

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Nov. 1:** All Saints Day Mass  
**Nov. 1:** Green Scrip orders due  
**Nov. 11:** NO SCHOOL  
Report Card Conferences  
**Nov. 13:** Ladies Extravaganza  
**Nov. 15:** Green Scrip orders due  
**Nov. 16:** Picture Retake Day  
**Nov. 18:** Family Movie Night  
**Nov. 22:** Pajama Day  
**Nov. 24-28:** NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Vacation  
**Dec. 9:** Santa's Workshop  
**Dec. 20:** Christmas Pageant 7 pm

For those of you who were unable to attend our Living Rosary on Wednesday, be sure to mark your calendars for next year so you don't miss out on this beautiful new tradition for our third grade classes. It was a wonderful way to end our month-long tribute to our Blessed Mother, Mary. Next up: our second graders paying tribute to their favorite saints at the All Saints' Day Mass on November 1. These two events, along with our Christmas Pageant, Live Stations and May Crowning are just some of the many, many reasons I am thankful to be a part of the St. John Catholic School Family. It is truly beautiful to have the freedom to teach our students reading, writing, research, public speaking, music and more...all while deepening our Catholic roots.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you this Thanksgiving...and always!

In God's Love,

Mrs. Tice

## RACE FOR EDUCATION

We are pleased to announce that, as of the writing of this newsletter, **\$13,059.00** has been raised through the generosity of your friends and family! Our Race Day was a huge success thanks to Michele Calistri, Ann Grove, Crystal Wierbowski and their team of volunteers.

Congratulations to Meadow Mindziak and Leanne Carmack for winning the \$25 Walmart Gift Cards! Also, with over 99% participation- EVERY classroom has earned an PJ and Popcorn Party! This will occur on November 22. More information will come home closer to the date. The students will meet the new and improved Mrs. Tice that day!



**Thank you! Thank you!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- As the weather turns colder, please be sure that students have appropriate outerwear for recess. Students will not be permitted to go outside if they do not have appropriate jackets, hats or gloves.
- 9-month Tuition Payment Plans are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please remit payment with the coupons provided in your payment booklets.
- School Picture Retake Day is scheduled for **November 16**. Your child is to wear their school Mass uniform.
- Report Card Conferences are scheduled for **November 11**. Please see the attached schedule for your appointment time and notify your child's teacher immediately if you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment.
- Santa's Workshop will be held **December 9**. Each family is asked to donate some small gift items that will be sold for \$0.50 to \$3.00. Please have all gift and monetary donations to the school as soon as possible. More information to follow at a later date.
- Continue to save **BoxTops for Education** and **Campbell's Soup** labels.

### WAYS TO LOVE A CHILD, author unknown

Give your presence more than your presents. Laugh, dance and sing together. Listen from a heart-space. Encourage. Understand. Allow them to love themselves. Say yes as often as possible. Say no when necessary. Honor their "no"s. Apologize. Touch gently. Build lots of blanket forts. Open up.

Fly kites together. Lighten up. Believe in possibilities. Read books out loud. Create a circle of quiet. Teach feelings. Share your dreams. Walk in the rain. Celebrate mistakes. Admit yours. Frame their artwork. Stay up late together. Eliminate comparison. Delight in silliness. Handle with care. Protect them. Cherish their innocence. Giggle. Speak kindly. Go swimming. Splash. Let them help. Let them cry. Don't hide your tears. Brag about them. Answer their questions.

Let them go when it's time. Let them come back. Show compassion. Bend down to talk to children. Smile even when you're tired. Surprise with a special lunch. Don't judge their friends. Give them enough room to make decisions. Love all they do. Honor their differences. Respect them. Remember they have not been on earth very long.

## VOLUNTEER REQUESTS

There are several new volunteer opportunities that may be just what YOU are looking for!

If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Mrs. Tice.

**-Talent Show Chair/Co-Chairs:** We are considering showing off the many talents of our St. John students and families through an evening or afternoon performance. We can only do this with parent help/coordination.

**-Fun Fair Co-Chairs:** We are looking for a team of parents to help with this awesome St. John staple. Are you the person to help coordinate games, raffles or food for this day?

## KUDOS

to our students and staff for dressing down to raise

**\$540.65**

for Father Ralph's school in Ghana.

We are excited to continue to build a relationship with his school. Stay tuned for pictures and updates from Father Ralph, which we will post on his school's page within our website.



## UPCOMING HOME & SCHOOL EVENTS

### Next Meeting:

Wed. Nov. 16  
All are welcome!

### Ladies Extravaganza:

Sun. Nov. 13  
2-4 p.m. at Nittany Country Club  
Join in the fun!

### Family Movie Night:

Fri. Nov. 18  
More information to follow

Please contact any of the Home & School Association Officers with questions:

*President: Tanya Packer*  
*Vice President: Kelly Berkey*  
*Secretary: Liz Dechow*  
*Treasurer: Amy Carmack*

## Can you believe the holidays are almost here?

It's the perfect time to stock up on **SCRIP Shopping Cards** to use for your holiday shopping! You can use the **RED Scrip Shopping Cards** to buy groceries for your Thanksgiving feast and to feed all of those holiday guests. Don't forget about the **GREEN Scrip Shopping Cards** - perfect for giving as Christmas gifts, for buying Christmas gifts or to treat yourself to dinner.

The next **GREEN** order date is **Monday, November 1.**

As always, you can buy the RED Shopping Cards every day - just send the order to school with your child and you'll receive your Shopping Cards the same day.

**Thank you!**