



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

*To Learn, Live and Love as Jesus Taught Us*

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# The Eagle Report

## SJE Parent Newsletter

### *Save the Date*

**Wednesday, August 28, 6-8 p.m., Gym**

**Back to School Night/Open House** for Preschool through Grade 8. All parents are highly encouraged to attend.

Presentations from Fr. Maletta, Mrs. Kwasny, Teachers, and more.

**Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day**

NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, Sept. 3 - School Spirit Day**

Healthy Snack Sale /Wear Spirit Clothes

**Thursday, Sept. 5-Room Parent Meeting**

9am, Trinity Hall and 6:30pm, School MEC

**Tuesday, Sept. 10 - 2:00 p.m. Dismissal**

The second Tuesday of each month students are dismissed at 2:00 p.m. to allow for teacher/staff professional development.

There is no afternoon bus service on these days. Oasis is available starting at 2:00 p.m.

**Wed., Sept. 11 - 6:30 p.m.-Virtus Training** (Details page 2.)

**Friday, Sept. 13 - Grandparents Day**

More info coming soon.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2019-20 school year is off to a fast start. I would like to thank all who attended the HSA Welcome Day on August 4. It was a pleasure meeting so many of our families and I look forward to working with you this school year.

In the continuing effort to make SJE the premier school in the area, two additional classrooms were remodeled this summer. The classrooms, along with new Reading, Science and Spanish curriculum, were all made possible by the HSA, and the generosity of our SJE parents and supporters. Thank you all so much! Through your commitment, our students flourish!

Also over the summer, four additional Promethean Boards were installed in the classrooms. Our SJE Education Foundation, which is committed to educational enhancement through technology, made this wonderful addition to our school possible. We now are fortunate enough to have Promethean Boards in every classroom.

There are many directions one could go to advance in the field of education. However, technology is our future and more importantly, it is definitely that of our children. We must remember the responsibility lies with parents/adults to assure the direction is positive. With that in mind, the summer months brought enhancements to our technology security as well. Special thanks to KTS Chicago, Inc., and Mr. Kevin Kreis, for his ongoing technical work and support with this endeavor. His work then, and throughout the year, has been a Godsend.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our SJE parents. Your commitment to Catholic education is truly inspiring. I look forward to seeing all parents at our Back to School Night/Open House on August 28. At that time you'll have an opportunity to meet the teachers and hear about all the great things we have planned to make this a successful school year for all!

God Bless,

Mrs. Michelle Kwasny

## VIRTUS TRAINING IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Diocese of Gary has mandated that all churches and schools provide training sessions for adults who interact with children. Therefore, any person wishing to volunteer at SJE with any activity needs to be trained. The training is called, Virtus Protecting God's Children. St. John the Evangelist Parish will have the Virtus Training Program on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Hall. Call the Parish Office to register at 365-5678.

Parents attending our Virtus session will be given instructions on how to sign up to receive online bulletins and information for setting up their National Background Check. The requirement for parents is to attend a training session as well as complete monthly bulletins for 24 months.

If you have already been trained, please know that you will need to complete the 24 bulletins. You are able to participate in SJE events as long as you are in the Virtus training process and up to date on the monthly bulletins.



This is a reminder that your child's school picture day at St. John Evangelist is on Tuesday, September 17. To order online, please visit:

[www.inter-state.com](http://www.inter-state.com)

and use flyer code: **41358WA** Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. 1-800-952-6450 [www.inter-state.com](http://www.inter-state.com)

### Mandatory Room Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for those of you who have signed up to be Room Parents for this school year. There are 2 sessions to choose from: Thursday, September 5, 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Trinity Hall OR Thursday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., School M.E.C.

The link for Room Parent sign-ups is:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fTyDrCK7z0OU8E8Ecle1i8pl4sPoF4v6-v68lmER0vs/edit?usp=sharing>

\*NOTE – All Room Parents must be Virtus trained.

## *Looking Ahead*

### **Tues., Sept 17 School Pictures - Pre3 & K-8**

This is a dress up day for the students. Appropriate dress required, rules of *NUT* day policy apply.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 18, Pre4 and absentees**

Pre4 will have pictures taken on Sept. 18, along with any students absent on Tuesday.

Dine Out Night-Round the Clock, 11am-9pm

### **Friday, Sept. 27 – Sunday, Sept. 29**

Oktoberfest

### **Saturday, Sept. 28**

First Communion Formation, Gr. 4

### **Tuesday, Oct. 1 - School Spirit Day**

Healthy Snack and Spirit Clothes Today

### **Monday, Oct. 7 - Living Rosary**

The entire school will participate in the Living Rosary at the Day Chapel at 1:45 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 8 – 2:00 Dismissal, NO PM BUS**

### **October 14 - End of First Quarter**

### **October 23 – Race for Education**

More information coming soon!

### **October 24 & 25 – NO SCHOOL – Fall Break**

## TECHNOLOGY TIDBITS

This school year brings many exciting changes to the SJE Computer Lab and Computer Science Curriculum. Many upgrades have been made not only to the equipment, but also to the educational software, teaching tools, and training techniques. Feel free to stop in on Back to School Night, Aug. 28 to see the excitement in action! Changes include:

- Newly replaced secure data storage server and computer lab client server.
- OSMO coding tools for grades K-5 iPads.
- SPHERO education robots, used for complex problem solving lessons, as well as, java script programming lessons for grades K-8.
- Typing Club, a new comprehensive typing program, which motivates students to excel while utilizing computer interface tools for grades 4-8.

3D printing and computer aided design, new to the curriculum, through a program called TinkerCad from AutoDesk, along with an in lab 3D printer for grades K-8.

*Please send any technology questions for future editions of the newsletter to [tpurvines@stjohnparish.org](mailto:tpurvines@stjohnparish.org)*



**Plans for Grandparents Day, Friday, Sept. 13 are well underway. Keep an eye out for invitations to come home in your child's book bag soon!! Please be sure to check out our school website for volunteer opportunities and sign up today!**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LI68E2vCCy-WH99lARaXUHB-YguG1u-ObMmKZgTemyM/edit#gid=9>

### Visitor Arrival Schedule:

**A-F 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.**

**G-O 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.**

**P-Z 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.**

## ***Beginning of School Year Reminders***

### **Food and Nut Policy**

For safety reasons, children may not bring items containing tree nuts (e.g., peanut butter sandwiches) or items processed in factories that also process nuts (e.g., granola bars) to school for lunch or snacks. **This policy also applies to Birthday Treats.** Parents may check the listing on the website for acceptable foods.

### **Parking Lot Procedures**

Thank you for your patience and courtesy to one another. Parking Lot procedures are outlined in the parent handbook. Please make sure that all those who may be dropping off or picking up your children are aware of these procedures, as well. \*Remember - a great alternative to the school lot is the Day Chapel parking lot.

### **Uniforms**

The Parent and Student Handbook outlines acceptable uniform clothing. The handbook does not list items that are "Not Acceptable", only the items that are "Acceptable". If you do not see a certain item, consider it not acceptable. Occasionally exceptions are made for special days. We will notify you via RenWeb/FACTS & announce it to the children on the PA when/if there is an exception.

### **Attendance**

Your child's attendance is important to us. Not only does student attendance lead to academic success, but it also helps to keep our school great. Accreditation and other special honors factor student attendance in order to award schools with those distinctions. Please use prudence when keeping a child out of school for non-emergency reasons and follow the policies outlined in the handbook. Please help to keep our student body and staff healthy by keeping a child who is sick home. Students having a fever must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.



## **OKTOBERFEST FOOD – FUN - FAMILY !!!**

We are in the beginning stages of recruiting volunteers for the St. John Oktoberfest! The dates are ***Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>***.

We are in need of parent workers for various areas, but especially for the food area, beer tent, and parking lot. Please visit:

[www.stjohnoktoberfest.com/volunteer](http://www.stjohnoktoberfest.com/volunteer)

Here you can find the Oktoberfest volunteer sign-up and secure your slot(s)! School families can earn up to 3 service hours at Oktoberfest.

Also check out volunteer opportunities for your middle and high schoolers!

### **Service Hours Policy**

Serving the school in various ways helps to support the school financially and provides a Gospel witness for our students. Each K-8 family is required to serve a minimum of 20 volunteer hours per year. Please submit a service hour form to the school office upon completion of your hours on or by May 1. (\*Reminder – 2 of the 20 hours must be for attending an Alpha class for all SJE parishioner families.)

For those families who choose not to fulfill this requirement, a fee of \$800 will be added to the May 1<sup>st</sup> tuition. The service hour fee cannot be prorated. This fee is not the same as the fundraising fee.

The form for service hours is in the handbook. Some opportunities for service are:

Accelerated Reader Carnival  
Athletics Program  
Book Fair  
Box Tops  
Building and Grounds Maintenance  
Bulk Mail Committee  
Catholic Schools Week Events  
Copy Aide

Daddy Daughter Dance  
Eighth Grade Banquet  
Fr. Maletta's Birthday Celebration  
Field Day  
Grandparents Day  
Kindergarten Celebration  
Lenten Soup Lunch  
Mother/Son Outing

Noon Nurse  
Oktoberfest  
Race for Education  
Science Fair Judge  
Special Projects for Teachers/Principal  
Spirit Day Snacks  
Spring Fling Teacher Appreciation Events  
T.R.I.P.

### **Happenings on our Website**

*Be sure to visit our website for current SJE information, parent forms, and volunteer sign up links:*

[www.sjeschool.org](http://www.sjeschool.org)

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	2  SCHOOL SPIRIT/ HEALTHY SNACK DAY  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	3	4  HSA ROOM PARENT MEETING - 9-10 AM TRINITY HALL OR 6:30-730 PM SCHOOL M.E.C.  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	5	6
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	8	9  2:00 PM DISMISSAL - NO PM BUS  NO ROBOTICS TODAY	10  VIRTUS TRAINING - 6:30 PM, TRINITY HALL (RSVP 365-5678)	11  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	12  GRANDPARENTS DAY	13
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	15	16  PICTURE DAY - PRE 3 & K-8  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	17  PICTURE DAY - PRE 4  DINE OUT DAY - ROUND THE CLOCK 11:00 - 9:00 PM	18  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	19  FIRST ALL SCHOOL MASS	20
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	22	23  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	24	25  ROBOTICS CLUB 3:00-4:30 PM	26  OKTOBERFEST FIRST CHESS CLUB	27
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