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**Knowledge and Values for a Lifetime!**

**"There are two types of education. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live."  
- John Adams**

**We are in the business of teaching our students how to live. Each and every day our students engage in academic pursuits of the highest quality to give them a rock-solid base from which to launch into the heights of future education, but St. John's offers much more than superb academics. Students at St. John's also learn what it means to be kind, honest, and responsible as a community of learners. They learn that loving relationships with God and with others build the foundation of a strong individual and a strong community. We teach our students how to live. St. John's Parish Day School offers knowledge and values for a lifetime!**

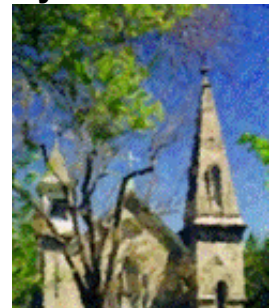
**Steve Harrison  
Headmaster**

**Steve Harrison's Installation Service**



**Please join us on Thursday, Oct. 1st at 7:00 PM in the historic church for Mr. Harrison's installation service. This will be an excellent opportunity to welcome Mr. Harrison to our community. Families and children are welcome and are**

**invited to a reception directly following the service. Lower School students will be invited up during the service to sing the St. John's Song, *We Are All God's***



**Children. Please have your children sit with you during the service. We hope to see you tomorrow night.**



### For all Preschool/Early Childhood Families

Thank you to all who joined us for Early Childhood Back to School Night. Special thanks to the participating Parents Association committees - hospitality, spirit wear, Box Tops - officers and Sally Foster volunteers, who helped to make the evening fun and informative.

#### Parent-Teacher Chats - October 25 & 26

School will be closed Thursday, October 25th and Friday, October 26th, for the children, as our teachers and families get to know each other through conversation. The focus, during these chats, is on getting to know more about your child personally.

January conferences will focus more on cognitive and social skills as we share written progress reports with you.

Next week's newsletter will have specific dates for your child's class, as well as sign-up information.

#### A few reminders:

\*Please park in designated spaces only. We ask that walkways not be blocked.

\*Early Childhood morning drop-off is from 8:50-9:00; afternoon is from 12:25-12:30. Once we begin, we will continue until all cars are through the line, but when the Staff has gone inside, please park and walk with your child into the building - entering at the Main Entrance.

\*Should you need to reach Before Care between 7:00 and 8:00 AM, please call the school phone #410-465-7644, then press 9318.

\*Nurse Morgan's office hours are 10:00-1:30. To report an absence, please email [absent@stjohnsec.org](mailto:absent@stjohnsec.org) or call the absentee line - 443-535-3457.

In Chapel, Mrs. Pontier shared with the children "Fruits of the Spirit" - joy, love, patience, kindness and self-control - and how even the youngest of God's children can learn the importance of living these virtues.

We look forward to joining the Lower School on Thursday for Chapel with Chaplain Jenni in the Church.

### For all Lower School Families

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6th and 7th are individual picture days for all St. John's students. Please send students to school in their formal uniform, even if it is your child's P.E. day. The picture days for each grade level are listed below.

**Tues. Oct 6th - Kindergarten**

**Wed. Oct. 7th - First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth**

Our first parent-teacher conferences are approaching quickly on Friday, Oct. 9th. **Lower School will be closed for students on Friday the 9th.** You will be able to sign up for conference times outside your classroom teachers' rooms tomorrow, Thursday, Oct 1st. 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 from 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.

Each year, Johns Hopkins University sponsors the *Center for Talented Youth* Talent Search. The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess, and recognize the academic abilities of highly able students. Applications are available on the Parents' Association table. For additional information please visit [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu). Students who qualify are then able to participate in the Johns Hopkins summer programs.

Have a wonderful week. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Tiffany Rath

[trath@stjohnsec.org](mailto:trath@stjohnsec.org)

## Parents' Association

### Notice about Communication from Room Parents:

In order to streamline communication, Room Parents will only be contacting families at the request of the teacher or to pass on information specific to your child's class. PLEASE read this eNewsletter, subscribe to the Yahoo! Group, check the PA Bulletin Board and your child's bag for information about PA events as they will not be forwarded by the Room Parents. We hope this reduces the work load for Room Parents and the redundancy of information for all families.



### Sally Foster Orders due Monday, October 5

Sally Foster orders are due on Monday, October 5 to be entered into the drawings for the Breakfast Bash with Mr. Harrison (for your child) and the Gala Tickets. No cookie dough orders can be accepted past the October 5th deadline!

Remember to use the SJPDS account number 507204 if you order online at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com). Sally Foster offers free shipping on online orders over \$70 and we can earn funds on orders placed all year long.

Questions? Contact Co-Chairs Katie Martinez [katie0421@aol.com](mailto:katie0421@aol.com) or Julia Rineman [mjrino@comcast.net](mailto:mjrino@comcast.net).

### Dining Out Event: Wednesday, October 6 at Eggspectation

Join us for our 1st Dining Out Event of the year at Eggspectation, located at 6010 University Blvd. in Ellicott City. Visit [www.eggspectations.com](http://www.eggspectations.com) for directions or to check out the menu. Watch your child's folder for the coupon you must present for SJPDS to receive credit for your purchase.

Questions? Contact Co-Chairs Kathy Chappell [chappellfamily@comcast.net](mailto:chappellfamily@comcast.net) or Mona Potter [mona@monapotter.com](mailto:mona@monapotter.com)

### Volunteers Needed: Grandparents/Special Friends' Days, October 15 & 16

Volunteers are needed to support our upcoming Grandparents/Special Friends' Days, scheduled for Thursday, October 15th and Friday, October 16th. Please consider volunteering to help at the Welcome Table, as a Classroom Host or to help with Hospitality! This great event,

that our children enjoy so much, can only succeed with your support!! Thank you!!!

Please contact Kathy Chappell  
chappellfamily@comcast.net if you can help.

### **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, facepainting, games, bake sale, cake walk and dancing with DJ Mark Whipple. Sign-up sheets are now available in the school lobby. We are in need of 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! Very few spaces are still available. Small fees will be charged for Trunk-or-Treat, facepainting, 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.

Questions? Contact Co-Chairs Karen Clark or Sue Holinsky.

### **Yahoo! Group**

To subscribe to the PA Yahoo! Group, please email  
sjpds\_pa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Thank you for your support! If you have any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Rives  
PA President

### After School Programs



Haven't had time to look over our after-school programs? Stop by the Lower School lobby area and check out the activities your child could be involved in. Time is running out! Don't delay! Registration has been extended through October 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Melissa Parlette at [mparlette@stjohnsec.org](mailto:mparlette@stjohnsec.org)

Donations of Equipment and Time Welcome!

The Lower School SJPDS PE Department is getting ready to start its next unit and we need your help! If you have any badminton racquets or nets that you would be willing to donate to the PE Department, please contact Tami Green at [tgreen@stjohnsec.org](mailto:tgreen@stjohnsec.org).



Also, if you are interested in donating your time, please check the sign-up sheet posted outside Mrs. Green's classroom (last room on left, upstairs hallway). She is in search of people willing to help with the students' initial assessments for Presidential Fitness. Thanks ☺

### Summer Reading Forms



Last call for summer reading forms! If your child completed a summer library program at the public library and received a letter for the principal, please turn this into Mrs. Beyer or Mrs. Bentivenga in the media center as soon as possible. If your child completed a library program but did not receive a letter, we will accept a letter from the parents. Those students who completed the public library summer reading will receive a special reward from our library.

### 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.**

### Green School Exhibit



Green School Exhibit at Columbia Mall Town Center: stop by the Mall on the second level near Lord & Taylor and see the lovely display boards from all the "Green Schools" in Howard County, including a board display from St. John's Parish Day School. Sponsored by

the Howard County Public Schools, the display is artful and refreshing. The exhibit will run from September 24th through October 9th. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors to stop by the Mall and enjoy seeing a glimpse of our own St. John's Parish Day School in a public setting.

### 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!**



### Sally Foster

Don't forget if your family participates in the biggest PA fundraiser of the year featuring Sally Foster® giftwrap and gift products and Classic Recipes Cookie Dough, your child's class could win breakfast with Mr. Harrison and you may win a pair of tickets to the 2010 Gala!



- Breakfast Bash with Mr. Harrison: For every class that has 75% student participation, the class will be entered into a random drawing for breakfast with Mr. Harrison.
- For each family that brings a Sally Foster order into school by the October 5 deadline, their name will be entered into a random drawing for the gala tickets. Three families will win a pair of tickets to the 2010 St. John's Gala!

Please offer these items to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. You can e-mail family and friends who are out-of-town and they can order on-line and the orders will be shipped to their front door.

The sale ends on Monday, October 5. Any questions regarding the sale, please contact Julia Rineman (410) 884-0474 or [mjrino@comcast.net](mailto:mjrino@comcast.net); or Katie Martinez (301) 617-9983, [katie0421@aol.com](mailto:katie0421@aol.com). Thank you for supporting our school!

### Annual Gala Kick-Off Meeting

St. John's is heading West for the Gala!  
 8th Annual Gala Kick-off Meeting  
 Thursday October 8, 2009  
 Directly after drop off  
 Clark House 1st Floor Conference Room  
 Cowpokes, Enthusiasm and Cattle Rustlers Welcome  
 Any Questions - Contact Norma Richardson -  
 nrch55@aol.com or 410-299-5948

## Our Episcopal Life

### The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone Smith

**This is a week of celebration for St. John's! On Thursday night we will celebrate the presence and ministry of Steve Harrison, our new Headmaster, at his Installation Service in the historic church.**



**On Thursday morning we will celebrate all the gifts and people that make up St. John's by gathering together for a special All-School Chapel.**

**Throughout these celebrations we will no doubt reflect upon all that makes St. John's unique and excellent from our teachers and staff, to our specials and programs, our chapel life, our care for character building, and our intention to tend to our students in body, mind, and spirit.**

**As we celebrate, notice also that we will be drawing upon another gift of St. John's: our Episcopal tradition. Our Episcopal tradition is one that focuses less on the specifics of doctrine and more on the life of practice; is an Incarnational faith that seeks and sees God in all people whether they think, believe, or act as "we" do or not; is a tradition that holds deep respect for others and emphasizes relationships over "rightness;" and is a tradition that holds that what we do, our life in community and prayer, helps shape what we think.**

**Therefore, when we celebrate St. John's this week, we will do so as a community gathered in worship, lifting up our hearts and lives to God.**

## 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.



## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4th at 1pm (weather permitting)

All are invited to bring their furry, feathered, (and even scaly) pets to be blessed at an informal worship service and celebration on the front lawn near Frederick Road! Gather to thank God for the gifts of creation, especially those creatures that have become your beloved companions and faithful friends.

Some of St. John's youth will host the event, including a reception with both pet and people food. The group is also collecting items to be donated to a local animal shelter (old blankets are especially welcome).

Please be sure your pet is restrained on a leash or in a crate.

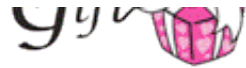
## Girl Scouts

Interested in Girl Scouts for your daughter? Contact Candy Sokolow 410-461-1779 or [cynthysok@msn.com](mailto:cynthysok@msn.com). We are also in need of parent volunteers especially to help start up a brand new Kindergarten Daisy troop.

## 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 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.

## FAAN Walk for Food Allergy!!

### NEWS FROM FAAN WALK FOR FOOD ALLERGY: MOVING TOWARD A CURE!

This year's "Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward A Cure in Baltimore" will take place in Meadowbrook Park in Ellicott City on Saturday, October 10th, at 10:00 AM.



The event, to be held in 33 cities across the country as well as online, is sponsored by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) to increase awareness about food allergy and to raise money for research and education.

Registration for FAAN's Walk for Food Allergy is now open to families, community groups, and anyone else wishing to raise funds for food allergy education and research. Registration is online at [www.foodallergywalk.org](http://www.foodallergywalk.org). Sponsors are also being sought; the Walk is a great way for businesses to show their support for families facing the challenges of managing food allergies.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa

**Maheu at [melissa.maheu@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.maheu@gmail.com).**

## Upcoming Events

Thurs. Oct. 1st - Installation Service for our Head of School, Stephen Harrison at 7:00 PM in the Historic Church



Mon. Oct. 5th - Sally Foster orders are due

Tues. Oct 6th and Wed. Oct. 7th -Individual Picture days

Wed. Oct. 7th - Dining day night at Eggspectations

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

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

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

Thurs. Oct 15th - Grandparents Day

Fri. Oct. 16th - Grandparents Day

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

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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