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St. John Academy News

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Mr. Peter Schultz, Headmaster

November 10, 2010

**Don't
Forget!**



Nov. 10– 9:00 a.m. MASS

Nov. 11—NO SCHOOL—
Veterans Day

Nov. 12—

- Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences
- Usborne Book Sale

Nov. 13—PTO Disco Party

Nov. 14-19—Discover
Catholic Schools Week

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Nov. 16-19—SJA DFE

Nov. 19 -

- 9:00 a.m. MASS
- 11:30 DISMISSAL

Nov. 23—

- 9:00 a.m. MASS
- 4th Grade Colonial Food
Day

Nov. 24-28-Thanksgiving
Holiday

Nov. 29– Classes Resume

Dec. 1– 11:30 DISMISSAL

Dec. 2—High School Place-
ment Test (HSPT) for 8th Gr

Dec. 3—

- 9:00 a.m. MASS
- Portrait Make-Up Day

From the Headmaster:

Dear SJA Parents,

On Tuesday (11/9), we had a Veterans Day assembly in the cafeteria that was a wonderful tribute to the veterans that were in the audience as well as to all veterans that have served our country. I thank **Captain Smedberg** and **Mr. Thomas** (Mrs. Findley's father) who spoke of their experiences in the military. Captain recounted his family's longstanding commitment to the military and Mr. Thomas spoke of his service to our country during World War II. I also wish to thank **Mrs. Graham** who single-handedly planned this assembly and to all the teachers who practiced songs with the students. It took a lot of effort and dedication to make this assembly so powerful. Thank you Mrs. Graham, SJA Faculty, and Students!

This past Saturday, the St. John Academy Math Team competed in a competition with 25 other middle schools at Thomas Jefferson High School. I wish to congratulate **Nicole Mun** (8th grade) who placed first in the matrix puzzle competition. I

also congratulate Katie Katz for winning a second-place ribbon in the 7th grade math individual competition and to **Olivia Lyons** and **Madeline Kushan** who won third-place ribbons in the 7th grade individual competition. I thank **Mr. Phillion** for supporting and challenging our students in math. It is an outstanding feat to have our students compete and win in a math competition with very competitive schools. Great job!

In today's newsletter there is a note from Ms. Bissex in regards to her brother's recent serious accident. The family is in need of prayers and financial help. If you would like to send in a donation, please write the check to "St. John Academy" and on the memo line write "Bissex Family". Please keep the Bissex family in your prayers. Thank you.

Next week the Design for Excellence Team visits our school. Please pray that all goes well!

In Christ,

Peter F. Schultz

"Just going to church
doesn't make you a Christian
any more than
standing in your garage
makes you a car."

G.K. Chesterton



Parent/Teacher Conferences -

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place this Friday, November 12th. Please be aware that first quarter conferences are mandatory. Kindly make every effort to attend your scheduled conference time since our scheduling software schedules back-to-back times. It is very difficult to make changes, but not impossible. **Your conference times were sent home with your oldest/only student's report card on Friday, November 5th. If you haven't received your conference schedule, please email your child's teacher to find out your conference times**

Usborne Book Fair -

There are only 2 more days until the Usborne Book Fair arrives in the hall next to St. John Library. Please come to see the many new books in the various genres that have become available in the past year. Remember, the Book Fair is open on Friday, November 12, 8-4 during Parent Teacher Conferences. If you are unable to visit this Book Fair, you can order books online. Please see the information about this opportunity at the end of this newsletter .

Boxtops - Keep clipping!!

Thanks to everyone's hard work this year towards raising money for SJA using Boxtops. We submitted over 1,400 for the November 1 deadline thanks to your efforts! But our work isn't over yet - a new competition will be held this holiday season so keep clipping and saving and keep your eye out for a new form in the coming weeks! Keep in mind as well that Campbell's labels also raise money for your school so please consider clipping and sending those in!!

Bookworm Club News - The Bookworm Club, Grades 1-4, had its first meeting on Tuesday, November 9 in the library. Twenty-eight children attended the luncheon meeting and a lively discussion of books was held. Mrs. Gray began the meeting by reading 3 Jack Prelutsky poems.

Help Needed Tuesdays for Hot Lunch-

Could you help serve hot lunch once or twice a month beginning in January? Help is needed usually the second and/or third Tuesday of each month. This is a great way to have a "regular" volunteer activity that will only take an hour or less of your time (11:35am-12:20pm). Your child does not have to participate in hot lunch in order for you to volunteer for this program. Please contact Lori Mansinne (herblorimansinne@aol.com) if you can help. Thanks to those who are serving hot lunch now. We could not offer this program without you!!

Library News -

Grade 4 Library class is working on reading many many minutes at home for a growing dragon that is on the library bulletin board for the month of November. For each 30 minutes that is read by a student, a yellow piece of paper (a dragon's scale) with the student's name on each scale is placed on the bulletin board to enlarge the dragon's body (come see the dragon during P/T Conferences). Last day is Nov. 30. Two winners will be announced and each winner will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card.

All November Bookworm Club forms are due in to the library by Friday, December 10 in order to be eligible for the Christmas meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 14.

Prayer Chain--

We would like encourage parents, faculty, and staff to join if interested? The St John Prayer Chain is an email group of parents, faculty ,and staff who receive prayer requests for the needs of school families, the Mother's Group, and parish. Each prayer request comes as an email with some prayers, and members can use these or their own and pray for the requests at a time of their choosing. All are welcome to submit a prayer request even if they are not a member of this group. If you would like to join the St John Prayer Chain or have a prayer request, please email Laura Hales at LCHales@yahoo.com.

An update from Miss Bissex

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for my brother and my family during this difficult time. My brother Patrick was in a serious accident and sustained severe injuries including amputation of part of his right leg. He continues to undergo multiple surgeries and is in a lot of pain, but has been making good progress in healing. He has been comforted to have the family around him, and has asked me to thank everyone for their help and prayers. For me personally, it has been wonderful to have the love and support of the SJA community, and I am grateful in particular for the prayers of all the children. Please keep them coming!



Congratulations SJA Middle School Math Team!

The St. John Middle School Math Team (comprising Nicole Mun, Maggie Linden, Shannon Murry, Caitlyn Fischer, Katie Katz, Olivia Lyons, and Madeline Kushan) competed in a day-long math competition on Saturday with 25 other middle schools at Thomas Jefferson High School.

During the morning session, the students competed individually.

Nicole Mun won first prize in the matrix puzzle competition by solving a difficult problem in the shortest amount of time. Olivia Lyons and Madeline Kushan won third-place ribbons, and Katie Katz won a second-place ribbon for their work in the 7th grade math individual competition. In addition, the team to which Olivia was assigned in the afternoon won a third-place trophy in the team competition, having also won first place in the third round of that competition.

*All of our students worked hard and performed well, and the final results were quite close. We are proud of their efforts. **Thank you Mr. Philion** for preparing our students and congratulations to all on outstanding performances.*



IT'S TIME TO SHARE!

Please bring in your canned goods and other non-perishable donations (*i.e. canned vegetables and meats, cereal, flour, sugar, pasta, rice, hamburger helper, soups, canned, boxed, and dry milk, cake mixes, etc.*) for SJA's Thanksgiving Community Outreach project. We will be collecting them on the stage in the cafeteria!



Watch the piles grow,
and help the needy
in our community,
so they too can enjoy
Thanksgiving dinner!



For more info about SHARE, see: <http://www.shareofmclean.org/>