



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

Everyone seems to be glad to be back at school and beginning to adjust to the routine. It is so good to see new faces and families at St. John's. We truly welcome them with open arms. We are also glad to see familiar faces as well and commend all who place such a high value on their child(ren)'s education.

Our Sarris Candy sale will begin on Monday, August 27th. It will end on September 28th. (See attached flyer)

This is the first of our three mandatory fundraisers. Everyone is required to do their part. Some families have chosen to pay \$600.00 instead of fundraising. Please notify the office if you would like to choose this option.

We ask for your continued prayers for a wonderful school year and pray that God will continue to bless the entire St. John family.

Important:

Information to Be Returned By September 7th:

1. Emergency Card - (1 per student)
2. Transportation Sheet - (1 per family)
3. Gym Form - (1 per student)
4. Internet Information -
****See enclosed flier****
5. Textbook Loan
(White card - 1 per family)
6. (Free / Reduced Lunch)
7. Family Survey (all families please return
this helps with government funding)
8. Photography Permission Form (1 per family)
9. Mission Statement
10. Student Health History



After-School Care

After-school care began on Mon. August 27th, Mrs. Carole Morris will take care of Grades Pre-K, K, 1, and 2 in Kindergarten Room on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday. Mrs. Lenora Kushnar will take care of Grades 3-8 in the Preschool Room on Mondays, Wednesdays and Pre-Grade 2 on Thursdays. Ms. Kim Paull will take care of Grades 3-8 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Friday. Mrs. Michelle Broadwater will take care of Pre-Grade 2 on Fridays and Grades 3-8 every other Friday.

The cost of the program is \$5.00 for the first hour. The hours are 2:30 - 5:30. Please contact the school office for more information.

Lifetouch Pictures

Lifetouch studios will be at St. John's to take the students' pictures on Monday, September 17th. Each child must have an envelope stating what packet has been chosen as well as the amount enclosed in order for the pictures to be ordered.

These packets are enclosed with this month's newsletter. Each child will have his/her pictures taken for the composite class picture as well as the yearbook. Students may dress-up for these pictures - **please no jeans, tennis shoes or t-shirts.**

Grandparents' Day

Please see the enclosed flyer.



Character Development

Our Character development program is a work in progress. We are seeing a vast improvement as we move into our seventh year of implementation.

The values of respect and responsibility will be emphasized during the first nine weeks.

Core Team Ticket

The Core Team is sponsoring a ticket. The winner will receive gift certificates for local businesses. If you are able to donate between \$5 and \$25 towards this effort it would be greatly appreciated. Please send in your donation to the school office marked with your name and amount of donation. Many thanks for all your support.

Student Council

We will have student council elections on Friday, August 31st at 9:00 a.m. Students in Grades 4 - 8 elect representatives from their classes to be on council.



The entire school votes for the President and Vice-President after hearing the students' speeches. These students are selected from the seventh and eighth grade classes.

Every year outstanding students are elected and do a remarkable job in representing our school. We are confident that this year will also be an exceptional year! Please keep the students in your prayers.

Once again there will be no incentives given to students by the children running for office. Posters may be made and hung.

On Friday, September 14th at 1:00 p.m., the students who are elected will be inducted in a Church ceremony.

Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Program will begin on Tuesday, September 4th, and will run from 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. each day. Mrs. Lenora Kushnar will be in charge of this program. The cost is \$2.00 for full pay students and 40¢ for reduced lunch students. Milk is 85¢.

Lunch Program

Our Lunch Program will begin on the first day of school. Hot lunch is \$3.40. Salads are available both chef and grilled chicken. The cost is \$3.40. Reduced lunch is 40¢. Milk is available for 85¢ (if bought separately). Al a Carte is available for \$2.15.

Preschool Begins

Our Preschool classes will begin on Tuesday, September 4th. Miss Casteel has been busy preparing her classroom for all for the new students. Mrs. Broadwater & Mrs. Morris will help out when needed.

Deficiencies

Deficiencies will be mailed on Sept. 28th. If your child(ren) receives a deficiency, please contact the teacher(s) so that a plan can be developed to help your child work to his/her potential. It is important

that the home and school work together for the betterment of the child.

Scout Sign-up

Mr. Paul Kania and Mr. Paul Buckel will be available on Tuesday evening, September 18th, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in our gym to register boys in Grades K-8 for Cub Scouts as well as Boy Scouts.

Clearances:

If you plan on volunteering on being a chaperone for field trips, you must have your clearances. Please see the office for details.

Homework on the Web

Our web address is:
www.stjohnevangalistschool.org

Thanks to Mrs. Kim Paull, Mrs. Amy Palya and Mrs. Cindy Stirling for maintaining our web page. Every evening homework assignments are put on the web so that our parents can work with the children to ensure that all the homework is completed.

Mrs. Stirling posts the assignments on a daily basis. Students are still expected to write their assignments in their assignment books.

Home and School Association

There will be a Home and School meeting this year on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Home and School Officers: Kristen Shumar- President, Kelly Fisher- Secretary, and Kim Paull - Treasurer. We also have Core Team consisting of: Joy Anderson, Gianna Barrera, Susan Blanda, Kathleen Bryner, Jennifer and Ron Chaikcic, Lauren Clemmer, Victoria Crable, Kellie Davis, Rebecca Dowling, Andrew and Barbara Duda, Christine and Keith Frankenfield, Stephanie Gresh, Michelle Hudock, Janet Johnson, Jamie Kuritz, Richard Shumar, and Jennifer Stacoviak.

If any of our new parents are interested in being a member of this board, please contact the school office. All are welcome. Also, please feel free to contact any of the above parents with any questions you may have. We want all of our families to truly be a part of our St. John family.

Important Dates:

Religious:

- Sept. 10 - 9:30 a.m. - Grandparents Day
Prayer service in Church
- Sept. 14 - 1:00 p.m. - Student Council Inductions
(in Church)
- Sept. 20 - 9:00 a.m. School Mass (Grade 7 in charge of
Liturgy)
- Sept. 25 - 10:00 a.m. All Schools Mass - Greensburg
Grades 7&8 and Class Representatives
Bishop Malesic will celebrate Mass

Secular:

- Aug. 31 - 9:00 a.m. Student Council Elections
- Sept. 3 - No School / Labor Day
- Sept. 4 - Preschool Begins
- Sept. 5 - 6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting
- Sept. 6 - 12:30 p.m. Dismissal - Teachers Meeting
- Sept. 12 - Bake Sale - sponsored by Team Shelly
Dress-down day - \$1.00
- Sept. 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Home & School Meeting in gym
- Sept. 14 - 1:00 p.m. - Student Council Inductions
- Sept. 15 - CYO Girls Basketball begins
- Sept. 17 - 8:30 - Lifetouch will take school pictures
Grades PreK - 8
- Sept. 19 - Entire School picture taken for calendar
- Sept. 24-25 - Personal Safety Program presented by
Pat Mowen of the Crime Victim's Center
for Grades Pre - 8.
- Sept. 26 - Individual Pictures will be taken for the "School
Calendar"
- Sept. 28 - Deficiencies will be mailed
- Sept. 28 - Sarris Candy Sale Ends



Special Thanks To:

- Michelle Broadwater for helping pack the August Newsletter.
- Joy Anderson, Michelle Hudock, Kelly Fisher, Rebecca Dowling, and Carole Morris for helping to set up for Meet & Greet.
- Joel Hudock for assembling the new piano/organ.
- Jim Ross for repairing doors and locks.
- Keith Frankenfield for paper for the office.
- Mr. Phil Mahoney for helping with Code Enforcement.

Facebook

St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School has a Facebook page! Search the school and like our page at: www.facebook.com/stjohnevangalistschool

Meet & Greet Night

Thanks to all who came to Meet and Greet Night. If you were unable to come, please fill-out the enclosed sheet and return it to the office as soon as possible so that we can begin to compile the directory.

Thanks especially to the Core Team for helping during the evening.



Please Help Our School:

There are many ways you can help our school earn money an/or equipment. We have been able to secure playground equipment, overhead projectors, t.v.'s etc... through different companies.

(1) Boxtops

Mrs. Michelle Hudock coordinates this effort and we are most grateful to her. Please send your labels and boxtops to the office.

(2) Please register your advantage card so that a portion of the money spent at **Giant Eagle** will go directly to St. John School.

You may register by calling 1-800-474-4777.

1. Enter your 12-digit Giant Eagle

- Advantage Card number beginning with 4 below the bar code
- Press 2
 - Enter our school I.D. #1094 followed by the # sign
 - Press 1
 - Press 3

Or register on line: www.gianteagle.com

(3) Target cards

Please register your target cards so that St. John's will receive a percentage of the profits.

(4) Tyson Project A+ Products

See attached flyer with participating products. Please send in labels into office and we will forward to Mrs. Hudock.

(5) Shop-N-Save Perks Card

Register your Shop-N-Save Perks card by going Online to:

<http://www.shopsavefood.com/Perks/PerksCard/PerksCardRegistration.aspx>
Part of the registration part will be to designate a school. Each time you swipe your card, points will go into St. John's account.



Sports Tickets:

If your child is involved in our sports program, you will find your monthly sports tickets in this packet. They are due in the school office September 24th. This month's sports tickets were sponsored by The Clemmer Family. Thank you to the following families for sponsoring a month: Blanda Family, Barrera Family, Kuritz Family, Fayette Regional Eyecare (Ross Family), and the Bolish Family.

Cafeteria Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the cafeteria. You can pick the day you can work and the hours are 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call the office. Just a reminder that you need clearances to volunteer. Thank you for your cooperation.

Choir

We are so grateful to Mrs. Mary Williams for directing the choir this year. Mrs. Diane Lavery is our organist and Mrs. Michelle Hudock will also be helping. The women are extremely talented and will do a wonderful job with our children's choir. Thanks Mary, Diane and Michelle for sharing your gifts with us.

Sports Information

A special thank you to Jason Taylor and Mike Fisher for continuing to be our athletic directors this year.

Dress Down Days

For many years, we charged 50 cents for a student to dress down on Bake Sale day.

This year, we decided to raise it to \$1.00. Please keep in mind that it is an optional choice. No student has to dress down on dress down day.

Student Accident Insurance

One of the benefits for our students and families is the student accident insurance which supplements parents' insurance for certain covered expenses related to an accident. This insurance is in effect during the hours and days when school is in session, and while attending school sponsored and supervised activities.

This insurance provides payment of covered, medically necessary expenses, incurred for treatment of an injury caused by a covered accident up to a maximum limit of \$6,000,000 incurred within ten (10) years. The coverage is excess over any other collectible insurance plans. Written notice of a claim must be given to the insurance company within 90 days of the accident. The first expense must be incurred within 90 days following the accident.

We strive to provide a safe environment for our students; but, unfortunately accidents do occur. If you need to file request reimbursement through this program, please follow the steps below:

1. In the event of an accident, notify the school immediately.
2. The school will complete and sign Part 1 of the Loss Reporting form, and then forward this form to the parents of the injured student. The Loss Reporting form provides additional reporting instructions.
3. The parents will complete and sign Part 2 of the Loss Reporting form in full, remembering to include the name and mailing address of both parents' employers, as well as other information regarding the parents' insurance.
3. The claim form must be submitted within 90 days from the date of the injury. It is not necessary to wait for bills to be received to send in a claim form on a particular accident.

Student Accident Insurance / 24-Hour Accident Plan

Parents also have the option to purchase 24-Hour Accident coverage to extend the school time accident protection to a full 24 hours a day plan that provides the same benefits against accidents that occur anytime. Parent can enroll students online at www.BollingerSchools.com or complete an enrollment form and mail it along with payment. The annual cost of enrollment is \$88.00. Under the 24-Hour Plan, benefits are payable for expenses incurred up to a \$500,000 maximum. If you would like additional information regarding Student Accident Insurance, please contact the school.

ESAP: Elementary Student Assistance Program

It has always been a priority here at St. John to provide for the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual welfare and safety of our students. As professionals, we make every effort to identify student problems quickly and resolve them appropriately.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education offers us a wealth of support through its state funded Student Assistance Program. We have participated in the program since its inception, but this year we hope to use even more of the community and state resources available for the benefit of our children.

Our building ESAP team consists of Mrs. Roskovensky, chairperson, Ms. Tina Matyi, guidance counselor, Mrs. Cathy Poninsky, Mrs. Amy Palya, and Mrs. Renee Petrovich. All have received the training necessary to serve in this official capacity. Referrals may be made by teachers, staff, administration, or classmates; parents and students may also self-refer in order to seek help.

The work of the team is only initiated after receiving parent consent, and all information is strictly confidential.



Service Project:

The following is a list of each grades service project for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Pre K : Cards for Childrens' Hospital
- Grade K: Cards to residents of Mt. Macrina, Laurel Ridge, Senior Citizen Pen Pal, Golden Living
- Grade 1 : Cherry Tree
- Grade 2: Fayette Friends of Animals
- Grade 3: Operation Christmas Child
- Grade 4: Allegheny Hospital Burn Unit/Christmas Cards/Servicemen/women overseas VA Hospital
- Grade 5: St. Vincent de Paul
- Grade 6: St. Jude's Hospital - cards for hospitalized children
- Grade 7: Food for the Poor
- Grade 8: Crime Victims' Center



School Calendar:

We are creating a school calendar again this year. Each month, a different grade will be featured. The students' pictures will be in the calendar. These pictures will be taken on September 26th. The teachers will inform the students about what to wear. The following is a list of months with the grade:

January - Grade 1	July - Preschool
February - Grade 4	August - Grade 2
March - Grade 8	September - Entire School
April - Grade K	October - Grade 6
May - Grade 5	November - Grade 3
June - Faculty	December - Grade 7

On Wednesday, September 19th, a school picture will be taken with the entire student body in uniform. The cost of the calendar is \$20.00. For an additional \$6.00 each, any important date that you want placed on the calendar will be added (Ex. - student's birthday, anniversaries etc...). The calendars will be ready by November and would make great Christmas gifts. (Please see the enclosed flier). A special thanks to Mrs. Palya and Ms. Paull for coordinating this effort. Please contact either of them with any questions you may have.

