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St. John's Parish Day School Gala Date Change

The date for this year's Gala has been changed from February 13th, 2010 to Saturday, February 20th, 2010. This change moves the Gala from the long Presidents' Day weekend so that more of our parents and their friends can attend. The Gala will have a western theme this year.

A Note from the Nurse

A big thank you to all the parents who are keeping their children home when they are ill. We know that children are disappointed to miss a day as school begins, but this is extremely important to keep our school community healthy. Please contact our nurse, Lisa Morgan, with any questions at 410-465-7644 x 308 or lmorgan@stjohnsec.org.



If your child is absent please call the absentee line and leave a message for Nurse Morgan at 410-465-6935. There is a new email address this year to send information concerning your child's absence to, absent@stjohnsec.org.

Mbaikini T-Shirt Sale!

We are having a wonderful visitor on Monday, September 21st, James Musyoka, the Director of Kenya Connect in Kenya. Mr. Musyoka will have a warm welcome from all the Lower School students Monday



morning. There will be a united chapel service for



Preschool/Early Childhood and Lower School students on Monday morning with Mr. Musyoka. He will be touring our classrooms during the day, eating lunch with our teachers, and playing a recess with the children. This is a exciting experience for our children to know the impact they have made at the Mbaikini School.

Lower School students, please wear your Mbaikini t-shirts on Monday, September 21st. If you do not have an Mbaikini t-shirt, you are welcome to wear yellow. Please wear uniform pants.

Preschool/Early Childhood Students, you are also welcome to wear yellow on Monday, September 21st.

Lower School students, do you still need an Mbaikini T-Shirt? Last year we have you the opportunity to buy Mbaikini t-shirts and we have another order arriving. We will be selling t-shirts on a first come, first served basis for \$10 each. Now that the students in Kenya already have their t-shirts, you will only be buying a t-shirt for your child.

Sale times are below:

Thurs, Sept. 17th - 3:00 PM in the Lower Commons
(If the t-shirts have not yet arrived, stop back on Friday)
Fri, Sept. 18th - 3:00 PM in the Lower Commons

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!



For all Preschool/Early Childhood Families

Preschool has begun! We've had many, many smiles, a few sad faces, but they truly are short-lived! Honest!!!

Thank you to all who are doing "drop-off". I know it isn't always easy for you, but it is honestly, much easier for your

children. They are so proud when they walk into the classrooms on their own.

You may experience longer "drop off" lines this week and probably next. Since this is a new experience for many of our children, it will take longer than usual. Once we get into a routine, the line moves faster.

The children must exit from the passenger side of the car. We ask that you not get out of the car. Staff will assist your children in getting out of car seats.

We are introducing Chapel and "Specials" (music, art science, physical education) gradually and the children are adjusting beautifully!

A few reminders:

*The only entrance and exit to and from our school is through the glass doors at the foot of the steps by the flagpole. It is for the safety of the children that all other doors remain locked.

*Please go to the Preschool office for all preschool business. The office is on the first floor of the preschool wing, fifth door on the right.

*Sally Foster Gift Wrap fundraiser begins Monday, September 21st for the Preschool. Watch for an order envelope in your child's tote. On-line ordering will be available again this year. Any questions contact Julia Rineman (410-884-0474) or Katie Martinez (301-617-9983).

Lunchbox

I hope your children are enjoying having the lunchbox program here again this year, which delivers hot lunches for the children. Please do not forget to update your child's grade and teacher on the website. Currently, many meals are packed with an incorrect class. If your child is going to be absent, you can cancel their lunch order on the lunchbox website before 8:00 AM.



Parent Association

Thank you to the families who have completed the PA Volunteer form - we have received information from over 65



families who have offered to help in some way! If you haven't gotten a chance to send yours in, it is not too late. Extra copies of the form are located under the PA Bulletin Board in the Lower Commons or on the Yahoo! Group.



To join the PA Yahoo! Group, send an email to sjpds_pa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or to me at colleen_rives@comcast.net.

Need uniforms? Contact the PA Reused Uniform Chair, Karen Tucker at ktloves2swim@msn.com.

Check out our fabulous PA Bulletin Board, located in the Lower Commons area, for calendar information, forms and other updates. Thank you to Jaime and Matt Kline for their hard work!

I was truly amazed at how much goes on behind the scenes before the start of school by PA Volunteers. Thank you to all who have helped, particularly to the following people who helped with the Summer Mailing, Sue Holinsky, Colley Johnson-Ward, Jaime Kline and Amy Paulino; with mentoring new families, Amy Abell, Kathy Chappell, Kristen Conord, Stephanie Havrilla, Suzanne Hustead, Jaime Kline, Kristie Lockwood, Amy Paulino, Julia Rineman, Jenny Toth and Kara Windebank; with the Staff Luncheon, Kristen Conord and Pam Warburton for chairing this event, Karen Clark, Tara DeCapite, Suzanne Hustead, Jaime Kline, Kim McGill, Melissa Newsome, Julia Rineman and Jenny Toth; with the School Picnic, Amy Paulino, for chairing the event, Tami Green for providing equipment for the children, Aria Martin, Jaime and Matt Kline and Kara Windebank and finally with the Early Childhood Popsicle Socials, Jenn Hurley and Kim Henry Lemmonds for chairing the event and all their volunteers!

See you at the Orioles game on Friday!

Colleen Rives
PA President

Sally Foster

On Monday, September 14th, The Parents Association "transformed" the lower school lobby and kicked off our biggest fundraiser of the year featuring Sally Foster® giftwrap and gift products. This year we are happy to introduce, Classic Recipes Cookie Dough and our school will earn 40% profit on these sweet and convenient sales! 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 5th. Any questions regarding the sale, please contact Julia Rineman (410) 884-0474 or Katie Martinez (301) 617-9983. Thank you for supporting our school!

NEW THIS YEAR!

- Our students and teachers have the opportunity to win a 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.
- Three families will be able to win a pair of tickets to the 2010 St. John's Gala! 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.

Our Episcopal Life

This week in Lower School Chapel, Tiffany Rath and Chaplain Jenni have been speaking about prayer and song, and how to weave praising God beyond our time in church or chapel throughout our everyday lives.



Not sure where to start? Perhaps try this with your family:

Find a large die and cover the numbers with a blank sticker or label, or make your own die or cube out of cardboard. On each side of the cube, write a simple prayer. At mealtime, invite a family member to roll the die before you begin eating, and read the prayer aloud

as a family. Sometimes having some words prepared ahead of time can take the "pressure" off when it comes to leading family prayers.

Some ideas for simple prayers for your prayer cube might be:

- For food and family and fellowship God's holy name be praised!
- May the food we are about to receive remind us of all of God's gifts to us, and the gifts we might share with others.
- Today we thank you God for all the blessings of our lives (name your thanksgivings).
- That this table might always be your table, with an open seat for those who need your love and care.
- Try coming up with your own prayers for mealtime, or make a cube for prayers at bedtime.

May you find joy in knowing that your family's prayers join with the prayers of the St. John's family, and of all God's people, in the eternal song of God's Spirit. Amen.

One Worship

**Sunday, September 20
10:00 a.m. in the Front Lawn
the entire St. John's Community
will join in one worship service.
On this day, all five worshipping
congregations join together, which
is followed by the Parish Fair.
Please come and enjoy the morning with your
Friends and Family here at St. John's!**



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. 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.

Army Field Band Concert

The popular United States Army Field Band, musical ambassadors of the Army, will be performing a woodwind recital at St. John's this Sunday at 4:00 PM as part of their Chamber Music Series. The concert will be performed in the church and is free of charge.



Reminders

Fri. Sept. 18th - Pizza Friday begins
(Please send a drink and snack)

Tues. Sept 22nd - Back to School Night for Kindergarten through Second grade at 6:30 in ASH.

Wed. Sept. 23rd - Back to School Night for Preschool/Early Childhood at 6:30 in ASH

Thurs. Sept. 24th - Back to School Night for Third through Fifth grade at 6:30 in ASH

Fri. Sept. 25th - Lower School Early Dismissal at 12:00
(For extended care, please pack a lunch)



Fri. Oct 9th - LS and PS closed
-Lower School parent conferences

Thurs. Oct 15th - Grandparents Day

Fri. Oct. 16th - Grandparents Day

"It is not so much what is poured into a student, but what is planted that counts."

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