

St. John the Evangelist Regional
Catholic School
Monthly School Newsletter
February 2025



Principal's Message:

A wonderful, fun and exciting Catholic Schools Week is being enjoyed by our students. Thanks to all who made it so special.

St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School is a family centered school. A huge thank you to all our loyal, supportive parents who place such a high value on Catholic Education.

Registration/Financial Aid

All of you received a registration form as well as a financial aid packet on Catholic Schools Sunday. **The FACTS Grant and Aid will need the following this year:**

1. FACTS is requiring the 2023 tax returns.
2. Families do not need to upload W-2's.
3. Families DO have to apply again this year.

It is very important that you apply for aid as soon as possible to maximize the aid you receive. Your child must be registered in order to apply for aid. *March 14th is the deadline for applying for aid.

The Community Foundation of Fayette County will accept applications for tuition assistance for our parents. You will receive the application as soon as we receive it which is usually in May. Please apply!!!!

Character Development

As we continue our character development program, the third nine weeks will be concentrating on the value of honesty. We will continue to incorporate respect, responsibility, compassion and caring into the curriculum as well as the everyday life of the students.

Please encourage these values at home. Expect the most of your child and he/she will undoubtedly meet or exceed your expectations.

Valentine's Day

The teachers will have a small Valentine exchange in their rooms at 1:30 on Friday, February 14th. **Students are to be in uniform on this day.** The Home and School Association will supply the treats. Thank you Barb Duda, Vicky Crable and Jackie Pheasant for packing the bags. We thank them in advance. Also, thank you to Mrs. Rittenhouse for shopping for the Valentine treats. We are respectfully requesting that no extra treats be sent in! This is in keeping with our character development program, self-discipline, self-control and fairness to all.



Spaghetti Dinner

Our annual spaghetti dinner will be held on Wednesday, February 19th.

Much help is needed the day of the event. Many of you signed up to help at the spaghetti dinner at the Meet and Greet Night. If you can spare a few hours and have not previously signed up, please contact one of the following or fill out the enclosed form and return to the school office. **This year we will only have take out and/or delivery.** Any questions call Jackie Pheasant 724-366-8155 or Kristen Shumar 412-691-2267.

****Every family is required to buy/sell at least 12 tickets for the spaghetti dinner. This is the second of three mandatory fundraisers.**
****Please see the enclosed form for ordering information.**

Social Media Presentation

Students in Grades 6,7,8 will hear a presentation concerning social media on Wednesday, February 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym.

The presentation will be given by Trooper Tristan Tappe of the Pennsylvania State Police. She will review rules about postings, photos, inappropriate correspondence etc.

We strongly suggest and encourage parents to attend as well.

Religious Dates:

Feb. 13 - 9:00 a.m. School Mass
Feb. 20 - 9:00 a.m. School Mass
Feb. 27 - 9:30 a.m. School Mass

Secular Events:

Feb. 3 - NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
Feb. 4 - No School for Pre, K, 1, 2, 3,4
Parent/Teacher/Child Conferences
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 in session
Feb. 5 - ALL MARATHON MAILERS DUE
Feb. 5 - 6:30 p.m. Core Team Meeting
7:15 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner Meeting
Feb. 6 - 12:30 pm Early Dismissal Teacher's Meeting
Feb. 10 - 12:30 p.m. Mr. Yuk visits Grade 1
Feb. 10 - 2:30-3:30 Choir
Feb. 12 - Bake Sale - Dress-Down Day \$1.00
Feb. 14 - 1:30 p.m. Valentine Exchange
Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day
Feb. 18 - 2:30-3:30 Leo Club
Feb 19 - NO SCHOOL - Act 80 Day
Feb. 19 - Spaghetti Dinner
Feb. 20 - Money due to be eligible for the \$25.00
cash box (marathon)
Feb. 21 - 1:00 p.m. - \$25.00 Cash Box
Feb. 28 - Mechanical Engineering Competition

ACT 80 Day

There will be no school for the students on Wednesday February 19th. The teachers will have an ACT 80 day.

WMBS



Our children have been featured on WMBS beginning January 26, 2025. They promoted our school for Catholic Schools Week. Thanks to Amy Palya for all of her hard work on this project. Thank you to Vince Roskovensky for sponsoring the commercials.

Deficiencies

Deficiencies will be mailed on Friday, February 28th. Please review these deficiencies with your child(ren). Also, please contact the teacher(s) who issued the deficiency to try and rectify the problem.

It is so important that the school and home work together to help the children.



Marathon

The school marathon will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025 at Hutchinson Park. You will receive your marathon mailers on Catholic School Sunday.

Please return them to the school office by **Wednesday, February 5th** so we can send **them at a bulk rate.** A special thank-you to Mrs. Hearn for her excellent work on the marathon. Many thanks to all of your prayers, support and cooperation.

Lunch Program Policy

Since we are part of the National School Lunch Program, we need to have the following policy: Parents who choose the school lunch program are to pay for lunches in a timely fashion (ie. Weekly, monthly) by cash or check. Parents/guardians will be contacted when their child/ren have a balance owed to the school, so the parents can pay the unpaid balance. Students will continue to receive a regular school lunch even if there is no money in their lunch account, up to a total of \$20.00. When the amount owed reaches \$20.00, students will be given an alternate lunch (cheese sandwich) until the balance is owed has been paid. Students will not be able to purchase ala cart items from the cafeteria if their outstanding balance is over \$20.00

Parents are eligible to apply for free/reduced lunches at the beginning of the school year.

Parent Envelopes

In order to keep costs to a minimum, we would greatly appreciate EVERY family returning the white parent envelope each month. Thank you for your cooperation!!

Clearances

Please make sure that your clearances are up to date. In order to help chaperone or help with the school events, you must have all your clearances current (within 5 years.) Any questions, please call the office.

Leo Club

We are happy to announce that our Leo Club collected \$366.91 for the Salvation Army during our Christmas Program this year. Way to go Leo Club!!

Donation

A special shout-out to Mayor Bill Gerke and the Schiano Family (2G Brothers Pizza) for donating all the pizza for family night Bingo. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you:

- To Mrs. Poninsky for the marathon prizes.
- To all the parents who donated personal care items for the senior citizens.
- To Mr. John Daniloski for live streaming the Christmas Program
- To Kristen for making the bows for the Catholic Schools Week baskets.
- To Kristen Shumar, Kim Hearn and Mrs. Roskovensky for stuffing bulletins for Open House.
- To Vicky Crable for taking and developing the pictures for Santa Secret Shop.

Wellness Corner



February Recipe:

Incredible Edible Veggie Bowls

- 1 green, yellow, or red pepper, washed
 - 1 bunch of celery, washed
 - 1 carrot, washed and peeled
 - Your favorite salad dressing
1. Cut the pepper in half. Clean out the seeds from the inside. Now you have two pieces. One will be your pepper shaped bowl.
 2. Cut the other half of the pepper into skinny pieces.
 3. Cut the carrot into skinny sticks about 4" long.
 4. Cut the celery into skinny sticks so each one is about 4" long.
 5. Put a little salad dressing in the bottom of your pepper bowl.
 6. Put celery sticks, carrot sticks, and pepper slices into the pepper bowl.
 7. Now you've got a portable veggie treat! You can pull out the veggies and eat them with a little dressing. Then when you're finished with the veggies, it's time to eat the bowl!



February Safety Tips: Signs of Dehydration

In addition to being thirsty, here are some signs of dehydration: feeling lightheaded, dizzy, or tired, rapid heartbeat, and dry lips and mouth.

