



St. John the Evangelist Regional
Catholic School
Monthly School Newsletter
November 2018

Principal's Message:

November is a month that we seriously reflect on all of our blessings. It is with a grateful heart that we acknowledge our superintendent, Dr. Maureen Marsteller, our wonderful faculty, parents and students. They all help to make St. John School the great place that it is.

We ask for your continued prayers for all involved with the school and wish all of you God's choicest blessings.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be distributed on Monday, November 5th. Report cards for Grades K-8 will be generated through Power School. Preschool will receive progress reports.

Please review your child's report card and prepare any questions that you may have so that they can be answered at the conferences.

Tuition and all financial obligations including Sarris Candy Sale/After School Care/ Home & School Dues/Sports Fees must be current for your child to receive his/her report card.

Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences:

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. There is no school on that day but the children are required to be present at the conferences. Grade K and Grade 5 conferences will also be held on Wednesday, November 7th. There is no school for Kindergarten or Grade 5 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Character Development:

The second nine weeks we will be working on the value of compassion while continuing to instill the values of respect and responsibility. We are hopeful that the children will practice these values at home as well as in school. The students will continue to hear inspirational messages daily over the public address system.



Thanksgiving:

A mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21st. Grade 4 is in charge of the Liturgy. Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. on that day. Thanksgiving vacation is from Nov. 22nd - Nov. 26th. School will resume on Tuesday, November 27th.

Sarris Candy Sale:

Our Sarris Candy Sale was a huge success. This was our fourth year having this fund raiser. We had very positive feedback!

Bullying Policy:

In conjunction with the diocese, we have adopted an anti-bullying policy. A copy is available in the office if you need one.

Forensics Tournament:

Senora Bryan has been busy preparing the seventh and eighth grade students for the forensics tournament which will be held at Our Lady of the Valley in Donora on Tuesday, November 20th. The students will be presenting humorous as well as dramatic speeches. We wish them the best of luck. Our students always represent St. John School very well. They make us so proud.

Father/Daughter-Mother/Son Dances:

The Father/Daughter dance will be held Friday, November 2nd from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Mother/Son dance will be held on Saturday, November 3rd also from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The theme is "Dancing through the Decades." Everyone is encouraged to dress in their favorite decade style. Many thanks to Kristen Shumar and Victoria Crable for spearheading these dances.



Important Dates:

Religious:

- Nov. 1 – 9:00 Mass - All Saints' Day
Grade 5 in charge of Liturgy
Nov. 21 - 9:00 Thanksgiving Liturgy
Grade 4 is in charge of the Liturgy.

Secular:

- Nov. 1 – 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal-Teacher's Meeting
Nov. 2 – Grade 8 will visit Geibel
Nov. 2 – 6:00 – 8:00 Father/Daughter Dance in gym
Nov. 3 – 6:00 – 8:00 Mother/Son Dance in gym
Nov. 5- Report Cards will be sent home.

All tuition and fees must be current in order for the child/ren to receive their report cards.

- Nov. 5 – Preview Book Fair
Nov. 6 – Book Fair Family Event 8:00-12:00 5:00-7:00
Nov. 6 - No School PreK - Grade 8
Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
Preschool - Grade 8
School is NOT in session - Please use glass doors or door by Grade 1. All others will be locked.
Nov. 7- Grade K & 5 Conferences- No School(K&5)
Nov. 7 - Girls Basketball Team goes to Pitt
Nov. 7 – Last day of Book Fair
Nov. 7 - 6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting
Nov. 12 - No School - Veteran's Day
Nov. 14 - Bake Sale sponsored by Team Chris
Dress Down Day - \$1.00
Nov. 16 - 1:30 p.m. Academic assembly for those students who attained academic excellence and/or perfect attendance
Nov. 19 – 2:30-3:30 Choir Practice
Nov. 20 - Forensics Tournament at Our Lady of the Valley / Grades 7 & 8
Nov. 21 - 11:30 dismissal - Thanksgiving Vacation
Nov. 22 - 26 Thanksgiving Vacation
Nov. 27 - School Resumes
Nov. 30 – Yearbook Ads Due

Yearbook:

Mrs. Palya and the eighth grade class always create a memorable yearbook. If you wish to order a yearbook, please fill-out the enclosed form and return it to the school office. The cost of the yearbook is \$30.00 Please make checks payable to St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School by November 30th. Mrs. Palya is in charge of the ads. Mrs. Kurosky tracks the payments and orders. Every 8th grader is responsible for placing an ad in the yearbook.

Reminders:

1. Boys' hair is not to be any longer than the earlobe.
2. All doors of the school are locked at 8:15 - the doors are not to be left open or propped for any reason.
3. Cell phones are not permitted in school. In the event of a family emergency, the cell phone may be kept in the school office. However, even this is discouraged since we have several phone lines which service our school and the children can be reached in seconds.
4. All girls' uniforms and boys' blazers should have our school emblem on them. Blazers are mandatory after November 1st for Grades 6-7-8.
5. Shorts are not to be worn after October 30th.

Student Honored

We are very happy to announce that one of our students was chosen for the Student Spotlight Award at the Golden Apple breakfast. Mallory Chaikic, Grade 3 was one of three students in the Greensburg Diocese chosen for this prestigious award.

Congratulations Mallory!!!!

New Leo Club Members:

The members for our Leo Club this year are:
Grade 7: Victoria Brown, Savannah Johnson, Juliann Zimcosky, Gracie Ross. Grade 8: Juliet Wontroba (President), Laura Bowers (Secretary), Sophie Zimcosky (Vice-President).

They will be making a difference in their community by working together on service projects. The local Lions Club will be sponsoring this organization. These students will develop leadership skills, serve their community and more than anything, have a good time.

Mrs. Kurosky, Mr. Pillar and Ms. Casteel are the sponsors of this club.



Thank you to:

- *Mark Doorley for marathon prizes.
- *Rich Shumar for shopping for Halloween treats.
- *Kristen Shumar, Victoria Crable, Susan Blanda, Jamie Kuritz and Jennifer Stacoviak for packing the Halloween treat bags.
- *Bill Poninsky for helping with the lunch tables when Mr. Marty was not here.

Basketball Team Goes to Pitt:

Our girls basketball team has been invited to see the Pitt Girls Basketball Team play on Wednesday, November 7th at the Peterson Event Center.

Through the efforts of the parents and the girls enough money was raised to pay for the trip.

Joy Anderson, Jason Taylor and all the parents spearheaded the fundraising efforts by having a food /bake sale at Darby's. We are sure that they will have a wonderful trip. Jason Taylor, Keith Frankenfield and Joy Anderson will chaperone the trip.



The girls' basketball season is coming to end. The girls represented St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic school very well. We would like to thank Mr. Jason Taylor, Mr. Keith Frankenfield, and Ms. Kalie Davis for all of their help coaching this year.



Boys Basketball:

The boy's basketball season will be starting the beginning of November. We would like to thank Rich Shumar, Eric Vitakacs, Vince Zapotosky, and Justin Goletz for coaching the teams. It is not too late to sign up. If your son is interested in joining, please come to the office for a sports registration form. If any parents are interested in helping coach, please contact the office.

J-Ball:

J-Ball will start after the Girls Basketball playoffs schedule. We will keep you informed.

Winning Sports Ticket:

September's winning number was 546 which was sold by the Barrera Family and won by Ms. Amy Stout. Congratulations!!

Reminder / Request:

For those parents who pick their child(ren) up by car at the end of the day, please **STAY** in your cars! Many thanks for your cooperation.

Directories:

The directories for the 2018-2019 school year have been completed. If you ordered a directory, we have enclosed it in this packet. We still have a three left. They are \$8.00 and can be purchased in the school office.

Many thanks to Cindy Stirling for compiling all the necessary information and to Kim Paull for tracking the orders.

November's Nutritional Recipe:

Berry Tasty Muffins

1 c. flour	1 c. blueberries, washed
1 c. oatmeal	1 egg
3 tbsp. sugar	1 c. milk
4 t. baking powder	1/4 c. vegetable oil
1 t. salt	nonstick spray

1. Preheat oven 400 degrees
2. In large bowl, mix the flour, oatmeal, sugar, salt, and baking powder.
3. Mix in blueberries.
4. In another bowl, break the egg and use a fork to beat it just a bit. Then add milk and oil and mix.
5. Add mixtures together in large bowl.
6. Mix about 25-30 times. Your muffin mix should be lumpy, not smooth.
7. Spray muffin tin with non stick spray. Spoon in muffin mix. Fill 2/3 way up.
8. Bake for about 20 minutes.
9. When done baking, remove from pan and cool on wire rack.
10. Enjoy your berry tasty muffins!

PREP TIME : about 40 minutes



