**Ahoy there mateys (Parents & Guardians)!**

**Happy Halloween to you! How much fun is celebrating all these fun days as a school family! I know as faculty, we love seeing the children in costumes and enjoying the festivities with them. I wish you all a safe and fun evening of tricks and treats ahead.**

**Tomorrow is a busy day too! I invite you to join us for our All Saints Day liturgy tomorrow at 10:15am. Before we gather for mass, our children will join their prayer partners to wrap the towels and washcloths they bring in for Happy Helpers for the Homeless. A tradition, now, I think this is a lovely way to refocus ourselves as we begin a new month together.**

**Hoping to see many of you this Saturday night at our “Raise a Glass” fundraiser. Great beer to taste from Oliver Brewing, fantastic wines and whiskeys to sample; and a lot of awesome baskets and prizes to win. All while raising funds for this school we love. What a week!**

**God bless,**

**Ms. Buckstaff**

**The week ahead:**

**Wednesday, 10/31: Sign up for teacher conferences on their Weebly pages starting tonight**

**Thursday, 11/1: 10:15am All Saints Day Liturgy; Happy Helper towel service project (see details below); Box Tops are due; Winter uniform begins**

**Saturday, 11/3: Raise a Glass! Wine, whiskey and beer tasting fundraiser (**[tickets here](https://www.stjohnsp.org/wine/) **&** [volunteer here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050548A5AD2AA57-wine)**)**

**Tuesday, 11/6: SJE Open House 9-12 and 7-8; Restaurant fundraiser at Park Tavern**

**Thursday, 11/8: 6:30pm PTP mtg.**

**Friday, 11/9: Wear red, white, and blue or service academy attire and bring any monetary donation for the benefit of the** [Nate McDavitt Scholarship Fund](http://iamnathan.org/)**; 7pm Athletic Association Happy Hour (details below)**

**Save the dates:**

[Webstore is open to purchase PE uniforms (and spirit wear). Now’s the time – closes 11/10.](https://www.corporatesports.com/category-s/1884.htm)

**11/12: 8:30am Veteran’s Day Mass**

**11/16: Grandparents’ Day (**[sign up your students’ guests here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDGVKPN)**)**

**11/19-20: Parent-Teacher Conferences (sign up on your teachers’ websites)**

**Other Notes:**

**Winter Uniform starting tomorrow**

Just a reminder that the winter uniform begins tomorrow for both everyday and gym uniforms. Lands’ End has a few sales on right now, so if you need additional pieces, please consider placing an order. For PE uniforms, the 2-year “grace period” for the old uniform has ended and students need to have the correct items. [The webstore is open.](https://www.corporatesports.com/category-s/1884.htm) Deliveries will arrive by Christmas, so all students must have all required PE uniforms when we return from break.

**Happy Helpers Towel Drive – tomorrow!**

To celebrate All Saints Day and to support Happy Helpers for the Homeless, we ask each student to bring in a new towel and washcloth tomorrow. Additionally, we ask for a roll of wrapping paper (or a towel sized piece to use). Students will wrap towels with their prayer partners before mass that morning.

**Our SJE Open House is Wednesday!**

Thank you to so many who have helped to spread the word through flyers, signs, and word of mouth about our school open house coming up on Wednesday, November 6th. The morning session is 9-12, and the evening session is 7-8pm. Our school has enjoyed great “vibes” from all its families and it shows in the enthusiasm and love that keeps on growing here at St. John. We are looking forward to sharing our good news with our visitors this Tuesday!

**Restaurant Night at Park Tavern – November 6th**

It’s Taco Tuesday at Park Tavern! Come and enjoy some great food and support SJE at the same time. A portion of your food purchase will be donated to SJE. You must bring the flier that will be sent home on Monday or be able to show the [electronic version](http://www.stjohnspschool.org/parents/weekly-updates/) to your server for St Johns to receive the donation.

**Veteran’s Day – November 9th and 12th**

St. John the Evangelist celebrates Veteran’s Day by recognizing veterans in our school and parish community. Next Friday, **wear red, white, and blue or service academy attire and bring any monetary donation for the benefit of the** [Nate McDavitt Scholarship Fund](http://iamnathan.org/). Then on Monday 11/12, we will have an all school mass on November 12th at 8:30 in the morning (Blue Monday attire). Veterans are invited to socialize and enjoy refreshments in the Gathering Space before mass and visit the students in their classrooms after mass. All students will be encouraged to bring pictures of veterans in their family to share with their class. Please [follow the link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949A9AE22A4F85-veterans2) to sign up your veteran, if they are able to attend, and to help set up/clean up the refreshments, if you’re available.

**Grandparents & Special Friends Day – November 16th**

We hope your children’s grandparents or special friends will be attending Grandparents’ Day on November 16th from 8:45am-12:15pm. This includes our Thanksgiving Prayer Service. In order to keep the flow of visitors organized, we would appreciate you sharing your visitors’ information with us in advance [using this form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NDGVKPN). Please share the information by November 12th.

**SJAA News**

Are you interested in joining the St. John Athletic Association (SJAA)? We are looking for you! Come meet the current board members at a happy hour, hosted by the Kearney family, on Friday, 9 November from 7:00-9:00 PM (16 Arlie Drive, Annapolis, MD). Enjoy appetizers and drinks while learning more about SJAA’s mission, responsibilities, and yearly activities. We are an all-volunteer board that organizes the school’s athletic program (yes, the teams your kids love playing on!); hosts fundraising events to fund PE equipment for the students, help maintain the fields/outdoor equipment, and contribute to the capital campaign; runs the PE uniform and spirit gear web store; and trains parent coaches for the Play Like a Champion program. We have several board positions opening up in the Spring—we can’t do it without parents like you!  Please sign up here and bring a friend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848ACAE2FA13-sjaa>  If you are interested but cannot make the happy hour, please email Estie Kearney, current SJAA Secretary (esther.kearney@mcdean.com).

**Franklin’s Toys Fundraiser – November 12th – 21st**

‘Tis the season for Franklin’s Toys Fundraiser. From Monday, November 12th through Wednesday, November 21st, Franklin’s Toys will be hosting a fundraiser for SJE. Mention SJE and you will receive a 10% discount and PTP will receive a 10% donation. So mark your calendars and watch for more information in next week’s update.

**Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and shout out your awesome #sjemoment!**

Make sure you "like" or “heart” [Saint John the Evangelist School, Severna Park, on Facebook](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001CwbqFnrtHGhbLKN6OvLVB_CEUjWwThHScoVSmRWdq4slIl11dah7IH21FKynzXexmSOdK4oZ1oGUqTSWesfUcxR5BjE1C_Cxe0iS-uRKA0r7noV0Ne9oS-3GlIDoFRsCrAm5K5GrEjhp49uT68U_xm8Xefht_4JhtU-9U2mwYFFpeoz7tVNAL1chIYedTnLj&c=vVCYshNgjERl2VfAXGKTKncf1mGBJjru1Y__S1PMYPCqSyOSroyWow==&ch=EvxxUCvR0NbmgzwvnlS17kAdcYqpvtIXRQAAt50grDkmP8yBUs2oog==) and Instagram [(@saintjohntheevangelist](https://instagram.com/saintjohntheevangelist/)) for updates, reminders, and great pictures and stories about our school. Make sure to choose SHARE when you like what you see.

*We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul.*

*Hebrews 6:19*