



St. John the Evangelist Regional  
Catholic School  
Monthly School Newsletter  
November 2020

**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, the Board of Trust Administrators, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. Grades K & 2 conferences will also be held on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. There is no school for Grades K & 2 only 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 25<sup>th</sup>. Grades 1 and 6 will attend. Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. on that day. Thanksgiving vacation is from Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. School will resume on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sarris Candy Sale:**

Our Sarris Candy Sale was a huge success. This was our sixth 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. Due to the COVID pandemic, we will be having our own Forensic Tournament. They will practice their speeches in their individual classes and have a competition during the month of November, with St. John teachers acting as judges.



## Important Dates:

### Religious:

- Nov. 5 - 9:00 Mass - Grades 6 & 4
- Nov. 12 - 9:00 Mass - Grades 6 & 3
- Nov. 19 - 9:00 Mass - Grades 6 & 2
- Nov. 25 - 9:00 Mass - Grades 6 & 1

### Secular:

- Nov. 2- 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. 2 - Preview Book Fair
- Nov. 3-4 - Book Fair Family Event 8:00-12:00  
5:00-7:00
- Nov. 3 - 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. Masks must be worn and temperatures will be taken.
- Nov. 4- Grade K & 2 Conferences- **No School (for Grades K & 2)**
- Nov. 4 - 6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting
- Nov. 5 - 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal-Teacher's Meeting
- Nov. 5 - 8:00 .m. - 10:00 a.m. Last day of Book Fair
- Nov. 6 - Academic assembly for those students who attained academic excellence and/or perfect attendance
- Nov. 11 - **No School - Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 18 - Bake Sale sponsored by Team Shelly  
Dress Down Day - \$1.00
- Nov. 20 - Spirit Day
- Nov. 25 - 11:30 dismissal - Thanksgiving Vacation
- Nov. 26-30 - Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 1 - School Resumes
- Dec. 4 - Yearbook Ads Due

### 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.

4. All girls' uniforms and boys' blazers should have our school emblem on them. Blazers are mandatory after November 1<sup>st</sup> for Grades 6-7-8.
5. Shorts are not to be worn after October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### New Eager Eagles Leo Club Members:

The members for our Leo Club this year are:  
Marques Murray - President  
Nicole Barrera, Sophia Bator, Aliya Davis, Claire Kuritz, Nyah McDowell, Gavin Mountan, Skylar Pike, Michaela Ross, and Sarah Shumar.

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, Miss Casteel and Mrs. Lucostic are the sponsors of this club.

### Thank you to:

- \*Sheba Family for water for the children and cleaning supplies.
- \*Crable Family for water for the children.
- \*Rich Shumar for shopping for Halloween treats.
- \*Kristen Shumar, Victoria Crable, Susan Blanda, Regina Shirk, Gianna Barrera, Jackie Pheasant, Colleen Bauer and Jennifer Stacoviak for packing the Halloween treat bags.
- \*Duda Family for case of water.



### Basketball:

We are combining the girls and boys basketball season this year. The season will be a short one but we are grateful that we can offer this sport at this time.

We are also grateful to our coaches, Jim Davis, Jen Speggen, Lauren and Shawn Clemmer, Andrew Duda, Louie Centofanti, and Clinton Zehala for their willingness to give of their time and talent to help to make this season a success.



### Winning Sports Ticket:

September's winning number was 499 which was sold by the Zehala Family and won by Rich Baker. Congratulations!!

### Donations Needed for Santa Secret Shop:

We are in need of wrapping paper, gift bags, bows, tape and tissue paper for the Santa Secret Shop. If you can, please send items into office as soon as you can. Thank you for your support.

### St. Jude's:

Thank you to all students in Grade K-8 who participated in the St. Jude's Mathathon. Not only did they practice their Math skills, but they were able to help many children at the hospital with their donations. The SJE students raised a total of \$1,428.00. Thank you so much for supporting this activity.

### 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 2020-2021 school year have been completed. If you ordered a directory, we have enclosed it in this packet. We have a few 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.

### Yearbook:

Mrs. Palya and the eighth grade class always create a memorable yearbook. The forms to order the yearbook will be included in next month's newsletter. Mrs. Palya is in charge of the ads. Mrs. Kurosky tracks the payments and orders. **Every 8<sup>th</sup> grader is responsible for placing an ad in the yearbook and will be due December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### CFFC Grant:

Congratulations to Mrs. Poninsky and Mrs. Palya for obtaining nine document cameras for our school through the Community Foundation of Fayette County IDEA Grant 2020. The grant was for \$1,088.91.

### Contest Winners:

The winners of the 2020 National School Bus Safety Week Coloring Contest sponsored by Rittenhouse Bus Lines are as follows:

Preschool – Scarlett Lucostic  
Kindergarten – Lillian Speicher  
Grade 1 – Kinsley Rodeheaver  
Grade 2 – Camrie Schoch  
Grade 3 – Maria Duda  
Grade 4 – Carter Seipel  
Grade 5 – Elie Nickman  
Grade 6 – Samantha Carl



