

# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct. 5:** Progress Reports  
**Oct. 5:** Hearing Screening (K-3)  
**Oct. 6:** Giant A+ numbers due  
**Oct. 11 & 13:** Parents invited to lunch\*  
**Oct. 12:** School Picture Day\*  
**Oct. 17:** No School – Act 80 Day  
**Oct. 19:** Grandparent's Day  
**Oct. 24:** Race for Education  
**Oct. 26:** Living Rosary\*  
**Oct. 28:** Fall Festival  
**Oct. 31:** Last shorts day until Apr. 15  
**Nov. 1:** All Saints' Day Mass 9 a.m.  
**Dec. 20:** Christmas Pageant  
\* More information to follow

<http://www.saintjohnsch.com>  
CHECK IT OUT!

The first month of school is behind us. If September is any indication, this school year is going to be another great one! The month ended with a wonderful visit from Bishop Mark Bartchak. If you haven't had the chance, take time to check out the pictures on the website. The children's expressions of sheer joy are priceless! The end of September also means the end of our time with Father Ralph. We were so blessed to have his visit extend into the school year this time. The children were excited to learn from him and see pictures from his school in Ghana. We all are looking forward to corresponding with him and some of his students throughout the year.

October brings more excitement at St. John Catholic School. Not only will we host Grandparent's Day and our third Race for Education, but October is the month of the Holy Rosary. For the first time, our third grade students will lead us in a Living Rosary after Mass on October 26. Stay posted for more details.

I pray you all enjoy a beautiful fall!

In God's Love,

Mrs. Tice

St. John Home & School Association  
is sponsoring its first

## Ladies Extravaganza

Sunday, November 13, 2011

\*note date change

2:00 -4:00 p.m.

Nittany Country Club

Enjoy appetizers and desserts, a Chinese auction, raffles and more. Please join us for an afternoon of socializing for a good cause.

For more information, contact Amy Carmack at  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **School Picture Day** is October 12. This is a Wednesday so **School Mass Uniform is to be worn**. Money and order envelope must accompany child if you wish to purchase school pictures.
- **Monthly calendar, menu and newsletter** are sent home with the oldest or only child in your family on or before the last school day of the preceding month. They are also posted on our website.
- 9-month **Tuition Payment Plans** are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thank you for your commitment to St. John Catholic School.
- Douglas Russell was a St. John Catholic School student from 1989-1995, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. He died on October 25, 1995. **The Douglas Russell Memorial Scholarship Award** was begun to keep the memory of Douglas' spirit alive. Students are selected on their interest in science, love of reading and writing, and desire to learn more about religion. The 2011 recipient is Leah Simmon. We congratulate Leah and thank the Russell family for establishing this sponsorship award.
- We are again participating in the **Giant A+ School Rewards Program**. Every time a registered Bonuscard is used when shopping at Giant, our school earns cash. Last year we earned **\$2,265.43**. **GIANT REQUIRES THAT ALL BONUSCARDS BE RE-REGISTERED EACH YEAR, EVEN IF YOU REGISTERED YOUR BONUSCARD LAST YEAR.** Numbers are due to your child's classroom teacher by Oct. 6 in order to be eligible for the class reward.
- **National School Lunch Week** will be observed at St. John School on Tuesday, October 11th and Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see the October calendar to learn which day your child's grade will be participating, as well as their lunchtime. Adult family members are welcome to join your child for lunch at a cost of \$2.60 per lunch. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ATTACHED RESERVATION FORM BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, EVEN IF YOU ARE PACKING A LUNCH OR IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING.** Coming or calling the day of the lunch without a reservation causes a shortage for parents who had reserved, as well as time delays in the cafeteria. When you arrive on the day of the lunch, you will need to sign-in and pick up your lunch tickets at the office. Only home-bagged lunches are permitted if you do not wish to eat the school lunch. The purpose of this lunch invitation is to promote the National School Lunch Program. Thank you for supporting this program.
- **Mass Question:** It has come to our attention that some families were confused by the email sent recently reminding parents that only those children who are in the class presenting Mass are able to greet their family members after Mass. This is not a new procedure. It was put into place when Father Grimme was pastor. It can very easily become a time of confusion and chaos when, in fact, it should still be a time of reverence as we are still in church and need to begin our return to the classrooms. A small wave from your pew is typically enough for children to know that you were there and that you are proud of their church behavior. When it is their turn to have a class Mass, having the special privilege of being able to leave the pew to go back to greet you makes that week even more special. We thank you for understanding this procedure. If you have concerns, please speak with Father Neil.

### Jeans Day Contributions

Last school year, St. John Catholic School students and staff were able to contribute to many missions through our Jeans contributions.



Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Peru Mission: \$127.20

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown - Mandeville Mission: \$542.33

Bellefonte India Mission - Mary Our Help Training Center: \$120.00

Thank you for helping us to support these missions!

### Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped to make the Bishop's visit run so smoothly. A special thank you goes to Rita Russell, Sue Pollick, Tanya Packer, Kelly Berkey, Amy Carmack, and Liz Dechow for organizing the light reception of coffee and doughnuts.

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### International Day of Peace

September 21, 2011 was the International Day of Peace. At St. John, students planted their gentle words of peace in our peace garden. Thank you to Cara Wehler-Bloom, Liz Dechow, Colleen Cingle and Amy Clark for their 'green thumbs'.

### Have you done any of the following this week?

Shopped at Weis or Giant?  
Ate at Brother's, Pizza Mia, Bonfatto's or Bellefonte Wok?

If you answered "yes",  
**did you use a SCRIP purchased gift card?**

Gift cards for all of the above can be purchased every day – including Sundays during CCD.

Gift cards for hundreds of other merchants can be purchased regularly by sending in the green envelopes with your child. Your gift cards will be sent home with your child when they are delivered.

It's so easy.

**Before doing any holiday or everyday shopping, BUY SCRIP!**

### MORE EASY WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

St. John School can receive up to 1% of purchases made at Target in the **Target Take Charge of Education Program**. Target donates these monies to eligible schools designated by their customers from purchases made using the REDcard. The two ways to sign up for this program are visit [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142. Thank you for remembering St. John Catholic School when you shop at Target.

Our school can receive **5%** of qualifying purchases when you shop at Office Depot through the **Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program**. Please request that your purchase be designated to St. John School or use our **Program ID# - 70085033**. Thank you for remembering St. John Catholic School when you shop at Office Depot.