

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Jan. 3:** School Resumes  
**Jan. 20:** Snowball Dance  
**Jan. 28:** Family Skate Night  
**Jan. 29 – Feb 4:**  
**Catholic Schools Week**  
**Feb. 20:** NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day  
**Feb. 22:** Ash Wednesday  
**Feb 25:** Family Bowling

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If you set a goal, I have always heard that you should share it so that you are sure to work towards meeting it. My goal for Saint John Catholic School in 2012 is to reach an enrollment of 100 students in K-5 and to maintain a minimum of 30 students in our Pre-Kindergarten Program. We currently stand at 89 students in K-5. With 9 students graduating from our 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I hope to enroll a minimum of 20 new students in 2012. Won't you help me to reach that goal?

As a fellow Saint John parent, I know the innumerable benefits my family has received through my children's enrollment at Saint John School. I also know that I'm not alone in these blessings. Won't you join me in my mission by helping to share the good news of Saint John Catholic School and Pre-Kindergarten Programs for 3 and 4 year olds? If you know of a family who may be interested, direct them to our website and encourage them to contact me for a tour.

*In God's Love,  
Mrs. Tice*

## I Am the New Year

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please be sure that students have appropriate outerwear for recess. Students will not be permitted to go outside if they do not have jackets, hats, or gloves on cold weather days.
- **Giant A+ Program** - We recently earned \$488.68 from Giant for the month of November. This brings our two-month total to \$1,051.51. Thank you to those who have registered their Giant Bonuscards so that we are able to earn cash for our school. If you have not registered your card this year, extra forms are available in the office.
- **Intent to Enroll Forms for 2012-2013** will be accepted for Kindergarten registration beginning on January 30 and continuing through February 15. Any Pre-K parents are welcome to come and see our Kindergarten class in action during Catholic Schools Week. Additional information about the week's activities will be sent home at a later date. Children must be five years old before September 1, 2012 to be eligible for Kindergarten. You must bring birth certificate, social security card, baptismal certificate, registration fee and all immunization records with you to register.
- **Pre-K Registration** will also be held from January 30 through February 15. Children must be three or four years old before September 1, 2012 to be eligible for the 3-year and 4-year-old Pre-K Program, respectively.
- **Tuition Contracts for the 2012-2013 School Year** will be sent home during Catholic Schools Week and are to be returned by February 15.
- Did you receive a new **cell phone** for Christmas? Please consider donating your old cell phone(s) to St. John Catholic School to be recycled. **Recycling** your phone ensures the heavy metals and other components are disposed of properly, teaches our children stewardship of the environment and benefits our school! We recently received \$34.00 in profit from our last shipment of phones for recycling. Just drop them in the collection box in the vestibule of the church or at the school office. Any and all cell phones are accepted. Include the battery and cover if you have them, but no accessories, please.
- Dr. Carnicella & Associates has offered a **fundraising opportunity** for St. John Catholic School for both their current and new dental patients. By bringing a church bulletin along with you to your 6 month visits, you will receive 5% off the total amount owed, excluding lab costs. The 5% comes off of your copay or the entire bill for those without insurance. Dr. Carnicella will then donate that same 5% to the school. Dr. Carnicella will be happy to explain any of the specific details at your visit.

## Upcoming Home & School Association Events

January 20: Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Snowball Dance

January 28: Family Skate Night at Penn Skates

February 25: Family Bowling at Bellefonte Lanes



Thank you to Home & School Association  
for providing great family fun events throughout the year!

## May God Bless our volunteers!

### THANK YOU

To Mrs. Amy Carmack, Mrs. Kelly Berkey and all of "Santa's Elves" for another successful Santa's Workshop! The students had a wonderful time shopping for family Christmas presents and approximately \$825.43 was raised during this fun event. As you are "out and about" and find great bargains, think Santa's Workshop donations. It's never too early to start planning for next year!

### THANK YOU

To all who donated toys and/or non-perishables for our Christmas Service Projects. We had a great participation rate and were able to help make Christmas brighter for many children in Fulton County, as well as to help stock the pantry for many local families. God Bless all of you!

### THANK YOU

From the School Council to all those who volunteered their time to help with our newest addition of the alumni newsletter: Michele Mindziak (for her layout & postal expertise), Traci Capperella (for folding all 1200 newsletters by hand) and to Natalie Stanton and her family (for sealing all 1200 mailers). Thank you for helping to make School Council's job a little easier!

## Second Century Scholarships

The application for Second Century Scholarships will be available from the school office starting January 3, 2012. This is an income based scholarship with the limits being \$60,000 adjusted gross income plus \$12,000 per dependent child. For example, if your family has 2 children, your adjusted gross income cannot be over \$84,000.

**The Deadline for this scholarship is March 31, 2012**

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Pollick, [spollick@saintjohnsch.com](mailto:spollick@saintjohnsch.com).

## Catholic Schools Week

**January 29 through February 4, 2012**

This year, there will be a few exciting changes with our Catholic Schools Week celebrations.

We will begin with an **All School Mass at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 29**. All students are asked to dress in Mass uniform and sit together with their teachers and classmates in the front right of the church.

Following Mass, we will host our first **Explore Catholic Schools** Day! This new adventure will take the place of National Food Day. After much discussion, we believe that the previous event has lost a lot of its initial purpose. Families were not staying together to explore the various classrooms and the work that the students had done. Also, with Family Meals and other food events, the need for an all school meal no longer seems necessary. In fact, many parents reported that it was difficult and not an enjoyable task for them. **This year, we want your family to join us on an adventure across the United States!** Families will receive a round trip ticket at the door that they will get stamped as they visit each state (classroom.) Completed tickets can be turned in at the auditorium and family prizes will be randomly drawn and awarded throughout the week. Light refreshments will be served in the auditorium (trail mix, coffee, punch, etc.) and a slide show presentation of pictures throughout the school year will be playing. This is a great opportunity to show off St. John Catholic School, so invite families who want to know more to come and **Explore Catholic Schools!**

**States to visit on your tour include:** Pre-K: Pennsylvania, Kindergarten: Alaska, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: New York, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Texas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Hawaii, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Florida, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Massachusetts.

We will celebrate Catholic Schools all week.

Each day will have a theme. They include (not necessarily in this order):

**Sunday:** Mass and Explore Catholic Schools Day

**School Spirit Day** (Blue & White Day – wear your St. John t-shirt)

**Volunteer/Parent Appreciation Day** (Crazy Sock Day)

**Faith Day** (Favorite Sweatshirt Day)

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day** (Crazy Hair or Hat Day)

**Student Appreciation Day** (Pajama Day)

Stay tuned for more information on the many fun activities that will be happening throughout the week. If you are interested in helping with Catholic Schools Week, please contact the school.

