

# **SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2011**

Saint John the Evangelist School  
Hydes, Maryland

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Dear Parents,



Summer is almost over!!! UGH!!! Where did it go???

I am back to work, not yet at full speed, but eager to begin the new school year! I want to thank those parents and students who have been remembering me in prayer and sending get-well wishes throughout the summer! My surgery went well - a minor set-back was the development of a blood clot in my leg. I have been going to physical therapy 3 times per week, and I have graduated from a walker to a cane, which I hope will be gone in a few weeks! I continue to take a blood thinner to prevent clots and am now being monitored through blood work once a week. At five weeks post-surgery, July 25 was the first day I drove to work! Hurrah!!! I can drive myself again!!!

## **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.

## **STAND:**

STAND for Children and Youth is a training program for the Archdiocese of Baltimore volunteers as well as for employees. STAND certification is good for 5 years. All parents and volunteers who were STAND certified during the 2006-2007 school year are to be recertified this year. We will notify you if you are among the parents needing to be recertified. 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. You will then 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 for those parents who are in need of recertification.

New families to the school have received the Volunteer Application and Consent Forms. If you have not already done so, 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 accompanied the applications.

## **Newsletter Online:**

**We urge all families to read the Newsletter and calendar each month. This is the best way to keep informed. In addition, I will continue to send, via email, the Weekly Update I began last school year.**

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER AND MORE BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE ON OR AROUND AUGUST 29.**

**Address, Internet and Email:**

Please give the office a call or email us to let us know of any changes of address or phone numbers 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 best ways to get information quickly to all families at the same time. Thus, we urge you to also get your email address updated in the office.

**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.

**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. She will be holding a used uniform sale in August!

**Although summer is still very much in full swing, the following is a list of reminders for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year:**

- 1) The school store will not be open before school begins. The store will open the first week of school. Students in grades 3 through 8 can purchase their assignment books, and students in grades 1 and 2 will be able to purchase their composition books. Each grade will have a chance to visit the store. Look for an email in mid-August containing the price list for school store items.
- 2) **New Parent Orientation** for grades PK 3 through 8 will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday, August 23, at 5:30 PM. (Current parents are welcome to attend.)
- 3) **Grade 6** 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 23, at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall.
- 4) **The first day of school for grades 1 through 8** will be Monday, August 29, with a noon dismissal. There will be a noon dismissal on Monday and Tuesday, full days on Wednesday and Thursday, and a noon dismissal on Friday.
- 5) **Schedule for Kindergarten:**  
**Parent/Student Orientation** - Monday, August 29, (9:00 AM to 12 Noon).  
**1<sup>st</sup> day of school** – Tuesday, August 30 - There will be a noon dismissal on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday will be full days, and a noon dismissal on Friday.
- 6) **Schedule for PreKindergarten 3 year olds:**  
**Parent/Student Orientation** – Thursday, September 1. Parents will be notified of the scheduled time for their family.

**1<sup>st</sup> day of school** – Tuesday, September 6, (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, August 31. There are two scheduled meetings, (8:30 AM to 9:45 AM) or (10:15 AM to 11:30 AM). (You will be notified of your scheduled time.)

**1<sup>st</sup> day of school** – Tuesday, September 6, (8:20 AM to 11:10 AM)  
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 two types of uniform shoes were pictured on the flyer that was sent home on the last day.**
- 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 AM 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 AM.
- 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 via email. 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*