questions or would like to place an order, please contact Amy Auman at [amyaman@gmail.com](mailto:amyaman@gmail.com), Jennifer Walker at [jlwalker9320@comcast.net](mailto:jlwalker9320@comcast.net), or Pat Weibking at [clapton824@aol.com](mailto:clapton824@aol.com).

**SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS:** Save the Date! Our second annual walk through the festive Symphony of Lights will be held on Friday, December 11 from 4:30 to 5:45. More information on how to participate is coming soon.

Please contact Sue Holinsky at [theholinskys@comcast.net](mailto:theholinskys@comcast.net) or Karen Clark at [kccphoto@gmail.com](mailto:kccphoto@gmail.com) for more information.



**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).

**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)

**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. Names are still being compiled for the September and October winners.

**Congratulations to our August Winner of a Starbucks Gift Card, Amy Kelly, who helped with our Preschool Popsicles events this summer!**

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH PARKING:** Take a look at the premium parking spot in front of Clark House that will be awarded to the winner of our Volunteer of the Month drawing. All November volunteers will be entered in a random drawing to win the coveted spot for the chilly month of December. Please remember to honor their hard work for our school by leaving the space open for the winner weekdays from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Sign in at the Front Office to be eligible for the drawing.

**UPCOMING PARENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENTS:**

- Wednesday, November 11 - Spring Carnival Planning Meeting from 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Thursday, November 19 - PA General Meeting at 7:00 pm

- **Tuesday, December 1 - Dining Out at Mimi's Cafe**
- **Friday, December 11 - Symphony of Lights Walk-Through from 4:30 - 5:45 pm**

## A Note from the Nurse

### FluMist

We are continuing to offer H1N1 vaccines to students. We have plenty of FluMist available. There was a recommended schedule for flu vaccines by class, but please email Mrs. Morgan at [lmorgan@stjohnsec.org](mailto:lmorgan@stjohnsec.org) if you need a different time. The clinic scheduled for Monday, November 16 is canceled, but there are times on Friday, November 13 and Monday, November 16.



### Hearing and Vision Screenings

The Howard County Health Department will be conducting hearing and vision screenings for all Kindergarten and First Graders during the school day on November 16. Any parent who does not want their child tested should send in a note refusing the screening or send an email to Lisa Morgan, school nurse, at [lmorgan@stjohnsec.org](mailto:lmorgan@stjohnsec.org). Please make sure your child has their glasses that day if they need them. Parents will be contacted of results by mail if their child does not pass either or both of the screenings.

Any parents interested in volunteering should contact Mrs. Morgan by email or at extension 308.

## Parent Help

St. John's is looking for parents interested in helping write and format newsletters, Impressions and a variety of reporting around the school. If you are interested, please contact Steve Harrison [sharrison@stjohnsec.org](mailto:sharrison@stjohnsec.org).



## Kindergarten Visits

Experience firsthand our outstanding kindergarten program by joining us during Kindergarten Visit Days, November 17th, 18th, and 19th! Visits are for approximately ½ hour and reservations are required. Please call the Lower School office at 410-465-7644, ext. 212 to reserve a spot.

## Extended Day Care Programs

It is hard to believe we have been in school for 2 months now. Wow! Where does the time go! Along with our returning staff from last year we would like to introduce our newest staff member Mira Choi. Ms. Choi works in both of our extended care programs. Mira is currently working on her education degree at the University of Maryland. During the summer Ms. Choi was the assistant at our English Language Camp. Be sure to say hello to Ms. Choi. With fall in the air, we would like to remind parents to make sure your child has a proper jacket for the playground. We will be going outside every day weather permitting. For parents having trouble locating after care around the school, please read the white board located in the lower school lobby area. Our schedule is posted on the board daily, along with our after school programs. There have been questions about bringing in toys from home to aftercare. Please do not let your children bring in toys from home. They can be very easily lost or broken.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/23 - LS Early Dismissal conferences

11/24 - EC/LS Thanksgiving Services - LS Early Dismissal conferences

11/25 - 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break

## Read for the Record

Thanks to everyone who helped us with Read for the Record. More than 2,019,752 children participated - breaking the previous record! See the link below for more details!



[http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/MessageViewer?em\\_id=5701.0&dlv\\_id=50401](http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=5701.0&dlv_id=50401)

## Mistletoe Village



St. John's First Annual Mistletoe Village -  
A Gift Boutique

Thursday, December 3rd 6-10pm in All  
Saints' Hall



Come join us for a festive evening. Bring your friends and family and enjoy shopping our specialty vendors while getting into the holiday spirit!

Current vendor list as of 11/9/09:

Angela Moore, Beady Eyed Cat, Silpada, Usbourne Books, PTA Spiritwear, Lia Sophia, The Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, DG Designs, Shine Your Light, Longaberger, Creative Memories, Southern Living, Arbonne, PartyLite, NYR Organic, Little Princess Designs, Greenberries, Beijo Bags, Maryland Gift Baskets, Lynda's Lyfe Lynes, Country Girl Crafts, Nature Portraits, Soft Touch, Cookie Lee Jewelry, The Purple Tulip and The Breadery.

Limited Vendor Space Available. If interested, 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) or (410) 750-3191.

We hope to see you there!

A portion of the proceeds benefits St. John's Parish Day School.

## 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

How we care for each other in community both expresses and shapes our values - we care for one another at St. John's because we honor each individual as a whole person, and seek their well-being in body, mind and spirit; as we take steps to reach out and care for one another, we become the loving place for children and families that we desire to be.

While the whole community participates in acts of caring at St. John's, we have formed a special team (called the c3 committee: care, community, collegiality) to coordinate our support to students, families, and staff. If your family is going through a difficult time, if sorrows or joys arise, please



let us know so that we may reach out to you. We will begin publishing a community prayer list in our weekly newsletter, and we invite you to offer your concerns or thanksgivings for the St. John's family to

hold in prayer. You may contact us by speaking to the school office, by talking to a teacher, or by contacting me in the church office (410-461-7793). We really do want to hear what is happening in the lives of our students and families.

Also, after Lower School Chapel on Thursdays I am usually available in the Historic Church until 4pm. You may stop in to chat, or just to have a moment of quiet in our beautiful worship space.

Chaplain Jenni

## Upcoming Church Events

### **JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION**

Please help us collect needed over-the counter items for our next Jamaica Medical Mission. This year we are in most need of the following items:

Sudafed decongestant or generic equivalent  
 Gyne-Lotrimin/Monistat or generic equivalent  
 Ibuprofen for adults- 200 mg caps or tabs  
 Allergy Eye Drops (Naphthcon-A, Vasacon-A, or generic equivalent  
 Multivitamins for adults and children  
 Head and Shoulders dandruff shampoo or generic equivalent

## Lotrimin AF ointment or cream or generic equivalent

The items can be dropped off in the bin near the Welcome Center in the Narthex of the Church, or the bin near the Sunday School table in the Education Building. If you forget what's on the list, you can also pick up a brown paper bag marked Jamaica Medical Mission, located at the Welcome Centers in the Historic Church and CME building. Inside each bag is a label for a needed item that can be purchased and returned to one of the bins.

Any questions, contact Nancy Zonarich @nzonarc@cnmc.org or Elaine Trogdon @elainetrogdon@gmail.com.

Thanks so much for your support!

## **J2A will be hosting a 'Parents Night Out' on Friday December 4th**

Parents, wouldn't you love to go out for a nice evening - alone? The J2A youth of St. John's will take care of your children for you. On Friday, December 4th, from 6 to 10 p.m., the youth will have a variety of fun activities available in the church's Media Center for children aged 2 (no diapers) through 12. The cost is only \$20 per child for the evening, and includes a snack and a craft. To reserve a spot, please contact Colleen Citrano in the church office, or via email; ccitrano@stjohnsec.org .

## Upcoming Events

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

Friday, Nov. 20th - Lower School Report cards will be sent home in backpacks

Monday, Nov. 23rd - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 24th - Lower School Early Dismissal for Conferences



Tuesday, Nov. 24 - EC Thanksgiving Services in the Church  
10:45 (AM classes) and 2:00 (PM & full day classes)  
- NO EXTENDED DAY 3'S  
- NO AFTERCARE for LS or EC  
- NO EXTENDED DAY CARE FOR LS

Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 25-27 - School Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Monday, Nov. 30 - School resumes

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd - PA Dining Night Out - Mimi's Cafe -  
5:00 - 10:00 PM

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