



Summer Newsletter

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL - HYDES 2009



Dear Parents,

Summer Newsletter time already! I can hardly believe summer is passing so quickly, but I am determined to enjoy the vacation time until the last moment! I hope you are also so determined!

Over this past couple of weeks, we were all shocked to hear of the closing of Towson Catholic High School. I want to take this opportunity to let you know that NO SUCH SURPRISE IS IN STORE FOR OUR SCHOOL FAMILY. We have strong support from our Parish. We continue to have strong support and loyalty from you, the parents, from our faculty, and from the H.A.S.A. through their positive and successful fundraising. The Gala alone netted a profit for the school of over \$40,000.

As of today, we are on solid ground. We have a balanced budget for next year and enrollment to keep that budget balanced. We are planning some new ventures over the next year. We will have the "Race for Education" again this year, and, hopefully, another fun night for parents and alums. As you know, last summer we purchased new computers for the current computer lab, and this year we are looking at the possibility of relocating the Computer Lab and expanding it so that an entire class can use the lab at one time. If the Race for Education does well, we want to purchase the additional computers and at least one Smart Board for the new lab.

We don't want the events of these past weeks to cause you worry. Although we have lost some students, we have also enrolled 29 new students into our wonderful school family. As veteran parents in our school, I ask that you join me in welcoming these new parents. The first occasion to do so will be in the Church Hall where the H.A.S.A. will be hosting a Coffee after the 8:45 AM opening school Mass on Thursday, August 27. I hope to see many of you there!

Welcome:

The entire school community wishes a warm welcome to the new readers of the Newsletter, the families whose children will be attending Saint John School this fall for the first time. We know you will grow to love the school as much as the parents who have gone before you.

I also want to welcome Elizabeth Castoro to our faculty. Ms. Castoro will be teaching our PreK 3 year olds this year. Elizabeth is a graduate of John Carroll High School and Washington College. She received her Master of Education degree in Early Childhood Education from Towson University.

STAND:

STAND for Children and Youth is a training program for Archdiocese of Baltimore volunteers as well as employees. STAND certification is good for 5 years. All parents and volunteers who were Stand certified during the 2004-2005 school year are to be recertified this year. To be recertified, parents and volunteers need only fill out the Consent Form completely and return it to school. I will input your information through Volunteer Select and within a few days, the

search will be complete, and you will be issued a new volunteer card. The new card will be valid for the next 5 years. We will be sending the new Consent Forms home with the students during the first week of school.

New families to the school will be receiving the Volunteer Application and Consent Forms. Please complete them and return them to school ASAP so that the full application can be processed. The training required is now online, and directions for viewing will accompany the applications.

Applause, Applause:

Congratulations to our 2009 graduates.

Scholarship Winners:

Luke Brown –	Saint John the Baptist de La Salle – Calvert Hall
Joseph Fazzini –	McMullen Program – Calvert Hall - Saint John the Baptist de La Salle
Erik Meyer -	Leadership and Athletic Scholarships – Archbishop Curley
Zachary Savarese –	Academic Merit Scholarship – Archbishop Curley

Presidential Outstanding Academic Excellence Awards were presented to:

J. Luke Brown, Samuel Evans, J. Joseph Fazzini, Zachary Savarese, and Alex Schroeder

Subject area awards were given to the following students:

Religion –	Alex Schroeder
Literature –	Matthew Berger
English–	Samual Evans
Mathematics –	Joseph Fazzini
Social Studies –	Matthew Berger
Science –	David Friedland
Art –	Luke Brown
Music –	Nicholas Smearman
Physical Education –	Samual Evans
Computer –	Luke Brown
Spanish –	Alex Schroeder

Tuition/Tuition Assistance:

Tuition Assistance has been awarded to our school families. Father Willie is always willing to help if need should arise during the school year. He can be contacted at the parish office.

Newsletter Online:

We urge all families to read the Newsletter and calendar each month. This is the best way to keep informed.

SEPTEMBER AND MORE BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE ON OR AROUND AUGUST 24, 2009.

Address, Internet, and Email:

Please give the office a call or email us to let us know of any changes of address or phone number so that we can update our directory and have it ready for distribution as early in the school year as possible.

We find that email is one of the quickest ways to get information quickly to all families at the same time. Thus, we urge you to get your email address updated in the office also.

Home Computers/ Printers:

Please make sure that your Internet access, computers, and printers are working properly by the beginning of the school year. Along with important information from the office, teachers will be assigning homework projects from their webpages. Students who do not have Internet access or whose computers and printers are not functioning properly will need to make arrangements to stay after school to do those assignments.

HASA: News from President, Deb Golumbek**H.A.S.A. 2008-2009 Wrap-Up:**

We have had a very successful year and were very pleased to be able to give Mrs. Delcher \$50,000 toward operating expenses for the 08-09 school year.

After such a successful year, there are many people to thank including the H.A.S.A. Executive Committee: Renee Banashak, Chrissy Cassidy, Eileen Earnest, Kim Hock, PJ Plume, and Kristen Wilson.

We would also like to thank all of our volunteers for their tireless, and sometime unnoticed, work that went on every single week and sometimes every single day.

So with that in mind:

Rosemarie Mahoney and Colleen Canoles for their work on Market Day. Entering orders, filling orders, coordinating pick-up, fixing mistakes, promoting the program, all things these two and their group of volunteers did every month! Thank you!

Martha Schumacher and her troop of volunteers for their work on the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Campaign. This fundraiser was very successful again this year when area schools all reported a lower profit. Thank you, Martha!

Chrissy Cassidy and Sherry Rukowicz for their work on the lunch programs. Sherry Rukowicz was at school basically every Wednesday delivering and making sure that the classroom lunches were correct; and Chrissy Cassidy and her crew worked each month to give our kids an option for a hot lunch.

Yvonne Latchaw and Eileen Earnest for the very successful Easter Candy fundraiser. Thanks for keeping track of everything and making those Easter baskets easier to fill!

Carol Spencer for the fruit fundraiser. Even though we didn't make the minimum order on this, Carol still spent many hours with the legwork to try it. Thanks for seeing if it was possible!

Kristen Wilson for her work on the Joe Corbi's Pizza fundraiser. Thanks for keeping it out there when we were all done for the year!

Mary Beth Bressler and her team of elves for Breakfast with Santa. Thank you for such a fun event that the kids always love and for transforming the Church Hall into a Winter Wonderland.

Laura Kozak for Bingo! Another fun-filled family event that the kids are always excited to attend. We're hoping to rope her into two for next year!

Deb Larney and Rosemarie Mahoney for Karaoke and Dance Night! Another fun event that was a big hit for the kids. Look out, American Idol, we've got some future stars at Saint John!

Kelly Bonsack for chairing the Gala Committee. This once in a lifetime event was a fabulous evening and the only complaint was that it was too short- always a sign of a good party! We were blessed to have netted over \$45,000. To all of the members of the Gala Committee thank you for the year of work; to all of the school families for their donations to the silent and live auctions, and to the families that so generously bid on the many items, your generosity was very much appreciated.

And to just a few unnoticed people for your contributions throughout the year; Donna Weitz for faithfully changing the outdoor sign (and for the catchy phrases we all loved!) Sherry Rukowicz for changing the bulletin board in the main hallway- it always looked so bright and cheerful- Thank you!

And finally a special thank you to Theresa Alcarese and the School Board Marketing Committee; you always pitched in and the HASA appreciates it.

Planning has begun for next year! With that in mind we are in need of a few chairpersons.

Classroom lunch:

We need someone to form a committee and do a schedule of volunteers to oversee the delivery of the lunches to the classroom. If we had several people, each person would only need to come to school once a month on a Wednesday, to deliver the lunches to the proper grade. This takes about 30 minutes.

Market Day:

We need a new chairperson for this fundraiser, and if we do not find someone, we will not be participating in Market Day this year. Please contact Deb Golumbek (dgolumbek@msn.com) or Rosemarie Mahoney (rlmahoney@comcast.net) for more information on what this entails.

Race for Education:

The committee is forming; if you would like to help plan this event, please contact Deb Golumbek.

We're looking forward to a great year! Thanks again for your support.

Used Uniforms:

If you would like to donate uniforms or you need a spare to begin the school year, contact Laura Kozak at (410) 852-1800.

Although summer is still very much in full swing, the following is a list of reminders for the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year:

1. The **school store** will be open on Wednesday, August 12, from 9:00 AM to Noon only.
2. **New Parent Orientation** for Grades PreK 3 through 8 will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, August 19, at 5:30 PM. (Current parents are welcome to attend.)
3. **Grade six** parents of both returning and new students and parents of **new** students entering Grades 7 and 8 are invited to a **Middle School Parent Orientation**, also on August 19, at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall.
4. **The first day of school for Grades 1 through 8** will be Monday, August 24, with a noon dismissal. There will be a noon dismissal on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week. Full days begin Monday, August 31.
5. **Schedule for Kindergarten:**
Student/Parent Orientation - Monday, August 24, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon
1st day of school – Tuesday, August 25.
There will be a noon dismissal on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
Full days begin Monday, August 31.
6. **Schedule for Prekindergarten 3 year olds:**
Parent/Student Orientation – Tuesday, September 1.
Parents will be notified of the scheduled time for their family.
1st day of school – Tuesday, September 8 (8:20 AM to 11:10 AM)
Three-year olds will meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at that same time.
7. **Schedule for Prekindergarten 4 year olds:**
Parent/Student Orientation – Wednesday, September 2.
The AM class will meet from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM or 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM (you will be notified of the scheduled time), and the PM class from 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM.
1st day of school – Wednesday, September 9, (AM 8:20 to 11:10) (PM 12:10 to 3:00)
Four year olds will meet five days a week.
8. Students in Grades K through 8 are to wear full uniforms the first day of school. Please make sure all shorts and long pants are purchased from Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company. **Brown shoes or white and blue saddle shoes are the uniform shoes. The types of uniform shoes were pictured on the flyer that was sent home on the last day. No other shoes will be considered uniform shoes.**
9. **Haircuts** are to be neat. There should be no shaved heads or portions of heads. Haircuts that look like a bowl was put over the head are not acceptable at Saint John School. We found that last year we needed further clarification. **Boys, we need to see eyebrows and ears!** Please keep school policy in mind when "back-to-school" haircuts are on your

agenda and, most importantly, throughout the school year. The teachers and administration should not have to be the hair police! Students who continue to ignore school uniform and appearance policies will be issued infractions and detentions!

10. Remember, the first bell rings at 8:20 AM. Students arriving at 8:20 or after are marked late. Attendance and late arrivals are part of the student's permanent record. Please see to it that students arrive between 7:50 AM and 8:15 AM so that they can unpack bookbags and are ready for morning prayer and announcements that begin at 8:20.
11. **Extended Day Students:**
Mrs. Zaiko, Director of Extended Day, will meet the students after noon dismissal beginning the first day of school. If you have not notified Mrs. Zaiko of the days your child will be attending afterschool care, please contact her immediately.
School (410) 592-9585, ext 125.
12. A school directory will be sent home. If there are any changes that need to be made to your entry in the family directory, please call the office as soon as possible (prior to August 15).

Enjoy the remaining summer and God bless,

Jean Delcher

